



Dear Parents & Carers,

I felt VERY proud of our children this week. In EYFS, our teachers looked at the progress that the children have made towards the Early Learning Goals. We were able to celebrate that lots of them are achieving that Good Level of Development that our aspirational curriculum plans for.

In Year 1, our children completed their statutory Phonics Screening Checks- reading real and "alien" words, using their phonics knowledge. They did SO well!

Some Year 2 children re-took their Phonics Screening Checks and showed great improvement.

In Year 4, children have been completing their Times Table Checks- answering multiplication questions in 6 seconds. Miss Collier and Mrs Allison were super-encouraged by their attitude and 'stickability'.

The Year 5 teachers were visited by a moderator, who looked forensically at the writing in Year 6 this year. It was great to hear that the teachers' judgements were correct and that we are setting children up well in their writing.

On another note, school trips are well under way. EYFS went to Hillier's and Year 4 to the Winchester Science Centre. In the coming weeks, Year 5 will be off to Winchester Cathedral, Year 3 have a visit from Portals to the Past for some Egyptian learning and Year 6 will be enjoying their residential next week at Hooke Court.

Thank you all for the support that you provide from home too. Even though we have only a few weeks of term left, please keep reading with your child regularly, practising tricky words, completing home learning and encouraging them to work on those times tables and number bonds!

Jim Cascarini – Headteacher

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## Vision Awards

| Congratulations to all our children who received a Vision Award this week... | Love    | Courage      | Trust  |
|--|---------|--------------|--------|
| Oak  |         | On Trip      |        |
| Willow   |         | On Trip      |        |
| Sycamore   |         | Dottie P     |        |
| Maple  | Isla M  | Archie K     |        |
| Hazel  |         | Damanpreet K |        |
| Lime   |         | Anaya F      |        |
| Chestnut   |         | Charlotte S  |        |
| Elm  |         |              | Leo S  |
| Ash  |         | Lena K       |        |
| Beech  |         | Alfie C      |        |
| Pine   | Edith L |              |        |
| Hawthorn   |         |              | Zara B |
| Aspen  |         | Lacie L      |        |
| Juniper  | Diah A  |              |        |

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

### **Willow & Oak**

It has been a fantastic week in Oak and Willow class, ending in the most amazing trip to the Sir Harold Hillier's gardens on Friday. We are all exhausted but have the most incredible memories.

On our trip we went pond dipping and found: newts, dragonfly nymphs, pond skaters, and loads of other interesting creatures. We learnt to use a figure of 8 movement to sweep them into our nets safely. We also learnt about how seeds grow and how there are many elements that affect their growth. We started with 20 bean seeds and the most we ended up with were 10 after slugs ate the leaves, the soil was too dry and the ground was too stony. It was great fun chasing down the numbers and losing beans each time!

Another activity was creating smelly caterpillars. We stuck smelly herbs to our caterpillars and had to hunt for the herbs that smelt like: onion, pizza and toothpaste. Can you guess which herbs they were? In the meadow we swept mini-beasts into our big nets using another figure of 8 movement. We collected what we found in pots and identified them using a mini-beast identification card. We found crickets and grasshoppers and learnt that the difference is a grasshopper has small antennae and a cricket has long ones.

Finally, we went on an adventurous walk around the gardens and braved the wibbly, wobbly bridge. The bamboo trail was fascinating and we saw how many different varieties there are. The eucalyptus tree smelt so strongly and when we crushed the leaves it reminded us of when we are poorly and use a rub to help us breathe.

Don't worry, we did stop for a lunch break! Hopefully everyone sleeps well after a very busy, exciting day.

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure



## Sycamore & Maple

This week in Year One we have completed our Phonics Screen Checks, or as the children call it our "Alien Word Quizzes!" The children have all worked incredibly hard towards these and, on the day, they focused and showed us everything that they had learnt so we are delighted with them all! Well done Year One!

As well as smashing their phonics, the children have also written the most fantastic setting descriptions for Grandad's Island. The adults have thoroughly enjoyed reading them and marking them this week! It is a joy to see how far their writing has come this year. Another well done to Year One!

In Maths the children have finished their unit learning about place value to 100 and next week we move on to telling the time. Why not explore the days of the week and have a little look at clocks at home this week? What time do you get out of bed in the morning? What time do you have your dinner?

In History the children have begun learning about what an explorer is and we have spent some time finding out all about Ernest Shackleton. If you were an explorer, where would you go and what would you need to take with you for the expedition?

A fantastic week in Year One! The children have shown resilience with all of the changes to routine we have faced so well done everyone!

Miss Miners and Mrs Edgington

## Lime & Hazel

This week in Year 2 we've carried on learning to tell the time with a further understanding of 5-minute intervals around the clock face. We've learnt more about William the Conqueror in History and the features of Orthodox Christian Churches in RE. We've even found out how paper is made in Science! Our music this week was more rhythms with the theme of George and the Dragon, we even made our own. In English we have revisited how to write a list using commas as well as effectively using commands ready for our instruction writing next week. These instructions will be all about how to throw a banquet as we've followed Claude through his experience of a royal banquet too! We will be holding our own Banquet on Thursday afternoon next week so we're inviting all of our children to come in dressed regally on that day - whether in a fancy dress or a smart suit! We look forward to seeing all of your regal outfits!

Miss Lavin and Miss Samuel

## Chestnut & Elm

This week, Chestnut and Elm have continued learning how to tell the time, and looked at different units of time; how many seconds in a minute, how many minutes in an hour, how many hours in a day to work out important questions such as how many days do we go to school for, how long is each school day, and how long are our holidays.

Any questions you can ask at home such as, 'What time is it?' 'What's the next hour?' 'How long until dinner time?' etc. will help consolidate this learning and its real-life importance.

For our English, we are starting to create our own non-chronological reports on ancient Egypt, full of facts we have learnt about the pharaohs, pyramids, mummification, and River Nile. The children really seem to be enjoying the topic and hope they are sharing their learning with you at home, too!

Miss Dewsbury and Mr Spiers

## **Beech & Ash**

Another busy, fun week in year 4 with another school trip! On Wednesday we had a brilliant day at the Winchester Science Centre, we enjoyed exploring the exhibitions, discovering the properties of a non-Newtonian fluid and learning about our universe in an amazing planetarium show! Thank you so much to our fabulous parent helpers, the day couldn't have happened without you. In English we're getting closer to our final write. This week we looked at similes, fronted adverbials and how to punctuate direct speech with inverted commas. In maths we've been looking at properties of triangles, quadrilaterals and different polygons. In history we learnt about the different Mayan gods and why they were worshipped.

Miss Collier and Mrs Allison

## **Pine & Hawthorn**

In Year 5 this week we have completed our English learning journey based on Odysseus and writing a persuasive speech asking our king to start sailing home. The children have written some very compelling arguments and have made good use of modal verbs to indicate possibility. Also, in maths, we have begun our learning journey into negative numbers-identifying that negative numbers have a lower value than positive numbers and realising that 0 almost provides a bridge between positive and negative numbers. Finally, we have further developed our thinking in RE when analysing religious places and why they are viewed as significant. In particular, we investigated what makes Jerusalem so significant for not only Christians, but also the religions of Judaism and Islam. The children have worked hard this week and should be very proud of themselves.

Mr Childs and Mr Dookheran

## **Aspen & Juniper**

In Year 6, rehearsals for our production, 'School of Pop,' are now well underway! The children are loving getting into character and are showing lots of courage when performing in front of others. Keep your eyes peeled for letters sent home this week regarding costumes and please support your child to learn their lines if they don't already know them.

Next week promises to be great fun for all of our Year 6s, as we head off on our residential trip to Hooke Court. Those staying back at school can also look forward to a fun activity week led by Mrs Harris.

Mrs Cocks, Miss Howick & Mrs Featherstone

## *Year 5/6 class information*

I would like to encourage any parent/carer of children in next year's 5/6 classes to email me any questions you may have. I will answer these for you next week and send out to all parents/carers of children in this cohort.

I am holding a meeting on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 4.30-5.30pm** for any parent wishing to discuss anything further.

If you would like a chat before that, please do come and grab me when you see me at the start/ends of the school day. Thanks, Mr Cascarini

### *Safeguarding- hot weather*

With the temperatures looking to go up next week, we want all our children to cope as much as possible. If PE kit is cooler for your child, they are **able to come in to school in PE kit on hot days**- please make sure that they are wearing correct kit, not logoed, non-school t-shirts. Please make sure they have a **hat** and **plenty of water**. **Sun cream** needs to be applied & they can have spare cream in their bag to re-apply to themselves during the day.

### *Non-uniform fundraiser*

We would love to support the wonderful charity Simon Says for the amazing work they do with young people who have lost loved-ones. Please support this by allowing your child to wear non-uniform on **27<sup>th</sup> June**. Other Andover schools are doing the same thing. Please send them in with a **£1** donation to this great cause.



## **Non School Uniform Day**

27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

To raise funds for a Hampshire charity that support children and young people who are bereaved.

Children can come to school in non-school uniform in return for £1 donation to 'Simon Says'

To read more about what valuable work the charity do please see the link below:

<https://www.simonsays.org.uk/>

### *Job opportunity*

We are seeking someone to run our brilliant Breakfast Club from September. This runs every morning from 7.15am until 8.20am.

Also, a cleaner is needed to join the friendly team at Pilgrims' Cross Primary working with a small group Monday to Friday 3.00pm to 6.00pm term time only. The position will involve working under your own initiative and you will need to be self-motivated and hard-working. You will be required to do deep-cleans during the school breaks, but we are flexible with the hours and notice given. Rate of Pay is £12.26 an hour.

If you would be interested in either position, please contact [recruitment@pilgrimscross.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@pilgrimscross.co.uk)

### Sports Day- House colours

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July will be our Sports Day. If the weather is not great on the day, we will reschedule this to the following Tuesday. We'd love the children to come to school in PE kit, with a t-shirt matching their House colour. Ideally, this would be non-logoed but if you only have a t-shirt in your child's house colour with a logo, that would be fine.



### Holiday Club

Need a place for your child over half term? Check this out...

A vibrant jungle-themed poster for a holiday club. It features a tiger, an elephant, a toucan, and a monkey in a lush green jungle setting. Text on the poster includes: "£10 whole week!", "For kids in years R-6", "St Mary's Church Andover SP10 1DP", "LET'S GO TO THE JUNGLE!", "Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 29th Jul - 1st Aug 9am - 12:30pm", "andoverparish.org/whats-on", and "HOLIDAY CLUB 2025". A QR code is also present for more information.

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Mental Health Services



## PARENT AND CARERS COFFEE MORNING

### UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING BEHAVIOURAL DIFFICULTIES IN CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

You are invited to join us for a coffee and chat around behavioural difficulties in children and young people. We aim to discuss what behavioural difficulties look like for children and young people, and key strategies parent/carers can use to support challenging behaviours.

Monday, 23 June 2025

9.30am - 11.30am

King Arthurs Hall, King Arthurs Way,  
Andover, SP10 4BS

Scan the QR  
code to register  
your interest



### CAMHS session for parents/carers...

This is especially relevant for our parents/carers who are struggling with their child's behaviours- please do sign up by scanning the QR code...

## Fun at Thruxton!

Check out this great event, round the corner from us...!

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**Superfunk**

**20 - 22 June 2025**  
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## Attendance Treats!

Please see below the current scores for each class – remember that each class within its Key Stage will receive a treat if their class ends the Summer term with the highest attendance % - this treat will be decided by our School Council and could be either a dress down afternoon, sweet treat or extra play-time! (Please do note that those classes who have children with complex medical needs will be adjusted accordingly to keep things fair)

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| Willow   | 95.2% |
| Oak      | 93.5% |
| Maple    | 95.7% |
| Sycamore | 96.6% |
| Hazel    | 94.6% |
| Lime     | 94.5% |
|          |       |
| Chestnut | 95.9% |
| Elm      | 95.9% |
| Ash      | 94.7% |
| Beech    | 95.6% |
| Pine     | 95.8% |
| Hawthorn | 97.2% |
| Aspen    | 97.4% |
| Juniper  | 95.2% |

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

## Key dates

- 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 27<sup>th</sup> June- non-uniform fundraiser for Simon Says
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 Trip – Southsea Beach and Castle
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Portals to the Past Workshop
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July- Moving-up Day 1
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July- Sports Day
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 leavers' disco
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July- Moving-up day 2
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Graduation @ The Lights 12pm
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Class Celebration: Year 5 @ 8.45am and Year 1 @ 2.15pm - Year 1
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Class Celebration: Year 3 @ 8.45am and Year R @ 2.15am
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Class Celebration: Year 4 @ 8.45am and Year 2 @ 2.15pm
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Performance to Parents @ 6pm
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July- *Little Troopers'* Tea Party
- 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>