

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

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### Message from the Head Teacher

Would you know how to measure a worm? Rising Reception do! They have been comparing and ordering worms of different lengths. Luckily their worms weren't too wriggly! This week all over school I have spotted some great maths activities taking place. The children have not only been challenged in their class learning but also in their play. Observing children using their

maths skills to support their play is always a thrill as this shows a real grasp of a concept. Please watch out for this at home and let us know if you spot any great maths in action.

Next Friday we are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sports Morning and picnic. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

**Tessa Roberts**

### Hunting for Numbers



Rising Reception have been number detectives this week. They have hunted all over school and you would be amazed where they found some numbers hiding!

### Animal Antics

Tuesday morning saw First Steps limbering up for action. The 'Go Faster' trainers were warmed up and ready to go for a very special sports event full of Jungle themed activities. The sun came out on cue and the spectators arrived, eagerly anticipating the fun and games. Our four First Steps teams proudly paraded through the crowd and found their spot ready for the starting whistle. The children all rose to the challenge of each event, demonstrating their climbing, balancing, throwing and kicking skills.



Even the Hungry Hippo looked exhausted after each team had completed the course. To end the morning, each team had a running race. The delighted smiles seen on the faces of the children certainly reflected the flavour of the event. After the children had received their certificates, they settled down in the jungle for a picnic lunch. What brilliant fun!

**Julie James**



### Don't Forget

**Half Term:**

**Mon 29 May - Fri 2 June**

**Thurs 8 June** - Chertsey Museum visit Year One

**Thurs 8 June** - Uniform Shop at Downsend open to receive stock 8.30-9.30

**Fri 9 June** - Reception visit Brighton Sea Life





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### Golden Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special assembly every week.

We congratulated the following children today:

**First Steps**  
Isla Popham

**Rising Reception AP**  
Kamran Haque

**Rising Reception SR**  
Summar Khan

**Reception CH**  
Martha Lee

**Reception MP**  
Oscar Bell

**Year One**  
Felix Green  
Sam Hunt

**Well Done!**

## Woofability Wiggle

Last Friday Andy and Bubba joined us at school to take part in our Charity Day and to wiggle for Woofability. Before joining us in the park for the charity walk, Bubba showed us some of the clever things he is able to do to help people who are in wheelchairs. The children's toy dogs were all very well behaved as were the real family dogs that came along to join in the fun. Our special walk raised £127 for Woofability. Thank you very much for all your contributions.



Before Andy left, he told us about a litter of puppies that had just been born. He asked if we would like to name one of the puppies. If you have a great name, let us know on Monday and we will take a vote to choose our name for the puppy.



### Events Week Commencing Monday 22 May Lunch Menu week 3

<b>Mon</b>	15.30-16.30	Football Club
<b>Tues</b>	9.45 15.30-16.30	Tots in Tune Craft Club
<b>Wed</b>	15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30	Rising Stars Club Forest School Club
<b>Thurs</b>	15.30-16.30	Science Club
<b>Fri</b>	11.00  15.30-16.30	Sports Morning for Rising Reception, Reception & Year One at Downsend School Picnic Lunch afterwards at Pre-Prep Ashtead Yoganory Club

### Raising Resilient Children

Julia Philpott is running a workshop for parents on how to develop positive and resilient behaviours in children. The workshop will take place on Tuesday 20 June between 9am & 1pm. Details can be found on the table in the porch. It has been highly recommended.

### Stop Press!

Great News! DAPA have arranged for the Cricket Pavilion at Downsend Main Site to be open between 10.00 -11.00am on Sports Day. Coffee, Tea and biscuits will be available here before the start of our Sports Morning.

**Inspiring young minds**