

# Pilgrims' Cross Newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers,

We finished a busy term by working as a team, showing Love by clearing up the litter around the school grounds. Hordes of enthusiastic children volunteered to give up part of their lunchtime today, grabbed a litter-picker and cleared our site. Thank you, children!

This week also saw parents and carers turning up in their hordes to visit classrooms for Class Celebrations. Year 1 even took over the hall for some puppet-making!



Finally, a big 'thank you' to the Friends of Pilgrims' Cross for the wonderful egg-decorating competition and crazy hair day- both were enjoyed immensely by our children.

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Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break. I hope that you can take time to enjoy family, the weather and make memories.

Jim Cascarini – Headteacher

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## Vision Awards

Congratulations to all our children who received a Vision Award this week...	Love	Courage	Trust
<i>Oak</i>			Luna D
<i>Willow</i>		Annabelle T	
<i>Sycamore</i>		Ty D	
<i>Maple</i>		Austin J	
<i>Hazel</i>	Erin C		
<i>Lime</i>		Anaya F	
<i>Chestnut</i>		Sidney F	
<i>Elm</i>		Pollyanna W	Sam B
<i>Ash</i>		Charlie J	
<i>Beech</i>			Bryan Z
<i>Pine</i>			Darci M
<i>Hawthorn</i>		Sophie D	
<i>Aspen</i>		Esme S	
<i>Juniper</i>		Jack F	

## What we have been learning this week...

### Willow & Oak

Wow!! The end of the Spring term already. We only have one term left in Year R. We have had an amazing, fun filled busy week for our last week. We learnt about the Easter story from a Christian viewpoint and talked about how we celebrated Easter. We wrote Easter cards and made more complex repeating patterns, which linked in with our maths learning this week.

We thought about new life and drew pictures linked to Easter and new life. We had amazing fun learning about golf, practising our ball skills and using the scooters for PE.

Thank you to everyone who came to the class celebration. We had a great time watching you all with your children joining in the activities we had set up for you.

Finally, what an array of beautiful, crazy haired children we had for our teddy bear picnic on Friday! It was the perfect end to a lovely warm week and our Spring term.

We cannot wait to see you all for our final term in Year R

Have a fabulous Easter break and take care of each other.

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure

### Sycamore & Maple

What a wonderful sunny week we have had in Year One!

Thank you for all of your help with our Class Celebration on Monday. The puppets look fantastic and we loved seeing you all working together on them!

In English we became authors, writing our own endings to the *Traction Man* book. The children loved innovating their own idea for the first time and the story endings are VERY exciting to read. In Maths, we have continued exploring capacity and have been measuring the capacity of different containers using cups of water. I wonder if you can try this at home too, over the holidays?

In PSHE we have explored different themes linked to keeping ourselves and others safe, including making an emergency phone call, safety with substances, safety around the home and who is responsible for keeping us safe.

We have ended the week with parachute games, an Easter trail and making Easter cards.

What a fantastic term we have had! We are so proud of all of the children!

Happy Easter everyone! Enjoy the holidays.

Miss Miners and Mrs Edgington

### Lime & Hazel

This week in Year 2 we have been learning about temperature and capacity in maths. In English we have designed and written a description for our flying machine inspired by the clip WING IT. In computing we have been using Scratch Jr to create animations such as a joke and the three little pigs. In science this week we tested our speed by running the golden mile and discussed what we think a balanced diet is and created a balanced shopping bag. In history we learnt about Tim Peake and created a timeline of all the events we have learnt so far. Thank you for coming to the class celebration we enjoyed making the moving Easter craft. We hope everyone enjoys the Easter break and are looking forward to seeing you back to start our new adventure- life by the coast!

Miss Samuel and Miss Lavin

## Chestnut & Elm

This week Year 3 have been finishing off their Roman Non-chronological reports which they have researched and written independently using all the features they know. In Art, they have been using their water colour skills and knowledge of Roman mosaics to start the backgrounds of their final piece before the parents joined and helped us to finish them off! In maths we have been learning about the difference between volume and capacity and had a wonderful practical lesson outside exploring all the equipment.

Miss Dewsbury and Mr Spiers



## Beech & Ash

Final week of the Spring term and what a week it has been! Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our parents' celebration, the children enjoyed making their sweet structures and then used ideas from this throughout the rest of the day when making their pavilions. We have finished our setting description and tried to include lots of rich vocabulary and adverbs of manner and time, some of these pieces of writing will be sent to the author of *The Tin Forest* herself! Our maths learning journey finished off by dividing by 100 and our RE journey came to end focussing on the Easter story and how this can inspire us. In Science we have been testing materials to see how well they insulate sound and looking at how the width of an elastic band changes the pitch of the sound. All in all, a brilliant end to a fantastic term. Happy Easter year 4!

Miss Collier and Mrs Allison

## Pine & Hawthorn

In Year 5 this week, we have been delving deeper into our Maths Learning Journey linked to shape and direction. We have nailed angles on a straight line and angles around a point. The children can consistently remember that all angles on a straight line are 180 degrees and all angles around a point are equal to 360 degrees. Furthermore, we have sneaked in one final piece of English writing. We completed a short non-fiction article on life in Tudor times. Mr Dookheran and I cannot wait to use some of these brilliant pieces of work on our displays. Finally, a big thank you to all parents, and family friends who came to our class celebrations, it was lovely to welcome you all and for you to create your retro-futurism posters with the children! Well done to both classes for all their hard work this term and have a restful and fun-filled Easter holidays!

Mr Childs and Mr Dookheran

## Aspen & Juniper

We have enjoyed our final week of the Spring Term.

Our World War II theme has proved to be a huge success and we have enjoyed making links across subjects whilst acquiring skills and knowledge concerning this significant time in history.

Our final diary writes (putting ourselves in the cockpit of two fighter aircraft) enabled us to end the term on a high. We shared this writing within our class celebration and parents were impressed with the tension and excitement depicted from each pilot's perspective. You felt like you were really there, in the air, dodging and weaving through the clouds in defence of your country.

In Science we have been working scientifically to explain the results from an observation which looked at the relationship between the number of bulbs in a circuit and the bulbs brightness. We needed to quote values to prove our result finding, making links between more components causing a greater resistance and slowing the current down.

We can now enjoy a well-deserved Easter break, knowing the future is bright, whilst eagerly looking forward to the learning challenges and enjoyment that awaits us in our final term at Pilgrims' Cross.

Mrs Cocks, Mr Osmond and Miss Howick

## RIP Scopay... hello Arbor!

This is advance notice that, at the end of this half of term, we will not be using Scopay any more. The Arbor app will be your new, one-stop-shop for payments, information on trips and clubs, permissions, your child's data, etc. **Please ensure that you are signed up to the Arbor app.**



## Fun Weeks

3 girls from Year 4 wanted to create a weekly column for the newsletter- they have called it *Fun Weeks!* Here's this week's installment... (solution will be given after Easter!)

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rearrange  
the  
word to make  
one!

**FOPS events...**

Thank you, FOPS, for the egg-decorating competition and the crazy hair day- we enjoyed them!



**Save the hedgehogs!**

These wonderful pupils raised over £100, which will now be spent on hedgehog houses around the school grounds. Well done, girls, for coming up with an idea and then costing, making merchandise, selling and generating income- maybe we'll see you on *Dragons' Den* at some point..!



**Parent/carer webinars- check them out**

Struggling with your children? These are BRILLIANT support sessions- do book in to some...



**Spring 2025 Newsletter**

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK. Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)




Schools can now buy a **FACE School Annual Membership** which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff** get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL 16** parent talks

Thursday  
24th April  
19:00 - 20:00  
**FREE**

**Responding to Angry Behaviour**  
What can we do in the moment?



 <b>Spring Timetable</b> <small>all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long book online at <a href="http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk">facefamilyadvice.co.uk</a></small>	
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm

## Ticks

### Farm Visit Advice this Easter

Following the simple rules listed below will help to keep you and your children safe from infections that may be found on open or petting farms. Vulnerable groups need to take particular care as infections acquired from animals can be harmful to them: for pregnant women this also includes their unborn baby.



#### Things to do:

- Follow any rules and guidelines provided by the farm staff
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm running water after you have touched animals, fences or other surfaces where animals may have been, and dry your hands with paper towels
- Supervise children closely and ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly using liquid soap and warm running water
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before eating or drinking
- When visiting a farm, only eat and drink in picnic areas or cafes
- Try to avoid wearing open-toed shoes. At the end of your visit remove and clean boots or shoes and clean pushchair wheels. Then wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm running water
- If you have held or had contact with an animal wash clothing at 40C or hotter when you return home.

#### Things to avoid:

- Touching your face or mouth while petting animals or walking around the farm
- Kissing or putting your face close to farm animals eating or drinking while touching animals or walking around the farm; this includes avoiding eating sweets, crisps or chewing gum
- Eating anything that has fallen on the floor
- Using sanitising gels or wipes instead of washing hands with liquid soap and warm running water. Sanitising gels and wipes do not remove the type of bugs found on farms effectively

### TICKS – Be Tick Aware

Another aspect to consider for outdoor activities is ticks, which are most active between spring and autumn and which can sometimes transmit diseases such as Lyme disease.

There are many actions that can be taken to prevent tick bites, and to remove ticks safely if needed.

#### Tick advice

The best way to avoid being bitten by ticks when out walking is to keep to footpaths and avoid long grass. Other advice to people walking in areas known to have a high tick population is to:



- Use an insect repellent
- Wear appropriate clothing (a long-sleeve shirt and trousers tucked into socks)
- Wear light-coloured fabrics that may help spot a tick on clothing
- Inspect your skin for ticks, particularly at the end of the day, including your head, neck and skin folds (armpits, groin and waist)
- Ask parents and carers to check their children's head and neck areas, including their scalp

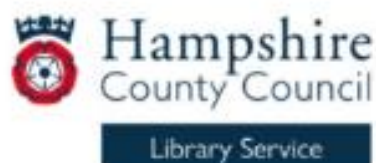
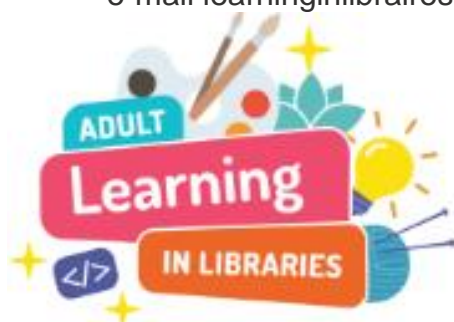
#### How to remove a tick

If you do get bitten by a tick, removing it quickly and correctly can help to reduce any potential risk. The safe way to remove a tick is to use a pair of fine-tipped tweezers, or an easy-to-use device which can be purchased from pharmacies or vets. Then:

- Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull upwards slowly and firmly, as mouth parts left in the skin can cause a local infection
- Once removed, apply antiseptic to the bite area and keep an eye on it for several weeks for any changes
- Call NHS 111 if the person begins to feel unwell or develops a circular red skin rash, often described as a bull's-eye rash, and remember to tell them that the person was bitten by a tick.

## Parent/carer seminars

To book a course please visit our online shop: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries> or e-mail [learninginlibraires@hants.gov.uk](mailto:learninginlibraires@hants.gov.uk) to be added to a course waiting list.



# Free\* Courses for Parents this Summer Term

Course	Location	Date	Time
Positive Parenting	Online	Tuesdays 22 April - 20 May	7:30pm - 9pm
Emergency First Aid	Alton Library	Saturday 26 April	9:45am - 4:45pm
Emergency First Aid	Tadley Library	Saturday 3 May	9:45am - 4:45pm
Emergency First Aid	Basingstoke Discovery Centre	Saturday 10 May	9:45am - 4:45pm
Raising Resilient Children	Online	Mondays 2 - 30 June	7:30pm - 9pm
Emergency First Aid	Andover Library	Wednesday 11 June	9:45am - 4:30pm
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Online	Tuesdays 17 June - 8 July	6:30pm - 9:15pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Bridgemary Library	Friday 20 June	9:15am - 4:30pm
Emergency First Aid	Waterlooville Library	Saturday 28 June	9:45am - 4:45pm

\*Free tuition, some courses may have a certification or materials fee

Free Easter activities...!



# HAF Easter 2025

This Easter holiday the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is working in partnership with Andover Leisure Centre to provide fully funded opportunities for 11-16 years olds in receipt of benefits-related free-school meals to access the facilities. This will allow them to freely use the swimming pool, have access to the gym and receive up to 4 free meals over the Easter holidays.

16 year olds can access the gym during regular opening hours.  
11-15 year olds can access Junior Gym sessions at the following times:

- Monday - Friday: 10:00-11:00am / 3.30-4.30pm / 4.30-5.30pm
- Saturday - Sunday: 10.00am - 11.00am

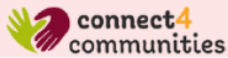
To apply, complete the form below by **30 March**. FSM eligibility and age suitability will be verified, and a voucher will be emailed to you.

This offer is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once all spots are filled, the offer will no longer be available.



Apply for Andover Leisure Centre voucher here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5NdEMX4dhD>



# HAF Easter 2025

Bookings are now open for  
Hampshire's Holiday Activities  
and Food schemes!

Children from Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can access holiday schemes with healthy meals for free.

Scan the QR below to check if you're eligible, find HAF schemes running near you, and book your child(ren)'s place:



Family Information and Services Hub (FISH):

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk>



# HAF Easter 2025



## 360 Degree Sports Coaching

Andover Leisure Centre (SP10 1QP)  
Romsey Rapids (SO51 8AF)  
Vigo Primary School (SP10 1JZ)



## GCS Connect4Families

The Longmeadow Centre (SP10 5DE)  
The Romsey School (SO51 8ZB)

## Globe Fit

Augusta Park Community Centre (SP11 6RD)



## KOOSA Kids

Portway Infant School (SP10 3PE)

## North Baddesley Infant School

North Baddesley Infant School (SO52 9EE)

## Personal Best Education

Knights Enham Primary School (SP10 4BS)  
The Mountbatten School (SO51 5SY)



## Your Sports Education

Romsey Primary School (SO51 7PH)



Please keep an eye on the FISH website as it will be regularly updated with available HAF schemes.





## Upcoming Picket Twenty events...



### *Cleaning position*

We have a position for a Cleaner, to join our wonderful existing team.

15 hours a week- 3.00pm till 6.00pm

Hourly rate £12.26.

Term time only, but will be required to attend INSET days (where relevant) and do deep cleans during the holiday period as and when needed. Hours will be agreed in advance for these deep cleans during the holiday periods.

Please contact the school office for more details.

### *Attendance*

Let's hope the chicken pox, which has been sweeping the school, is over now. Our school attendance currently stands at 95.4%

If you require any support with routines or wish to discuss any barriers that you need help with to improve your mornings please do get in touch with me on [familysupport@pilgrimscross.co.uk](mailto:familysupport@pilgrimscross.co.uk) and I will be very happy to chat – Mrs Hathaway

### *Safeguarding- Roblox*

An interesting article on the BBC website about changes to Roblox- please do take a look...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c86i9yqw45xo>

So many of our children use this platform- it's worth learning more about what you can do as a parent/carer to safeguard your child.

### Parents allowed to block children's games and friends on Roblox



### *Key dates*

- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May- Spring Fair
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 parent/carer Hooke Court Information session, 5pm
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- House Colour non-uniform day (wear your House colour all over!)
- w/b Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June-Year 6 residential, Hooke Court
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June- INSET day 5
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 leavers' disco
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Graduation @ The Lights
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Worship – 1.45pm
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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>