



Dear Parents & Carers,

What a fantastic book-centred week we have just had! All week, the children enjoyed celebrating reading in various ways. Teachers read favourite books to other classes, parents & carers came in (in their droves!) to read with their children, Anne Wan (pictured below) talked about the process of story-writing and even potatoes were decorated to become beloved book characters, finishing with a potato procession into collective worship!

When parents & carers ask me what is the one thing they could do to give their children the best chances of success as they go through school and into the world beyond, I always answer, "Listen to them read, promote a love of books and help them to develop their fluency and comprehension by reading every day and talking about what they are reading with them."

There is a lot of evidence, linking children's enjoyment of reading to their future outcomes- it's not just my opinion: *Reading enjoyment has been reported as more important for children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status* (OECD, 2002). Isn't that good news? Regardless of any pupil's background, enjoying reading can directly impact our pupils' future for the better. Get reading with your child now!

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Vision Awards

Congratulations to all our children who received a Vision Award this week...	Love	Courage	Trust
Oak	Austin R		
Willow		Wren U	
Sycamore	Alfie C		
Maple		Izabela P	
Hazel	Finley E		
Lime		Haze H	
Chestnut		Elli T	
Elm	Ziva B		
Ash		Amelia B	
Beech	Cassidy M		
Pine			Ethan B
Hawthorn	Neriyah		
Aspen			Leo H
Juniper		Freya M	

What we have been learning this week...

Willow & Oak

This was a very exciting week for the children. We had a visit from an author, Anne Wan, who read us a lovely story about the importance of manners. We all dressed up as our favourite character from our favourite story. We shared stories all week and used these to inspire painting potatoes, making book covers and book marks. It was so much fun for us all and we loved seeing the children being inspired by books and stories. The children learnt how to create transient art using loose parts and they made some beautiful pieces of work.

In maths we were looking at time including how much we can do in 30 seconds, learning the days of the week (if your children are singing the song go to YouTube and type Addams family days of the week) and putting events in order.

In phonics we are reading longer sentences, writing sentences and recapping previously learnt sounds.

Well done Year R for a great week at school.

The Highway Rat, Percy the Park Keeper and Little Red Riding Hood

Sycamore & Maple

What a fabulous week we have had! We have enjoyed all of our book week activities, including painting potatoes and a 'write what you like' session! We were amazed about the range of writing the children produced! We also had a brilliant time during our classroom book swap. We had the opportunity to choose a story read by different teachers! We finished our English journey by writing a fact file about our favourite toy! In Computing, we have carried on our algorithms journey by programming our Bee-Bot to go to an object. It was tricky at first to make it go the right way but we really persevered. In Science, we learnt about the different groups of animals and played a 'Who am I?' guessing game.

What a busy week!

Mrs Large and Beegu

Lime & Hazel

This week in Year 2 we have been busy learning lots of skills to put into our English writing next week; we've been using but and or to extend our sentences about what Bob has been up to on the moon, as well as using commands to describe what Bob's boss has been saying to him! Within the alien theme, we made some majestic moving aliens using our knowledge of linkages in DT this week! We've enjoyed a brilliant book week by painting potatoes as book characters, hearing stories from different members of staff and of course, dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday. It was fantastic to have so many parents come on down to read a story with their children. In Maths, we rounded out our Multiplication and Division unit by doing some problem solving within our 2s, 5s and 10s times tables. We also started our unit on Height and Length by working out how to measure objects using rulers and metre sticks using centimetres and metres. In amongst all of that we also learnt about historical significance, represented by the Wright brothers and learnt about their impact on the world in History. We're looking forward to another jam-packed week!

The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Little Red Riding Hood

Chestnut & Elm

All the children (and the adults!) have enjoyed all the events of our World Book Day celebration. We've seen so many amazing costumes and many of the children have brought in books that their costumes were inspired by. We had an assembly led by Anne Wan, a local author, the children have created book characters from potatoes, paraded these in our worship, listened to stories from their chosen adult each afternoon, and we had so many parents come in to share a story too. All this, and English, maths, history, art, P.E., spelling and PSHE too!

Willy Wonka and Blue Crayon

Beech & Ash

It's been another busy week in year 4. We have delved into the world of mixed numbers and improper fractions in maths. We have been learning how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and we have found equivalent fractions on a number line. We have been working really hard in English learning more about the structure of a news report and when is the best time to use a pronoun in place of a noun. We loved seeing so many of you dressed up for World Book Day, there were so many great costumes and we loved hearing from a real author about the journey of a story. In History we learnt about the significance of Sutton Hoo and what was buried there. It was so interesting to look at the images of the artifacts and discuss what it tells us about life as an Anglo-Saxon. We can't wait to see what we learn next!

Joseph and Snow White

Pine & Hawthorn

In Year 5 this week, we have finished our Maths Learning Journey of area and perimeter. The children have worked hard finding the area of rectangles and delving deeper into rules of area and using their knowledge to calculate the area of missing parts of squares and eventually their own hand! We have also developed our Tudor knowledge for our narrative scene in English, as well as writing some amazing time adverbial sentences which we can use when it's time to write! Finally, the children have been learning about the Holi festival of colour and identifying colours with music they hear, as well as patterns the music makes them feel/think of. We especially enjoyed seeing all the children dressed up in their amazing World Book Day costumes! Well done to all the children for their efforts this week!

Superman and Albert from *War Horse*

Aspen & Juniper

Spring has finally sprung and Year 6 have enjoyed exploring and gathering knowledge concerning World War II. We have honed in on the iconic Spitfire this week and created recounts from a pilot's viewpoint, taking his first flight in the famous aircraft. We've watched documentary footage and listened to veteran pilots reminisce about the overwhelming experience of being at the controls of this classic fighter plane. This has helped inspire and influence our final write.

Our focus text 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll, takes us back to that time as the book deals with the challenges and adventures Olive and Cliff encounter living as child evacuees in a seaside town.

All of the Year 6 teachers have been extremely proud of the children this week, as they have demonstrated our school values through their learning behaviours, gearing themselves up for the second half of their final year at Pilgrims' Cross, with lots more learning fun and excitement still to come.

Cruella DeVille and the father from *The Arrival*

Book Week

Here are some photos from dress-up day...



Sora

Another reminder for those of you who have still not got logged on to Sora, as outlined by class teachers at the parent/carer reading session on Thursday this week...

Getting started with Sora



With Sora, you can get free ebooks and audiobooks from your school.

1

Install the Sora app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com.

2

In Sora, find your school (or enter your school's setup code), then sign in.

Setup code: hampshiresls

3

Browse the **Explore** tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.

4

Close the book and go to your **Shelf** to see all your books (including assignments).
From there, you can:

Username: The first letter of the child's first name followed by their surname.

Example: John Smith = jsmith

Password: Pilgrims2024

Staffing news

This week, we welcome Mr Spiers, who is now teaching Elm class- do pop by and say hello to him.

Two of our wonderful LSAs, Miss Waite and Mrs Koney, will be moving on soon I am sure that parents/carers of children who have been supported by them over the years will want to say 'thank you'- please do pop in to pass on your thanks. We wish them all the best for the future.

Overalls, please..!

All classes need art overalls. Please hoik out parents'/carers' old shirts and bring in to classes- we'd love every class to have enough for every child. It'll keep those school uniforms nice and paint-free too!

Junior Road Safety Officer competition

At Vision Worship on Friday, our JRSOs told all children that they are invited to design a Green Cross Code poster- the best entries (shortlisted by the JRSOs) will be sent off to Hampshire and the winning overall designs will be made into posters and leaflets which will go out to ALL Hampshire primary schools. A child in Mr Cascarini's previous school won this last year, so he'd love to have a winner from Pilgrims' Cross this year too!

Closing date: Friday 14th March

Can you design our new Green Cross Code poster?

Design a poster which tells other people how to cross the road safely. Don't forget to include:

Stop, look, listen and think

- Find a safe place to cross where you can see what is coming
 - **Be bright be seen**
- Make sure traffic can see you

Bold, bright and stand out to the audience.



Upcoming Picket Twenty events...

9³/₄ HARRY POTTER FAMILY QUIZ
Saturday 29th March
Doors open 5:30pm for a 6pm start
Picket Twenty Community centre
£10 entry per team of up to 6 players
Lots of Harry Potter themed prizes.
To register your team, please visit our website at www.pickettwenty.org.uk

PICKET TWENTY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 20

EASTER CRAFTS & STORY TIME
Friday 18th April
1:45pm - 4pm
Rapunzel will be with us from 2pm - 3pm
Meet a very special Easter guest, enjoy story time with Rapunzel and then get creative with some Easter themed crafts!
This is a FREE event and no need to book!

PICKET TWENTY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 20

Safeguarding- approved contacts

To safeguard your children, our teachers will not release them at the end of the day to anyone other than those on your child's approved contact list on our school database. If you want your child to be picked up by someone as a one-off (such as for a birthday party or play date), please notify the office and they will let your child's class teacher know- or talk to your child's class teacher directly at the beginning of the day.

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

- Tuesday 18th March – Year 6 parent/carer SATs Information session, 5pm
- Friday 21st March- FOPS Curry & Quiz night
- Friday 21st March – Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo
- Tuesday 25th March – Year 6 Trip to The army Flying Museum
- Friday 4th April- crazy hair & non-uniform day
- Saturday 17th May- Summer Fete
- Monday 19th May – Year 6 parent/carer Hooke Court Information session, 5pm
- Friday 23rd May- House Colour non-uniform day (wear your House colour all over!)
- w/b Monday 16th June- Thursday 19th June-Year 6 residential, Hooke Court
- Friday 11th July- Year 6 leavers' disco
- Tuesday 22nd July- non-uniform Hawaiian summer day

Please check out our website calendar for all relevant dates:

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