

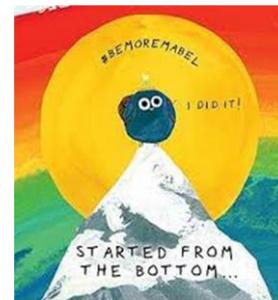
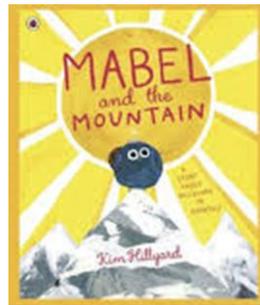


# Ewell Grove Newsletter

**'Relationships are not built in a day, they are built daily'** Mark Finnis (Restorative Practice)

During the first two weeks of school, we have been focusing on the 'Establishment Phase' which involves laying strong foundations for a successful school year. Staff have been working with the children to create a positive classroom environment, build relationships and establish clear expectations for behaviour and learning. The children have been talking about the [Golden Rules](#) and how these apply to school and home.

This week during our Friday school assembly, we shared the story 'Mabel and the Mountain' by Kim Hillyard which is about courage, determination and never giving up. In the story Mabel has a dream and everyone says it's impossible; Mabel believes in herself and realises with self-determination she can do it!

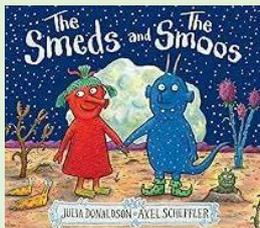


I would also like to update you on the progress of our patio and ramp project. Unfortunately, the weather has not been on our side. The handrails are due to be installed very soon and then the final step will be laying the resin but we do need to hope for some dry weather!

*Miss Paula Rising*

## A Love of Reading

This week Mr Boshier has recommended the following stories that you may like to share at home.



Mr Boshier has been having fun reading 'The Smeds and The Smoos' to his own children. One of his favourite chapter books (other than Harry Potter) is 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar.

Following our whole school story 'Incredible you' that we shared last week, some Year 2 children chose to create some wonderful posters!



## Subject of the week - French

Bonjour! This week during French our KS2 children have been enjoying their interactive lessons using Kapow. In year 5 they followed this up with some brilliant writing in their books.



[Parents Information Booklet](#)



[Calendar of Events](#)



## Is Your Child in Year 6?

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 you will need to **apply for a secondary school place by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.**

We suggest you submit your secondary application by **24<sup>th</sup> October 2025** as this is the Friday before the half term holiday. Secondary outcomes will be sent by post or email on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026. Apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call them on 0300 200 1004.

**Parent Year Group Meetings** this term will take place in the 'Orchard Room' and online using 'Google Meet'. The link to join the meeting will be sent out the morning the meeting is due to take place. Please see the following dates and times for each year group. All meetings will take place 9:00 am – 9:30 am.

Year 1	Monday 22nd September 2025
Reception	Wednesday 24th September 2025
Nursery	Tuesday 23rd September 2025

## Nut Free School

We are a **nut free** school in order to ensure the safety of any children who have nut allergies. Please check all packaging and do not send nuts or food containing nuts to school. This includes pesto, nutty bars, chocolate spread and peanut butter.



## Alternative Provision Guidance for Families

Every child deserves the chance to reach their full potential. Alternative Provision (AP) ensures children continue learning in a way that meets their needs.

In collaboration with parent/carers, Family Voice Surrey and Surrey's parent carer forum, Surrey Education Services have created new guidance for parent/carers about AP [Alternative Provision explained - a guide for families - Surrey County Council](#).

## Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a parent governor vacancy on our Local Governing Body. **Attached** to the newsletter this week you will find a letter detailing the process for nominating yourself and the timeline for this.

If you are keen to see the school develop and contribute to the local community we would love to receive your nomination.

## Reception / Year 6 Height and Weight Check

Reminder for parents to complete the electronic consent form as soon as possible. For full details please refer to the [letter](#) sent out previously by ParentMail.

## Nursery Parents

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place.

**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 **16<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

## Activity Fund

Parents at Ewell Grove are asked to make an annual one-off payment of £15.00 per child into our Activity Fund. Over the academic year all our children take part in various activities that supplement the basic curriculum.

In the past this has included visits from companies staging puppet, dance and drama performances, as well as science activities for the children to observe over a period of time, such as egg hatching. We are also very keen to continue offering the opportunity for children to undertake projects involving, for example, cooking and sewing.

Further information can be found in the [Parents Information Booklet](#) on our website.

## Flu Vaccination E-Consent

**Reminder** for Main School (not Nursery) – Ewell Grove's allocated day for the nasal flu vaccination is **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. The [letter](#) sent out about this is available on our website under 'virtual office; 'letters'.

Please complete the e-consent form **by 4:00pm Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** (when the website portal will close).

## Jewellery, Accessories & Cosmetics

A reminder of expectations:

Children may wear an ordinary watch when they are able to tell the time; to clarify 'ordinary' this means a watch that tells only the time/date and has no other features such as camera, internet facility or fitness tracking etc. Responsibility for the safekeeping belongs to the child/family.

Children may wear small & discreet stud earrings (these earrings must be removed for PE in compliance with Lumen Learning Trust's Physical Education Policy). No other jewellery is permitted.

*It is a Lumen Learning Trust stipulation that children must not wear earrings while taking part in PE lessons. Members of staff will not be expected to remove earrings on behalf of children so a child must be able to remove their earrings independently or alternatively the earrings are removed before they come to school. This includes children with newly pierced ears; the duration of the lesson is not long enough to allow piercings to close over. We will not allow children to take part in lessons with plasters covering earrings so it is imperative that children learn to remove/insert earrings themselves.*

Nail varnish, false nails, make-up and temporary tattoos are **not** appropriate for school and a pupil will be asked to remove these accessories if seen by a member of staff.

The only exception to the above points would be in exceptional circumstances; where items have a significant cultural/religious significance or are worn for medical reasons. Please ensure this is discussed with the class teacher.

Ewell Grove accepts no liability for the loss or damage to jewellery that is brought onto school site for any event/reason.

## Epsom & Ewell Foodbank Weekly Wishlist

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



## Friends of Ewell Grove Events

### September

Sunday: 21<sup>st</sup> September - 7:00pm

Quiz Night ticket sales open!

### October

Friday: 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 9:00am

FOEG open meeting (all welcome!)

Friday: 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 7:30pm

FOEG Book Club (You are here by David Nicholls)

Friday: 17<sup>th</sup> October - 7:30pm (8:00pm start)

Quiz Night fundraiser (pre-paid tickets only)

\*Details of Christmas card orders, Santa's post-box, Santa's Grotto and Christmas Fair volunteering will be communicated in October\*

### November

Thursday: 6<sup>th</sup> November (6:30 - 8:00pm) &  
Friday: 7<sup>th</sup> November (8:45 – 9:00am)

The Little Recyclers (clothes collection fundraiser)

### December

Friday: 5<sup>th</sup> December – 8:00 – 10:00pm

Wreath Making workshop (pre-paid tickets only)

Thursday: 11<sup>th</sup> December – 7:00 – 10:00pm

Christmas Fair prep evening

Friday: 12<sup>th</sup> December – 4:00 – 6:00pm

Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto (Grotto pre-booked tickets only)

