



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dedicated to fostering an inclusive culture that respects, values and celebrates the contributions of all our children.



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Welcome Back!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely break. It was lovely to welcome the children back this week, albeit for 4 days rather than the usual 5! The unexpected gas leak yesterday has now been resolved and it is safe for school to reopen on Monday. Thank you again for your understanding of this unavoidable school closure today.

Ofsted Report

Earlier today, the Ofsted report following our inspection in November was circulated to families via email. Please do take the time to read it and all the positive comments made by the inspector.

Staff Update

This week we welcomed our new teacher to Year 4 (4L), Miss Peters, and our new caretaker, Mr Ball. I'm sure families will soon get to know them both.

Term Dates for academic year 2025-2026

Please see below for the term dates for the academic year 2025-2026.

Reception 2025 Application Deadline

A reminder that applications for Reception places for September 2025 must be in by Wednesday 15th January. Families in our Nursery must also apply for a place; you are not automatically guaranteed a space because you attend our Nursery.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant>

Rethink Waste Competition

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up and donated their points to us. If you haven't done this yet, please see the email from Mrs Vale sent earlier this week or our Facebook page. We

are currently winning but need lots more points to secure the funding for resources for our sensory garden. It's easy to do and takes no time at all, plus there are additional quizzes and activities which can earn extra points. <https://rethinkwaste.co.uk/register?register-source=SurreySchoolDonations2024a> This link will take you straight to the sign up page.

Residential Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed the form already sharing your views about our current residential offer and moving forward; it's really helpful. There's still time to have your say if you'd like to. The form will close on Monday morning. <https://forms.gle/VHTWkoCf4KDXACZw6>

Lumen Summer Camp Announcement

Our Lumen Summer Camp began life in 2017 with the aim of offering our families safe, high quality and cost effective summer break childcare provision.

In the last 2 years the Camp has seen dwindling numbers of children in attendance and it has no longer been able to operate without incurring financial losses. We are also acutely aware that not all our families have equal access to our Camp given the wider geographical spread of our schools as our trust has grown.

Due to these reasons we have taken the difficult decision to no longer operate our own summer camp. We understand that every community is unique and the school serving it should respect and reflect that individuality; one size does not fit all. Each Lumen school will look at other exciting ways to deliver local solutions for their families for example by hosting external camps at their site using trusted providers. Please do keep

Key Dates

Jan

Weds 15 th	Panto – Snow White
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th	Year 1 Stay, Play & Learn
Fri 31 st	6pm Year 3 Sleepover
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	Year R Stay, Play & Learn
Feb	
Tues 11 th	3:40 – 6:00pm Progress Meetings
Wed 12 th	4:00-7:00pm Progress Meetings
Fri 14 th	End of Spring I
Mon 24 th	Staff and Children return to school

an eye on your school newsletter for more information as the academic year progresses.

We would like to thank all those families who placed their trust in us over the last eight years to take care of their child during the summer break, your support is always valued and never taken for granted.

Attendance & Fixed Penalty Notices

If families take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19th August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19th August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Requests for exceptional leave need to be submitted via the form on our website, at least 2 weeks before the date being requested. There are some requests which will always be authorised such as religious days, weddings and funerals. All other exceptional leave will or will not be authorised on a case by case basis. A child's attendance and previous requests for leave will always be considered when making a decision.

Thank you from Jubilee Church

Jubilee Church would like to say a huge thank you for your very generous donations to our Christmas hamper project. The pile of Christmas treats was huge and reflects your kindness and empathy for people who are going through a difficult time. We made up 56 hampers and delivered them to local families, who were very grateful. It is a privilege to partner with you in serving the local community.



God bless you in the new year ahead.

The "Bags of Food" team
Jubilee Church Shepperton

Vacancies Across the Trust

Riverbridge Primary School is looking to appoint Teaching Assistants. These are full or part time, term time roles, working Monday to Friday. The successful candidates will join a hard working and dedicated team of teachers and support staff, who are committed to improving outcomes for children in their care.

For further information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1458153>

Darley Dene School in Addlestone is recruiting

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1460015>

Stay on Green



Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Mabel B & Billy P (RB) and Freya D (2M) very well done to all of these children!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Scroll down for more info...

Term Dates for 2025-2026 Academic Year

Please refer to these dates when booking holidays:

Autumn Term 2025	
Tuesday 2 nd September	INSET DAY 1
Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET DAY 2
Thursday 4 th September	Children return to school
Friday 24 th October	INSET DAY 3
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	HALF TERM
Monday 3 rd November	Children return to school
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term (finish at 1:45pm)
Spring Term 2026	
Monday 5 th January	Children return to school
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 23 rd February	Children return to school
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term (finish at 1:45pm)
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Summer Term 2026	
Monday 13 th April	Children return to school
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term (finish at 1:45pm)
Monday 20 th July	INSET DAY 4
Tuesday 21 st July	INSET DAY 5

Outside Clubs



The poster features a central image of children in green and purple rugby kits huddled on a grass field. To the right, there are two circular inset images: the top one shows a rugby ball on a field, and the bottom one shows a rugby goalpost. The background is black with purple and green wavy lines.

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The poster features a large soccer ball on the left side. The background is a green field with a blue sky. The text is in blue and white. There are two logos: the Halliford Colts FC logo on the top left and the British Lionesses crest on the top right.

 **Halliford Colts FC** 

Little Lionesses

For Girls in Reception – Year 5
Wednesday Nights
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