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Dear Parents,

### **Reading Week**

What an exciting week we had celebrating reading! The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the drama workshops, which were led by a group of very talented Tomlinscote students, and returning to school in their pyjamas for our bedtime story evening. Thank you for all of your efforts in putting together such wonderful adjective themed costumes. It was lovely to see such an array of different words in our vocabulary parade.



Thank you for also supporting our Usborne book fair which has enabled us to purchase some curriculum resource books for the teachers and some wonderful new books for our library.

### **Parent Interviews – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

As previously advised, the spring term parent interviews will take place after school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March (later appointments will be available on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>).

You will be able to book your appointment online using the Parents Evening application within your ParentMail account or through the ParentMail App which is kindly funded by the PTA. Bookings will be open from 7.00pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March and you should receive an invitation to book parents' evening which will appear as a notification in your feed or menu. You will then be able to select a date and time that is convenient to you. If you need help you can visit the ParentMail help site: <https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/> and click on 'Applications' and then 'Parent Evening Manager.'

Please note that bookings will close on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. If you are unable to book your parents' evening appointment online, please contact the school office.

### **Year 1 places**

Recently, two families who had children in Year 1 have moved out of the area and we are in the unusual position of having two places available in this year group. If you are aware of any families who are looking for a Year 1 place, please would you let them know. If they would like further information, please ask them to contact the school office.

### **Health & Safety**

In order to keep everybody safe within the school grounds, please could I politely remind you of the following:

- The staff car park is for **staff parking only** and parents must not park in this car park at any time, unless they have been given permission to do so in an exceptional circumstance.
- Children should not run through the staff car park unattended at the beginning or end of the school day. Children must be accompanied by an adult in the staff car park as staff and delivery vehicles use it throughout the day. **Please use the pedestrian access at all times, unless you need to visit the school office.**

- Please do not let your child/children walk around the wall outside the office. The wall is very high and a child could be seriously injured if they were to fall off.
- As the weather improves and more children are able to ride their bikes and scooters to school, please ensure that they dismount before entering the school grounds to avoid any accidents.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Taking care of our school**

In order to protect the flooring in school, please would you ensure that your child/children do not walk across or run around on the field before school in the morning or walk / roll up and down the grass banks outside the Reception classrooms. We are finding that a lot of mud is being brought into school at the beginning of the day. Mrs Kercher, our caretaker, spends a long time cleaning the school and it is disheartening to see the flooring become so dirty at the beginning of the school day.

If you are using the Southcote Park entrance, please would you walk along the path that runs along the field rather than across the field, particularly when the weather is wet. Whilst we try to get the children to wipe their feet when they come into school, the mud is making the carpets very dirty.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

### **Curriculum resource suggestion**

Many of you ask for resource suggestions to support your children at home, particularly with reading and phonics. If you would like to support your child further within this area of the curriculum, do please consider purchasing a subscription to Phonics Play <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> If you are unsure about which phonic phase your child should be focusing on, please speak to their class teacher at your parent consultation meeting later on this term.

### **Comic Relief**

This year we will be raising money for Comic Relief on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. We would like to invite the children to come into school dressed in their choice of home clothes, including something red wherever possible, in exchange for a suggested donation of £1. We would also like the children to learn a joke to share with their class!



For hygiene reasons, we ask that the children do not wear or bring red noses to school and we kindly ask that you do not send your child into school with coloured hair or wearing face paint. Clothing and footwear should be appropriate for a school day, including for PE where applicable, and must be warm enough for outdoor activities and playtimes.

### **INSET Days – 2025/26 and 2026/27**

A reminder that school will be closed for staff training on the following dates during the current school year:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

In addition, school will also be closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

The INSET days for the **2026/27** school year, when school will be closed for staff training, have now been arranged and are as follows:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2027  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2027

When arranging our five INSET days across the year, we look very carefully at the school's development and training needs to ensure the maximum impact on pupils' achievement and development and then place the INSET days accordingly.

An updated copy of the 2026/27 school calendar, which includes the INSET days, is attached and is also available on the school website. A reminder that Surrey County Council have introduced a two week half term in October from the 2026/27 school year onwards.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Chivers'.

Mrs L. Chivers  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

### 2025/26 School Year

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| Friday              | 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                    | 6.30pm PTA Quiz Night.   |
| Monday              | 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                    | Parents' evening bookings open on ParentMail at 7.00pm.  |
| Friday              | 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                    | Comic Relief Red Nose Day – children are invited to come to school in home clothes including something red.      |
| Tuesday & Wednesday | 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 | Parents' evening appointments with class teachers after school. Later appointments on Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> . |
| Thursday            | 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                    | <b>End of spring term at 1.15pm – please note early closure.</b>   |
| Friday              | 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                    | <b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training.</b>   |
| Monday              | 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026                    | <b>School re-opens for the summer term.</b>  |
| Monday              | 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                       | <b>Bank Holiday – school closed.</b>   |
| Tuesday             | 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                       | <b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training.</b>   |
| Thursday            | 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026                      | Sports Morning – 9.15am to 10.30am.  |
| Monday – Friday     | 25 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026  | <b>Summer half term.</b>   |
| Monday              | 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                     | <b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training.</b>   |
| Wednesday           | 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026                     | <b>End of summer term at 1.15pm – please note early closure.</b>   |

### 2026/27 School Year

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| Tuesday          | 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026                     | <b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training.</b>   |
| Wednesday        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026                     | <b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training.</b>   |
| Thursday         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026                     | Start of school year for children in Year 1 and Year 2. Reception children will have a separate induction timetable. |
| Monday to Friday | 19 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026  | <b>Autumn half term – please note this is a two week half term.</b>  |
| Friday           | 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026                     | End of autumn term at 1.15pm – please note early closure.  |
| Monday           | 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027                       | <b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training.</b>   |
| Tuesday          | 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027                       | Start of spring term.  |
| Monday to Friday | 15 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2027 | <b>Spring half term.</b>   |
| Thursday         | 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027                        | End of spring term at 1.15pm – please note early closure.  |
| Monday           | 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027                        | Start of summer term.  |
| Monday           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2027                           | <b>Bank holiday – school closed.</b>   |
| Tuesday          | 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2027                           | <b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training.</b>   |
| Monday to Friday | 31 <sup>st</sup> May to 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2027  | <b>Summer half term.</b>   |
| Monday           | 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2027                         | <b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training.</b>   |
| Tuesday          | 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2027                         | End of summer term at 1.15pm – please note early closure.  |