



Dear Parents & Carers,

Parking and the safety of driving are perennial problems in schools, Pilgrims' Cross included. These problems are not helped for us on Picket Twenty by the roads not being fully adopted, meaning that final line painting, crossings and signage have not happened.

I have been working with our JRSOs on this matter and also liaising with Hampshire County Council. Ultimately, I would like some yellow zig-zag lines immediately outside the front of our school, a designated crossing point (either with lollipop man/lady or a painted zebra crossing).



Until we reach this point, we need to work together as a community to keep each other safe. This week, two representatives from Hampshire Parking came and spoke with our school about safe parking- your children will be encouraging YOU to park safely too, so that sight lines are clear for them to cross roads safely.

Can I ask you to all help out be monitoring each other's parking or reporting to me vehicles **parked on the double-yellow lines**? Please show **love** and **trust** by parking considerately- for our children and the local residents.

Thank you!

Jim Cascarini – Headteacher headteacher@pilgrimscross.co.uk

Vision Awards

Congratulations to all our children who received a Vision Award this week...	Love	Courage	Trust
Oak		Imogen S	
Willow			Emilia I
Sycamore		Luna F	
Maple	Darcey S		
Hazel			Alfie C
Lime		William B	
Elm	Jax P		
Ash	Violet C		
Beech			Mayan P
Pine		Olivia-Grace B	
Hawthorn			Lacey L
Aspen	Charlie J	Robin T	
Juniper	Zara B		

What we have been learning this week...

Willow & Oak

This week we launched a new, fun and exciting themed day. It is called MUDDY MONDAYS!! True to form it was incredibly muddy, but we had a lot of fun exploring the amphitheatre space and the Mud Kitchen, which had filled with water! This will go alongside our Welly Wednesday and Physical Fridays. Monday will have more of a Science focus going forward, Wednesday will be exploring the Mud Kitchen and small world and Physical Friday we will be working on our gross motor skills. Other than that, we have been colour mixing so our pictures are more realistic, dress our mannequins and thinking about our designs and how we can attach the fabric, using play dough to create shapes using squashing and rolling and thinking about settings in the small world area. We have had a fun week and the children have made us proud with their purposeful play!

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure

PLEASE HELP YEAR R!!

If you have any bird feeders, bird food or bird houses that you would like to donate, we would love them to encourage birds for our Big Bird Watch!

Sycamore & Maple

This week in English we have been creating noun phrases about Hermelin's street. The children worked hard to identify the adjectives and nouns and then wrote some brilliant sentences using these. In Maths, we have compared numbers to 20 and worked hard to put them in order, using lots of mathematical terms. In History we thought about our favourite memories and had fun talking about these. In Art, we have been looking at how to make artwork 3-Dimensional and loved folding and twisting strips of paper to make funky shapes. Well done Year 1!

Mrs Edgington, Mrs Wakefield & Miss Miners

Lime & Hazel

This week we have worked really hard on our grammar and sentence accuracy. We have been adding adverbs to sentences to make our sentences more interesting! We have also learned what a 'role on the wall' is, looking at the difference between what a character looks like and their personality traits! During our reading lessons we have started a new text called the *Appletree Animal Agency* and have started reading and unpicking some very interesting vocabulary! We also know now the difference between expression and fluency. In maths we have continued our work on money and have started comparing amounts of money using greater than, less than and equal to symbols. In science we have looked at life cycles of some different animals and the different stages of their life. In Music we have continued our work on pitch and learned a new song - it was really fun! In Geography we have found and located some amazing landmarks from around the world such as the Pyramids of Giza, the Great Barrier Reef and even the Statue of Liberty!

Please ensure you are reading daily with your children and make sure you are putting it into their red books as "points mean prizes"! We need your signature as a parent for it to count!

Miss Samuel and Miss Dewsbury

Elm & Ash

Year 3 have had a brilliant week of learning and creativity. In English, the children enjoyed using drama to explore *The Rhythm of the Rain*, helping them build exciting vocabulary for their own setting descriptions. They have also been learning about the Romans in reading, developing their understanding of history alongside their comprehension skills. In maths, pupils have been building confidence with multiplication, practising two-digit by one-digit calculations and using known facts to check their answers. Geography lessons saw the children learning about the physical features of Antarctica, while in PSHE they expressed ideas about identity through creative Kenning poems. Music was a real highlight, with everyone enthusiastically creating and performing Viking battle songs — their singing has been fantastic.

Mr Dookheran & Mrs Bryan

Beech & Pine

This week, we have continued our learning around *Arthur and the Golden Rope* and have written some fantastic character descriptions using a wide range of vocabulary and skills such as expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. We have also been practising our gymnastic skills and handball in our PE lessons - some of us have really perfected the forward roll! Within geography, we have continued looking at where our food comes from and located The Ivory Coast in our atlas, ready to start learning about the journey of the cocoa bean next week.

Have a lovely weekend and remember those challenge points to be added whenever you do home learning! See you all next week!

Mrs Howick, Mrs Featherstone and Mr Osmond

Aspen, Hawthorn & Juniper

It's been a busy week in Year 5/6. Maths has thrown up many challenges in the form of problem-solving questions involving multiple steps and methods. The children have shown great courage and resilience and given everything a go, even if it has proven to be tricky. We have also analysed in depth our example text for our narrative setting in English. We have picked out structural and language features that we can use in our pieces and looked at how the author has given inanimate objects thoughts and feelings using personification. The children have come up with some brilliantly imaginative sentences and descriptions of the cliffs and sea in our book *FArTHER*. In Computing, we have investigated whether AI is making our lives better or worse with the children offering their own opinions and seeing how AI is used in everyday lives, as well as talking about financial responsibility in PSHE and how we use our money wisely. Well done to all the children for their hard work and dedication to their learning this week and we wish you all a restful weekend!

Mr Childs, Mr Hambidge and Mrs McNee

The Spring term PE timetable is as follows...

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Willow					
Oak					
Sycamore					
Maple					
Lime					
Hazel					
Ash					
Elm					
Beech					
Pine					
Juniper					
Aspen					
Hawthorn					

Caretaker Vacancy...

For only the third time in 12 years the position of Caretaker has become available, and we are seeking to appoint a reliable and enthusiastic person to join our friendly team at Pilgrims' Cross Primary School!

We are seeking a reliable, practical, hard-working and conscientious person to join our school team. The successful candidate will play a key role in maintaining the school premises and ensuring a safe and secure environment.

Key Responsibilities

- Opening and closing the school premises on a daily basis

- General maintenance and minor repairs
- Monitoring the condition of the buildings and grounds
- Ensuring health and safety standards are met
- Managing security, including locking/unlocking and alarm systems
- Supporting cleaning and site management as required
- Setting up rooms for school activities and events

The Ideal Candidate

- Has previous caretaking, maintenance, or facilities experience (desirable)
- Is practical, hardworking, and able to work independently
- Has good awareness of health and safety procedures
- Is reliable, flexible, and trustworthy
- Enjoys working in a school environment

The position will be 37.5 hours a week

Monday to Friday Split shifts of 6.00am to 10.00am and 2.30pm to 6.00pm

52 weeks a year contract

4 weeks holiday, to be taken outside term time

Closing date the 22nd January 2026

If you would like to have a discussion or a tour with Mr. Cascarini please call on 01264 369523 or email recruitment@pilgrimscross.co.uk for an application pack.

Safer Recruitment

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.

Hot Choc Friday!

Here are this week's exemplary pupils who enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate with Mr. Cascarini..!



Attendance

Our current whole school attendance this year so far stands at **95.%** which has slightly improved. Thank you for your support for ensuring regular attendance is a priority.

We will continue to monitor our children's attendance during our weekly reviews so **please do not be alarmed if we communicate when we have noticed attendance decreasing.** We understand that illnesses can often not be avoided and will always look to work *together* to help wherever we can.

Mrs Hathaway Familysupport@pilgrimscross.co.uk

Meet the Governors...

Each week, we will introduce you to a school Governor. Our Governors do a wonderful job, monitoring and holding the school to account in terms of progress and achievement. We feel that they deserve to be highlighted- as a lot of their hard work is behind the scenes!

This week, it's our Staff Governor, Miss Samuel...



Lucie Samuel
Staff Governor

As one of Pilgrims' Cross's current Class Teachers, I am excited to be stepping into the role of staff governor and experiencing a different aspect of the school.

Originally from Walmer, Kent you might ask how I've ended up in Andover! I studied at the University of Derby doing Creative Expressive Therapies with Music, which contributes to my vision of Music within a school setting. In October 2022, I decided that the sea was calling me, a move back down south was needed and in January 2023 I landed here, at Pilgrims' Cross.

In the summer, you can find me volunteering at many indie-folk festivals, and spending time with my family. I'll be chasing gigs throughout the terms (the more obscure the better) and if you ask me about Quidditch, you might get a full run down of how to play in real life!

I am proud to be a part of the brilliant family of teachers and support staff that are crucial to our school community. I have experience across various settings which allows me to bring a well-balanced viewpoint, and I believe my courageous tones and belief in the school will translate well into my position as Staff Governor.

Key dates

- 20th January- parent workshop, 8.30am, school hall
- Monday 2nd February – Friday 6th February – Year 6 Residential
- Wednesday 4th February- parent workshop, 8.30am, school hall – **POSTPONED DATE TBC**
- Monday 9th February – Year 5/6 Class Celebration @ 8.45am
- Monday 9th February – Year 4 Class Celebration @ 2.15pm
- Tuesday 10th February – Year 3 Class Celebration @ 8.45am
- Tuesday 10th February – Year R Class Celebration @ 2.15pm
- Wednesday 11th February – Year 2 Class Celebration @ 2.15pm
- Thursday 12th February – Year 1 Class Celebration @ 2.15pm
- Monday 16th March – Wednesday 18th March – Year 6 *Bikeability*
- Friday 19th June 2026- INSET day 5
- Friday 26th June 2026 – Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral

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>

