1st October 2026

Ewell Grove Newsletter

A Positive Learning Environment

This week the Strategic Leadership Team carried out a learning walk across the whole school to look at engagement, attitude to learning, and foundational skills. There was so much to celebrate: classrooms were purposeful and focused; the children showed wonderful pride in their work and they were excited to talk about their learning. We saw children working in groups and independently on reading and writing tasks. Maths skills were being demonstrated with confidence and the children were using lots of manipulatives. A huge well done to all our children for their hard work and positive learning habits!

This week, we were delighted to welcome a member of our governing body to school to discuss attendance and behaviour. Attendance is always one of our highest priorities. Every school day provides crucial opportunities for learning, collaborating, and building friendships. Another key focus has been establishing strong classroom routines and embedding our school values, particularly **'Respect'**. Children are settling in brilliantly and learning how respect underpins everything we do, from how we listen to one another in class to how we care for our school environment.

Let us continue to work on these key areas together by:
Talking about the importance of respectful listening, kind language, and taking responsibility at home and school.
Maintaining regular routines; consistent bedtime and morning routines help children arrive at school feeling calm, punctual, and ready to learn.
Whenever possible, scheduling non-urgent medical appointments outside of school hours and communicate any attendance concerns with us early so we can support you.

A Story to Share

This week in Collective Worship, Mr Bosher shared a story called 'Words and your Heart' by Kate Jane Neal. It is a lovely book about the power of our words and the amazing, positive impact they can have on people. The children were encouraged to reflect on the words they could use to evoke kindness and respect and where and when these could be used to help everyone.

Friday 2nd October is an INSET Day – school will be closed for the children
Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Paula Rising



Useful Online Website Links

- School Calendar and Term Dates
- Parents' Information Booklet
- Change of Contact Details
- Exceptional Leave of Absence Form
- Pupil Medication Request
- Photographic Images / Names Consent Form



Parents' Evening

Autumn Term Parents' Evening will take place on the below dates and times:

Nursery
Wednesday 14th October – 3:50pm – 6:50pm
Thursday 15th October - 3:50pm – 6:00pm

Main School
Wednesday 14th October – 3:30pm – 6:50pm
Thursday 15th October - 3:30pm – 6:20pm

Fox and Heron Class – Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October.

For full details, including booking instructions, please click on the link to the Parents' Evening Autumn Term letter; available on our website under 'Letters Home'.

Subject of the Week: Music

Reception have been learning lots of songs to embed their routines and transitions.

Year 1 have been finding the steady beat (pulse) of the music. They have been listening and responding to rhythms by clapping and singing (pitch). The glockenspiels have also been introduced! Year 6 have also been playing the glockenspiels and consolidating their knowledge.





Year 2 have been listening, responding and clapping four beat rhythms creating long and short sounds.

Year 3 have been identifying long and short (rhythm) and high and low (pitch) sounds which can be represented by musical symbols. These symbols can be written on a stave. They have also explored crotchets and minims.



Harvest Festival

Harvest is traditionally a time of feasting and giving thanks. Festivals take place all over the world, and every country has distinct customs and traditions.

At Ewell Grove we believe that including Harvest within the curriculum teaches our children about the value of sharing and caring for others.

Please help us to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving with a donation of money or actual food / personal hygiene items that will be given to the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank.

Please visit our Harvest Hut on **Wednesday 7th October 2026** to drop any donations. Our KS2 Choir will also be singing some of our favourite Harvest songs as you arrive.

Miss Moore's Nature Walk

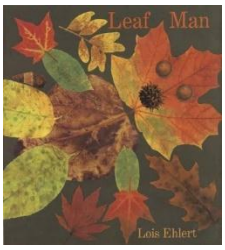
Going on a walk through the local park is one of my family's favourite things to do together; great for getting some fresh air and burning off energy. Try adding a Scavenger Checklist, either printed or written/drawn yourself. My children love having a "mission" to hunt for smooth pebbles, the biggest leaf, pinecones, or bird nests along the path. Or make Sticky Nature Bracelets, wrap a piece of masking tape around each person's wrist, sticky-side out. As you explore, they can attach fallen petals, tiny leaves, and seeds.











Another fun activity during your nature walk could be to create a 'Leaf Person' inspired by the story 'Leaf Man' written by Lois Ehlert.







A Message from Club Vale

Get Ready for a Fun October Half-Term with Club Vale!

We've been busy behind the scenes reviewing our recent holiday clubs and after a very successful summer holiday club we are now offering holiday club at Ewell Grove over the October Half term! We will be focussing on bringing your children high-quality projects, games, and outdoor adventures.

Led by the familiar, friendly Club Vale faces your kids love, it's going to be a brilliant week of creativity, energy, and fun! See below for both options at Ewell Grove and St Martins School should you wish to book over the two weeks in October.

Save the Dates & Pick Your Location (or come to both!):

- **St Martin's School, Epsom:** Monday 19 to Thursday 22 October
- **Ewell Grove, Ewell:** Monday 26 to Thursday 29 October

Flexible Fun for Everyone:

- Come for a single day, a few days, or join the fun for both weeks!
- Bringing the whole crew? Save with our **10% sibling discount**. (current Reception age to Year 6)

Spaces are filling up, so click the booking link to check out session choices, prices, and payment details:

Click here to Book St Martins 19th - 22nd October

Click here to Book Ewell Grove 26th - 29th October

Epsom & Ewell Foodbank

Weekly Wishlist

This week, the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank are needing a few urgent items. If you would like to donate, please click on this link to find out more.



SEN Parent Group Coffee Morning

Friday 9th October - 9:00am

at Bourne Hall Café

All welcome, including little ones!

If any parents / carers are interested in joining the SEN Parent WhatsApp Group Community, please contact either Gina on 07984 574231 or Emily on 07535 668219.

Nursery Parents

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 you will need to apply for a school place between 2nd November 2026 and 15th January 2027.

Nursery children will be coming home with a leaflet with full details of the application process.

Reception outcomes will be sent by post or email on **16th April 2026**. Apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions between **2nd November 2026 and 15th January 2027.**

Is Your Child in Year 6?

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you will need to **apply for a secondary school place by 31st October 2026.**

We suggest you submit your secondary application by **16th October 2026** as this is the Friday before the half term holiday. Secondary outcomes will be sent by post or email on 1st March 2027. Apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call them on 0300 200 1004.

UKHSA: Guide to keeping kids healthy this school year for parents and carers

As children head back to school and we move closer to winter, now is a good time to familiarise ourselves with some of the common illnesses that can cause disruption to children's time in school during the colder months.

Teach good hygiene habits

Good hygiene stops infections from spreading, which means less disrupted learning time. Teach your child to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and warm water, use tissues for coughs and sneezes, and stay away from others when sick. Letting in fresh air can also reduce the spread of airborne viruses. UKHSAs e-bug resources for all ages can help you to explain and discuss hygiene habits and why they are important, to your child or teenager.

Know when to keep your child at home

The start of a new term is a good time to familiarise yourself with the symptoms of common illnesses: it's fine to send your child to school or nursery with a minor cough or common cold if they are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. But if your child has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better, and the fever has resolved

If they have diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they should stay home while unwell and for at least 48 hours after their last episode. This is because common causes of diarrhoea and vomiting include norovirus, which can still be excreted for up to 48hrs after symptoms stop.

It is no longer recommended that children and young people are routinely tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

If your child has the symptoms of measles (outlined below) and has not had both doses of the MMR or MMRV vaccine, they should not attend school until 4 days after their rash started. This is because they will be highly infectious during this period.

The NHS has a useful guide to help parents decide whether a child is well enough to go to school, based on their symptoms.

Know how to spot the signs

There are other types of illnesses to watch out for at this time of year, including bacterial infections such as scarlet fever. Although we see cases throughout the year, they usually peak in the late winter and early spring. The most common symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, fever, swollen neck glands, a bumpy rash on the chest and tummy with a sandpaper-like feel, flushed cheeks and 'strawberry tongue'. If you suspect your child has scarlet fever, contact your local GP. Stay away from nursery or school for 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics.

Since autumn 2023 there have been a number of major measles outbreaks in the West Midlands, North West and London, with sporadic cases across the country. In 2024, England saw the highest number of measles cases since 2012. Outbreaks have continued in 2025 and 2026. Measles can be a very serious disease for some children and tragically it can even cause fatalities. The initial symptoms of measles are similar to those for a cold (runny nose; a cough; sneezing; a high temperature; and red, sore, watery eyes). This is followed by white spots in the mouth a few days later, and by a rash on the face and body a few days after that. It's very unlikely to be measles if your child has had both doses of the MMR/MMRV vaccine or they've had measles before.

Viral infections such as chickenpox can also spread in schools and are highly contagious. An itchy, spotty rash is the main symptom of chickenpox. It can be anywhere on the body.

For more information please follow the link to the UKHSA blog.

Pharmacy First: Help for Common Childhood Illnesses

As children return to school, coughs, colds and other common illnesses often start to circulate.

Community pharmacies can provide expert advice and treatment for a range of common conditions through the NHS Pharmacy First service, often without the need for a GP appointment.

Pharmacy First can provide support and NHS funded treatment for:



- Earache (aged 1-17 years)
- Sore throat (aged 5 years and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)

Parents can speak to their local pharmacist for advice and, where clinically appropriate, NHS treatments.

For older students in sixth forms and colleges, most pharmacies also offer contraception services and sexual health support. [Find a pharmacy offering contraception services on the nhs.uk website.]



Friends of Ewell Grove Events	
October	
Monday 5th October	➢ Letter / permission form to Year 6 families for Christmas Fair volunteering
Friday 9th October	➢ Christmas Fair planning meeting: 9:00am at Mandalina
Sunday 11th October	➢ Quiz Night ticket sales and pre-order pizzas open: 7:00pm
Wednesday 14th October	➢ Year 6 Fair response deadline
Friday 16th October	➢ Christmas Fair volunteer request (via Helping Hands)
Saturday 24th October	➢ Christmas card / gift online shop closure deadline
Mid-October	➢ Christmas card / gift slips sent home in bookbags (online shop)
Date TBC	➢ Santa's Grotto tickets (at Christmas Fair) go live
November	
Thursday 5th November	➢ The Little Recyclers collection: 6.30 – 8:00pm
Friday 6th November	➢ The Little Recyclers collection (volunteers needed): 8:45 – 9:00am
Friday 6th November	➢ FOEG Open Meeting: 9:00 – 10:00am - ALL WELCOME!
Friday 13th November	➢ Quiz Night Fundraiser: 7:30pm
Monday 23rd November	➢ Santa's Postbox goes live
By mid-November	➢ Delivery of Christmas card / gift orders to Ewell Grove
December	
Thursday 3rd December	➢ Santa's Postbox closes
Thursday 10th December	➢ Christmas Fair evening prep: 7:00 – 9:00pm
Friday 11th December	➢ Christmas Fair Day! Set-up 1.15 – 3:00pm, Fair 4:00 – 6:00pm, clear up 6:00 – 8:00pm
Date TBC	➢ Non-Uniform Day (bottle and chocolate donations for Christmas Fair)
Last week of term	➢ Santa's replies due from the North Pole

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

the HORTON ARTS

We have an exciting half-term show at The Horton aimed at managing the dangers that young people are exposed to online. Please use this link to book tickets.

