9th October 2026

Ewell Grove Newsletter

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to all our families for your generous donations for our Harvest collection. These have now been transported by our brilliant volunteers to Home-Start. A special well done to our EYFS and KS1 children for decorating the Harvest Hut so beautifully, we particularly loved the autumn trees! Also, thank you to our KS2 choir. Sadly, the weather was not on our side but they still managed to sing their hearts out in the Studio with the windows open. Hopefully you enjoyed listening to the Harvest songs as you arrived at school on Wednesday morning. Also, Years 3 and 5 visited St Mary's Church for a special Harvest Assembly with Mr Bosher.

Lumen Learning Trust INSET Day

Last week during our INSET Day all of the staff across the Trust came together in one venue. This was a valuable opportunity to share our strengths, reflect upon our values and work collaboratively on next steps. It was wonderful to work with all of our colleagues!

Working Together!

Today, we had a coffee morning with our Helping Hands Coordinators as part of our Governor monitoring on parental engagement. This was a really useful discussion where we shared parental feedback from the information meetings that have taken place so far this year. Also, a big thank you to the parents that provided their feedback through the online feedback form. It is great to hear your views so we can continue to work in partnership to provide the right support for our families and children.

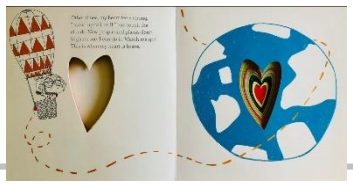
A Book of Feelings

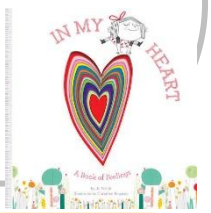
This week, during our whole school assembly I shared the story 'In My Heart' by Jo Witek. I spoke to the children how proud all the staff are of their achievements so far this year and then we linked the different feelings from the book to the 'Zones of Regulation'. The children spent time reflecting on what has made them feel proud of themselves and the importance of celebrating our achievements! My favourite page in the book is when the heart feels strong and brave!



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



Ewell Grove's Harvest Hut





Thank you for your generous support of our Harvest Festival.

All items were collected by the Home-Start team.





Subject of the Week: Music – following on from last week!





Year 4 have been singing in unison. The have been exploring the notes G, A and B.

Year 5 have been learning the difference between a melody (or a tune) and a harmony (notes played at the same time)

Subject of the Week: Art

Ewell Grove loves art! This half term, classes across the school have been diving into the vibrant worlds of painting and mixed media. Our pupils are busy learning exciting new techniques while confidently building on their previous skills. Alongside our dedicated art focus, we have continued to explore cross-curricular art lessons, beautifully bringing other subjects to life through creativity!



In Nursery, the children have been exploring the classic book 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle. This fun story has provided a wonderful foundation for retelling activities, while also helping the children to actively develop and strengthen their use of new vocabulary.



Our Year 3 artists have been busy channelling their inner Romare Bearden! After finding out how this iconic modern artist used mixed media to share powerful stories, the children set to work creating their own Bearden-inspired collages.

Year 6 have been exploring the beautiful fluidity of watercolour paints this half term to create these atmospheric landscapes. The children experimented with blending soft washes, layering tones, and using textured mixed-media techniques to bring their creative visions to life.









Mrs Barnes loves Guess Who?

I like to play the original game, where you have to think of the best questions to help eliminate as many characters in the shortest time. My children and I used to love to play this when they were younger and even created our own versions of the games using pictures of characters that the children liked at the time.



<u>To create your own game:</u>

- Make sure your characters have some similar features (this makes guessing a bit trickier)
- Print / draw 3 sets (one set for each player and a picking deck) of up to 24 different characters (this is the number in the original game).
- Play as you would with the board game, making sure your opponent does not see the card you have picked.

The Love of Reading

Regularly reading at home is one of the best ways to support learning, boost confidence, and spark imagination. Just 10 to 15 minutes of reading a day can make a world of difference! It does not always have to be a traditional book, comics, magazines, and leaflets are great choices too. Share the reading by taking turns to read pages aloud together. Chat about the story and ask questions. Point out new or exciting words. Remember you can practice reading anywhere! Try following recipes together, reading instructions, or spotting road signs while you are out and about. Most importantly, keep it fun and relaxed! This week, Year 3 had a brilliant time visiting our local Bourne Hall Library! Every class across the school gets booked in for a visit, and we are so lucky to have such a fantastic library right on our doorstep. If you have not popped in recently with your family, it is definitely worth a visit! Have fun reading together!

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.

Year 3

Library and Sewing Activities

Year 3 enjoyed their visit to Bourne Hall Library on Tuesday. They learnt about the Egyptians and had to solve hieroglyph codes to work out book titles.

The Year 3 team would like to thank Mrs Denniff-Jones and Mrs Slater for their help with sewing lessons. Each child created amazing banners with their own initials sewn on.



Christmas Card Competition

Helen Maguire, Member of Parliament for Epsom and Ewell, is running a Christmas Card competition with the winning design to be used on her office Christmas card for 2026.

This is open to all students from Reception to Year 5. The only rules are the design should have a seasonal theme, portrait orientation and fit in the box outlined in the template included on the last page of this newsletter. All entries will need to be posted to the address at the bottom of the template by no later than **Friday 6th November.**

Please send all entries to Helen Maguire MP at Fairmount House, Bull Hill, Leatherhead, KT22 7AH. Please ensure each entry clearly includes your child's full name along with their age and school.

A reminder to parents and carers

Please could we ask all parents and carers to ensure that children arrive at school promptly each morning.

Morning registration takes place between **8:45am and 8:55am**, so it is important that children arrive in good time and are ready to start the school day.

If you arrive after the school doors/gates have closed, you will need to bring your child to the School Office and sign them in.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure that children have a calm and settled start to the school day.

Flu Vaccination – Reception to Year 6

This is a gentle reminder for all parents of children from **Reception to Year 6** to please complete the consent form for the upcoming school flu vaccinations.

The childhood flu immunisation is a safe and effective way to protect your child, your family, and the wider school community this winter. The letter and consent instructions are available directly on our website via this link.

National Child Measurement Programme - Reception and Year 6

A reminder about the letter sent to Reception and Year 6 parents about the height and weight checks taking place as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. A copy of this letter is available on our website.

Consultation on admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2028

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

Surrey County Council is consulting on proposed changes to admission arrangements for some community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2028.

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available at Consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2028

Why Surrey County Council is consulting

Surrey County Council has a statutory duty to consult on admission arrangements if it intends to make a change. The changes being proposed are as follows:

1. **Banstead Community Junior School** – reduction in published admission number for Year 3 from 90 to 60
2. **Stamford Green Primary School** – removal of the catchment area

How can you respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools, which include the proposed changes above, will run from Tuesday 6 October until Tuesday 17 November 2026. If you would like to take part, please complete an online response form at Consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2028 or by using the following QR code:



ASK THE HSLW

Click links

Ask the HSLW, a space where we'll answer common parenting questions and share practical, evidence-based tips to support families with everyday challenges.

My child has ADHD. What can I do?

October is Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Awareness Month. Surrey's Local Offer has many resources to support children and young people with ADHD and their families. You can read more about types of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and find ADHD specific support and events throughout the year. Listed below are services in Surrey, events in October for parents, carers and children, and nationwide support.

Surrey Support Services

- Mindworks Surrey - Support and resources available for children experiencing needs or traits which could be associated with neurodiversity.
- Mindworks Surrey, Out of hours advice line - Free phone line (5pm to 11pm) providing advice to parents and carers who are struggling with behaviours or difficulties which could be related to neurodevelopmental need, such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or ADHD.
- Barnardo's Surrey, Positive Parenting Service - Supporting parents and carers of children 6 to 18 years old who have a diagnosis of ADHD or if their young person shows ADHD behaviours with an 8 week programme online.
- Time Out Support group (Farnborough and Camberley) - Local support group on the Surrey and Hampshire borders. This group has been set up by parents of children with ADHD and other additional needs and disabilities.

Family Centres

You can find support and groups for you and your children at your local Family Centre. They have SEND specific stay and play sessions and support groups, where you can meet other families and speak with professionals.

Online workshops from Surrey Family Learning

- Empowering Your Neurodiverse Child to Build Resilience, Monday 2 November, 7:30 to 9:30pm
- First Steps to Understanding My Neurodivergent Child, Wednesday 4 November, 7:30pm to 9:30pm
- Confident Transitions for Your Neurodiverse Child, Monday 23 November, 7:30pm to 9:30pm
- Develop Skills to Support your Child's Sensory Needs, Wednesday 25 November, 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Events Directory

Find events for parents, carers and children and young people with the Family Information Service events search. Below are some examples of the groups running in October:

- SENDsory play, for children from birth to age 5 with additional needs, with regular early years support professionals and physiotherapists on hand to answer questions. Mondays, 10am to 11:30am, Guildford
- Can Do! Inclusive playgroup for families with children aged 0 to 11 who have additional needs. Two sessions this half term, Thursday 22 October and 29 October, 10am to 11:30am, Epsom
- SEND Coffee and Play, a safe and non judgemental space for parents and carers of children with additional needs. Children welcome. Thursday 13 and 27 October, 10:30am to 12pm, Bookham
- SEND Stay and Play, a welcoming, relaxed play session for children aged 2 to 5 year olds with SEND and their families. Wednesdays term-time 10am to 11:30 am, Dorking

Additional Needs Service Showcases

Hosted by the Surrey Family Information Service in partnership with Family Voice Surrey, these events offer a fantastic opportunity for families and professionals who support them to explore and connect with a variety of local services, organisations, and charities.

Upcoming Showcases:

Tuesday 3 November 2026, 9:30am to 2:30pm. Oakhall Church Hall, 181 Chaldon Road, Caterham, CR3 5PL

Wednesday 18 November 2026, 10am to 2pm. Guildford Baptist Church Millmead, Guildford, GU2 4BE

Friends of Ewell Grove Events	
October	
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



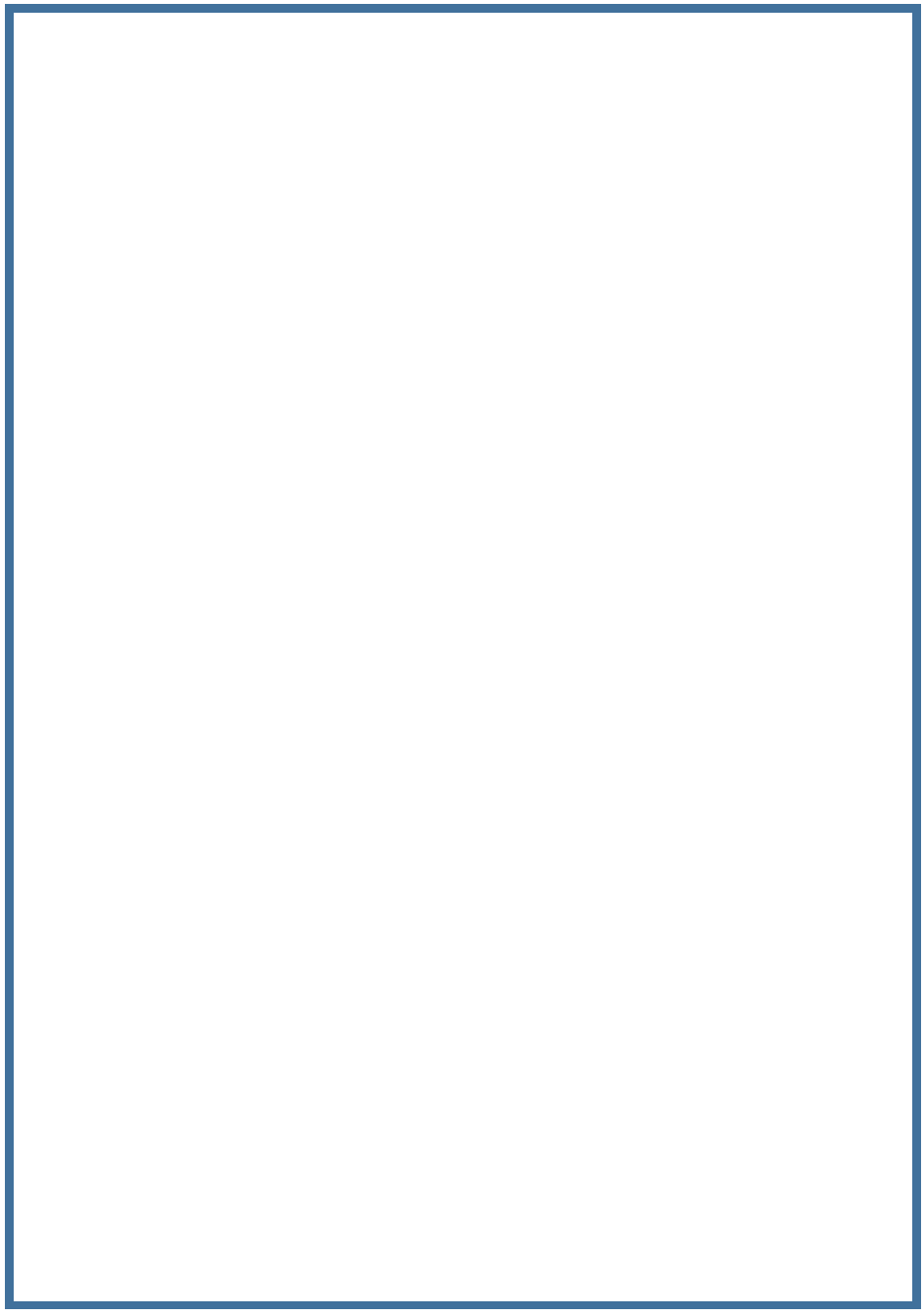


2026 Christmas Card Competition – Helen Maguire MP

Name of School: .....

First and Last name: .....

Age: .....



To be submitted to: Helen Maguire, Fairmount House, Bull Hill, Leatherhead, KT22 7AH
by Friday 6th November