



Dear Parents & Carers,

The children finished this half of term, showcasing their learning to parents & carers in their class celebrations. Thank you for coming and enjoying them with us.

Some of them also began new pupil roles. Eight children began their Junior Road Safety Officer training, accessing a live training session with many other Hampshire primary schools. They learned about road safety for pedestrians and cyclists and the importance of wearing a seatbelt when in the car. So many of our families walk, scoot or cycle to school and our JRSOs have plenty of ideas for competitions and events to raise awareness of safety when going to and from school. They also plan to think about the roads around school and how they could play a part in making routes to school safer.

Ten of our pupils also began a new role: Junior Guides. Our Junior Guides work each lunchtime, helping children in the dining hall, the corridors and on the playground. Thank you for making our school a safer and happier place!



With half term looming, everyone now has a chance to rest and re-charge, ready for the next half of term. Wishing you all a lovely break.

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Vision Awards

Congratulations to all our children who received a Vision Award this week...	Love	Courage	Trust
<i>Oak</i>	Elodie S		
<i>Willow</i>	Darcey S		
<i>Sycamore</i>	Ambra B		
<i>Maple</i>	Finley D		
<i>Hazel</i>		Nanlung C	
<i>Lime</i>		Riley M	
<i>Chestnut</i>			Rudy L
<i>Elm</i>	Leo C		
<i>Ash</i>		Ruby G	
<i>Beech</i>		Baboucarr S	
<i>Pine</i>		James B	
<i>Hawthorn</i>		Zack U	
<i>Aspen</i>	Lara R		
<i>Juniper</i>		Diah A	

What we have been learning this week...

Willow & Oak

Well done Oak and Willow! You are now half way through your first ever year in school. We are so proud of the progress you've made and the wonderful students you are turning out to be.

This week has been a week full of love, thanks and rule breaking.

Thank you for working so hard. Thank you to the family members who made our class celebration so wonderful. Thank you for breaking the rules and looking so wonderful on Friday. We have celebrated love across the week and in our class celebration.

We look forward to next half term and can't wait to see how awesome you all are.

Enjoy your break

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure

Sycamore & Maple

We have had such a fun last week of the half term! The children have written their final letters about our snake discovery and will have brought these home to share with you towards the end of the week. We hope you have enjoyed reading them together. In PSHE this week we have learnt about people in the community who help us to stay healthy and people within the school who help us. We also had a special visitor who came to talk to us about allergies. Hugo, Mrs Edgington's son, came to share with all of Year One what allergies are, what we can be allergic to, what an allergic reaction looks like and how to help someone if they are having a reaction. The children really enjoyed listening to Hugo and had lots of brilliant questions for him. We have also explored fruits and vegetables and how to tell the difference in DT. We then went on to make fruit kebabs as part of our class treat!

(I also reminded children about not having Nutella in their lunchboxes because of nut allergies- Mr. Cascarini)

Thank you to all of those parents who joined us for our class celebrations this week. The paper cities that you made have gone up on display in the corridor and look fantastic!

We hope you all have a fun half term and can't wait to hear all about it when we get back.



Miss Miners and Mrs Edgington

Lime & Hazel

What a week to end the half term! We had so much fun doing our collages with you all at our class celebration on Monday – they look really effective, now that we've added the details of the face too! This week the children wrote their diaries from Leaf's perspective which clearly showed their understanding of inference as well as using those key skills of subordination and the past tense. In Maths we rounded out the week looking at halves and doubles, making that link between multiplication and division. We all had a go at using notation in Music this week, showing understanding of pitch by writing out the song we performed in class celebration. The children in Lime class even enjoyed having a go at playing the song on a keyboard! We've talked about nature this week across Science and Geography as we discussed what is in the natural environment around us and how we can help - the children designed bird feeders made out of sustainable materials as one way of looking after our animal neighbours. We look forward to hearing all about the children's adventures over the half term and hope you all have a wonderful break!

Miss Samuel and Miss Lavin

Chestnut & Elm

This week children have had fun learning how to measure and calculate perimeter. We enjoyed some practical lessons where the children could have a hands-on approach. In English they have written their letter in the role of one of Shackleton's men. We focused on writing a paragraph around a theme and publishing our final piece. We designed and played some French playground games using our French knowledge.

In music we performed our Dragonship song which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. As you know (because we got you involved!) In Geography we have been planning our expeditions around the school using the compass points and writing precise instructions to follow! Which we are both looking forward to doing. Let's see where we end up!

Miss Plaw and Miss Dewsbury

Beech & Ash

Final week! It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our parents' celebration, we were very proud of the children and thought they did a fantastic job at reading and performing the poems from *Poetry Pie*. We've been busy writing a setting description for a new land based on the book 'Journey on a Cloud' and have tried to make sure we've used clear paragraphs, conjunctions and rich vocabulary. In maths we have been measuring and calculating the perimeter of different shapes, and working out the missing lengths using our addition and subtraction knowledge. In science we have been learning about the water cycle and how the changes of state weave into this process. What a brilliant half term it's been, enjoy the week off!

Mrs Allison and Miss Collier

Pine & Hawthorn

In Year 5 this week, we have worked extremely hard in all our work. The children have completed some amazing pieces of writing, using relative clauses, fronted prepositional phrases and fronted adverbials to describe discovering an observatory in a forest. We cannot wait to display and showcase these after half term! We have also finished our Maths learning journeys. The children worked so hard and nailed their fractions, decimals and percentages by the end of the half term. Finally, a huge well done to all the children for their work on presentation and handwriting, it was a big focus for this half term and we are so proud of all the effort and hard work the children have demonstrated throughout. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term!

Mr Dookheran & Mr Childs

Aspen & Juniper

It has been a marvellous final week. We have come to the conclusion of our learning regarding non-renewable and renewable energy sources and have enjoyed linking our learning through the study and research of how to harness these energies in our world today and into the future.

We have also studied the theory of evolution, particularly honing in on the evolution of man and **horses**. Did you know that the earliest common ancestor of the horse was dog-sized and had four toes!? Ask your Year 6 children about the deeper detail and they will amaze you with their knowledge.

Our artwork has celebrated us as individuals, and a group, and we have drawn inspiration from Mayan art and symbols in order to tell the story of our interests and passions.

A brilliant half term and we look forward to Spring 2, continuing to give our absolute best, in our final year at Pilgrims' Cross.

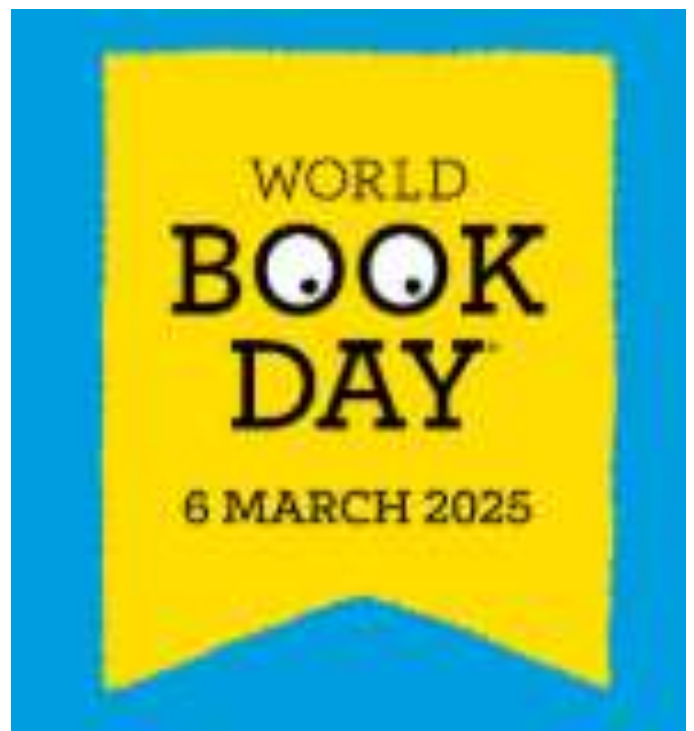
Mrs Cocks, Miss Howick and Mr Osmond

World Book Day- 6th March 2025

It will be World Book Day soon- there will probably be some dressing-up as book characters, so why not begin thinking about costumes now?

There will also be a book sale & pre-loved uniform sale.

More details to follow soon...



Job opportunities

Are you interested in becoming part of the Pilgrims' Cross staff, making a difference to children's lives? We have two opportunities...

Mid-day lunchtime supervisor

Supervising lunchtimes on a daily basis, inside the dining hall and out on the playground.

11.30 to 1.30pm, Monday-Friday (10 hours per week)

£12.26 an hour.

Fixed term 1 year.

Will be required to attend inset days and action training outside these hours.

Learning Support Assistant

Please follow the link to the Hampshire Jobs page for more information and application forms:

<https://south.education-jobs.org.uk/jobs/job/Learning-Support-Assistant/3746>

No Nutella!

It has come to our attention that some children have Nutella (or an equivalent chocolate/hazelnut spread) in their sandwiches. Our school is a NUT-FREE SCHOOL. We have some children with SEVERE, LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES. Please DO NOT give your children Nutella in their packed lunches.



FOPS news!

Please take time to read a round-up of the amazing work that the Friends of Pilgrims' Cross School have done so far this academic year...



FRIENDS OF PILGRIMS' CROSS

Newsletter

SPRING 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO PARENTS, CARERS, TEACHERS, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Fundraising Events

FIREWORKS NIGHT

We held another fabulous firework display this year, possibly the best yet! The weather was kind to us and we had so many visitors who were entertained by the magnificent Jake Ward whilst enjoying tasty treats and warming hot chocolates.

This event is reliant on the support of parents, carers and teachers so we thank you all so much for your support as we managed to raise a stonking £2,643 for the School.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

The children did an amazing job with their wonderful Christmas designs and we thank everyone who ordered cards, baubles, and various other items to celebrate your children's artwork. We hope you enjoyed receiving or proudly sending them to loved ones. Overall we raised a super £254.08.

RUDOLPH RAVE!

Our Christmas discos were held on Wednesday 4th December and the children danced, visited the tuck shop and waved their glow sticks along to their favourite songs. The children loved it and a HUGE thank you to all the volunteers and teachers that gave up their time to make them a great success. The discos raised a whopping £656.09.

ASDA SCHEME

Thank you to everyone who used their grocery shopping to raise funds for the School, with your support, we raised £265.13

WREATH MAKING

Our second time of holding this event which is becoming increasingly popular. Guided by our expert, we learned to create our own personalised wreaths using seasonal greenery and festive decorations. Whether you're an expert or a complete beginner, our workshops offer a fun, hands-on experience and a chance to meet other parents and carers. This year we raised £300.



BAGS 2 SCHOOL / CLOTHES BIN

Thanks to everyone who had a clear out of clothes and textiles and donated to the bi-annual collection or popped them in the clothes bin just by the main hall. Your donations have earned the School £65.70

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre was an opportunity for everyone to shop for stocking fillers and have some Christmas fun! Thanks to all of our amazing volunteers who offered a Tombola, Guess the Name of the Elf, Where's the Fairy, Hook a Bauble and a Snowman Toss. There was also a fantastic Grotto where you could meet with Santa and also Mrs Claus or have your face painted by our wonderful and talented face painters. The Fayre raised a fabulous £978.10 so thank you to everyone who came along to support the School.



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Thanks to your generosity, our PTA fundraising efforts have made a real difference at Pilgrims' Cross Primary School! The money raised gets invested back into our school to enhance learning, fun, and opportunities for our students.

Here's how your contributions have helped:



**LEAVERS
HOODIES
& DISCO**



**CHRISTMAS
WISHLIST
FOR EACH
CLASS**

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
FROM
SANTA**



**END OF TERM
ICE POPS**



**LIBRARY
REFURBISHMENT**



**MOTHERS
DAY &
FATHERS
DAY
PRESENTS**

**NEW EYFS OUTDOOR
PLAY AREA**



**NEW BOOKS
FOR THE
LIBRARY**



COME AND JOIN US

What do we do?

The FOPs team is a small group of volunteers who deliver amazing events throughout the year and create opportunities to raise funds to make a positive impact on the lives of our children and the wider community. The group also provides a good opportunity to meet other parents in a more social setting and share ideas of how we can further benefit the School.



We need you!

We really need new people to join us so we can continue to provide what we do now and who knows, maybe offer something new!

What does it entail?

- We meet once a month in the evening to plan events.
- On event days, we help ensure everything runs smoothly and that everyone has a great time.
- You can contribute as much or as little as you're able—every bit of help makes a difference!

Who do we need?

Anyone who wants to be involved in organising and delivering our activities or try something new.

So whatever your experience or motivation, come and join us!

Thank you for your support!

What's coming up? Spring / Summer Term

FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 14TH
NON-UNIFORM DAY
BREAK THE RULES DAY!

MARCH

THURSDAY 6TH
WORLD BOOK DAY
PRE-LOVED BOOK &
UNIFORM SALE

FRIDAY 21ST
CURRY & QUIZ
NIGHT

APRIL

FRIDAY 4TH
NON-UNIFORM DAY
CRAZY HAIR DAY!
&
EASTER COMPETITION

MAY

SATURDAY 17TH MAY
SUMMER FETE

FRIDAY 23RD
NON-UNIFORM DAY
WEAR YOUR HOUSE
COLOURS THEME

JUNE

DATE TBC
KS1 / KS2 DISCO
SPORTS DAY

JULY

FRIDAY 11TH
YEAR 6 DISCO

TUESDAY 22ND
NON-UNIFORM DAY
HAWAIIAN/SUMMER
DAY!

Free parent/carer help sessions

Do you struggle with your child's **big emotions** or are you concerned about their **anxiety levels**? There are two wonderful parent workshops at St. John the Baptist, led by Hampshire Pupil Behaviour Service. We would thoroughly recommend them. Please contact the office to register your interest.

Parent workshop 'BIG EMOTIONS'



How do we get my child away from a screen?

How do I regain the control of a situation?

Do I need to set boundaries?

What should we do if my child has an outburst?

What can I do when my child refuses?

How can we all stay calm?

IT MIGHT NOT BE *easy* BUT IT WILL BE *absolutely* WORTH IT.

What is causing the behaviours we see?

No one gives parents a handbook. Children provide parents with different challenges every day.

Join us for an informal parenting workshop led by the Primary Behaviour Service on **'BIG EMOTIONS'**.

Adults only, no children can attend.

Thursday 6th March 5.30-7.30pm
St John the Baptist Primary School, Floral Way,
Andover SP10 3PF

Please register your interest with your school office
by Monday 24th February

Parent Workshop 'ANXIETY'



What is Anxiety?

How can I support my anxious child??

What are the most common signs and symptoms?

What other things could I do to support your anxious child?

What keeps problematic anxiety going?

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Thursday 13th March 5.30-7.00pm
St John the Baptist Primary School, Floral Way,
Andover SP10 3PF

Please register your interest with your school office by Monday 24th February

This workshop is the perfect follow on from the Big Emotions workshop on 6th March

Safeguarding- safer routes to school

Our JRSOs would love to hear from parents and carers about your journeys to and from school. Are they safe? Where are road crossing points and which roads are more dangerous to cross? Please email your thoughts to the school and they will be thinking about how things could be improved. We have already had one email, requesting a pedestrian crossing- what do you think about that idea?

Attendance

Our school attendance this year stands at 96%- above the current national average of 94.5%. Children need to be in school every day to make the best progress.

Key dates

- Thursday 6th March- World Book Day
- w/b Monday 16th June- Thursday 19th June-Year 6 residential, Hooke Court
- Friday 11th July- Year 6 leavers' disco

Please check out our website calendar for all relevant dates:

<https://www.pilgrimscoast.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8&pid=8&viewid=1>