



Dear Parents & Carers,

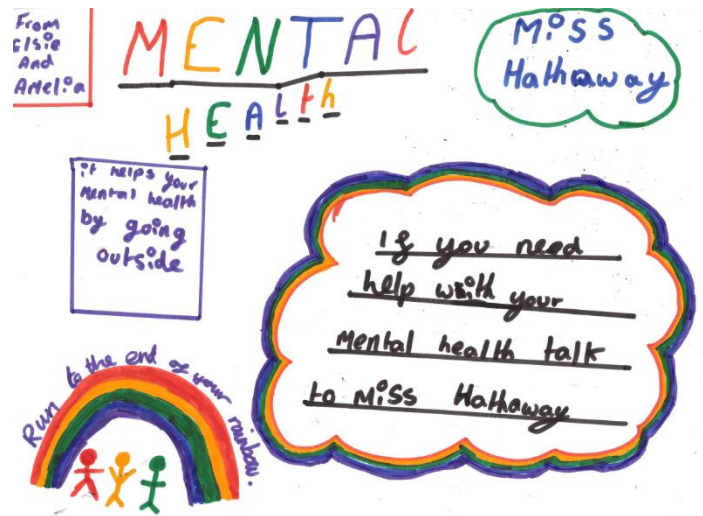
We all wore red today, to support "Show Racism the Red Card", following a week's worth of collective worship on the theme of prejudicial language, especially relating to racism. Any form of discriminatory language or behaviour goes against our values of **Love**, **Courage** and **Trust** and ignores Jesus' instruction to "love your neighbour as yourself". Our children have responded so positively to the encouragement to celebrate difference, look out for others, speak up and find help.

This was also an opportunity to draw children's attention to the Fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs. Please talk to your children about these at home over the weekend...

The wellbeing of our pupils is very important: we want all of our children to thrive and become the very best versions of themselves- academically, physically, spiritually- and mentally. Next week, it is Children's Mental Health Week, and the theme is "This is my place", focusing on the feeling of belonging- especially in relation to belonging at school.

Next week we have class celebrations and, on Friday, we will be holding a dress up day with a difference- see below!

Have a wonderful weekend...



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Vision Awards

| Congratulations to all our children who received a Vision Award this week... | Love | Courage | Trust |
|--|------------|----------|------------|
| Oak | Amara P | | Jimmy B |
| Willow | | Dougie S | |
| Sycamore | Emilia H-P | | |
| Maple | Sophie S | | |
| Hazel | | Lucas W | |
| Lime | Anna P | | |
| Elm | Adam K | | |
| Ash | | | Emilie C |
| Beech | Florence W | | |
| Pine | | | Ellianna T |
| Hawthorn | | | RJ M |
| Aspen | | Oscar W | |
| Juniper | Maxi C | | |

What we have been learning this week...

Willow & Oak

We have had a lovely week in Year R. We have started the traditional tale "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" and we have been re-telling the story as well as making sure we put it in the correct order. In maths we have been learning about odd and even numbers and how we can tell if it is odd because it has one left over.

In Science we have been predicting what the bulbs will grow into and writing this down and we have also been planting them. We can't wait to see what they can grow into.

We have been creating maps with chalk for the children to race their cars.

We can't wait to see what the children want to learn about next week...

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure

Sycamore & Maple

This week in year 1 we have been using the 'part, part, whole model' and number lines to take away and add up to 20. In English we have been planning and writing up the next part of the Hermelin detective mouse story focusing on noun phrases, and, -ed and -ing. We have enjoyed seeing how much pink highlighter is in our writing! In History we have continued learning about how childhood differs in the past and now - with most of us preferring to be a child now rather than in the past. This week in science we have looked at all our senses in action and how we use them in everyday life. I wonder if your child can point out the senses they use on the journey to and from school?

Mrs Edgington, Mrs Wakefield & Miss Miners

Lime & Hazel

We had the pleasure of having a real-life author come online and talk to us about writing stories. Nicola Davies talked about her passions and even showed us where she writes her stories!! It was a wonderful experience.

In writing we have started planning our story. Next week we are starting to write our environmental narratives. We are becoming authors for the first time. In maths we have been learning about grouping and sharing and learning how to show this pictorially! In music we have been learning about pitch and writing musical notation. In PE we have been learning to dance and have even made up our own dances and performed them! A polite reminder that Wednesday 11th February at 2.15pm is our parent celebration! Come with your creative ideas linked to badgers!!!

Miss Samuel and Miss Dewsbury

Elm & Ash

This week, the children have produced some fantastic Big Writes, creating vivid setting narratives inspired by an illustration stimulus. In Art, they created some of the most impressive cave paintings we have seen, and we are very much looking forward to showcasing these during Class Celebration Week. In Maths, the children have been measuring length using millimetres, centimetres and metres, developing both accuracy and confidence. In PSHE, we explored personal boundaries and the importance of respecting the boundaries of others. To top it all off, the children also enjoyed showing off their tennis skills in PE this week — a brilliant all-round effort.

Mr Dookheran & Mrs Bryan

Beech & Pine

In Year 4 will be building to the climax of our writing outcome. We are creating an information text on how to defeat a monstrous creature from Norse mythology. When completed, you'll be able to have all the necessary guidance and weapons to defeat this terrible beast. In PE and Gym, we are practicing different types of rolls, to then combine into a performance and similarly in Music, we are composing a Samba performance with percussion instruments.

Handball has been our focus in outdoor PE, using dynamics to create and make space to pass the ball accurately and in different ways to challenge the opposition.

We are looking forward to the Class Celebrations next week, where we can celebrate the skills and knowledge we have learnt over the course of this half term.

Mrs Howick, Mrs Featherstone and Mr Osmond

Aspen, Hawthorn & Juniper

Year 5 (and some year 6 pupils) have had a great week in school whilst the majority of Year 6 were away on their residential. In Maths, we have looked at a mix of multiplication, division, fractions and BODMAS all week to practice skills already learnt. In English, we had a go at writing a formal letter of complaint about an imaginary restaurant that we had visited. The children created some excellent pieces of writing, talking about the cleanliness, the service, and the quality of the food. We learnt about and applied the subjunctive form in our letter, which ensured it was in a formal tone. In the afternoons, we have done a mix of PE, PSHE and Art, where we played bench ball, learnt about 'showing racism the red card', and created our own Banksy artwork.

Mr Childs, Mr Hambidge and Mrs McNee



Hot Choc Friday!

Here are the delightful children from hot chocolate time on Monday and Friday...



Attendance

Our current whole school attendance this year so far stands at **95.4%** 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.

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Children's Mental Health Week



Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
9-15 FEB 2026

Proud to support
Place2Be's
#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek
to create inclusive and nurturing environments, where children and young people feel they belong and can say "This is My Place".

childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. The children will be taking part in a daily activity to raise awareness and embrace this year's theme 'This is My Place'.

To end the week we will be holding a **non-school uniform day with a difference**. We would like to invite children to come into school dressed however they wish! This may be for some children that they associate school with wearing a uniform and so they chose to do this. It could be a pin badge representing a cause that is important to them, a hobby/interest that they wish to wear their kit for, clothes that represent their style, heritage, identity or likes.

This will take place on **Friday 13th February**.

SEN survey

Shared on behalf of Paul Richardson, Chair of Hampshire Parent Carer Network

If you have a child with SEND, please could you help us by completing this year's co-produced SEND Survey, created in partnership with the Hampshire Parent Carer Network.

The feedback collected helps inform the Local Area Partnership Board's analysis and contributes directly to the combined SEND Self-Evaluation Framework.

The survey includes tailored question paths for:

- Professionals across the sector
- Professionals responding on behalf of a young person
- Young people
- Parents and carers

To encourage participation, there is a prize draw funded by the Parent Carer Forum with prizes of £150, £100 and £50.



SEND SURVEY 2026

HAMPSHIRE PARENT CARER NETWORK
enabling voices to be heard

PLEASE SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH US & ENTER OUR PRIZE DRAW

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPCN2026>

1st Prize: £150
2nd Prize: £100
3rd Prize: £50

WE NEED YOUR VOICE! HPCN'S ANNUAL SEND SURVEY IS HERE, AND YOUR FEEDBACK IS CRUCIAL TO SHAPING BETTER SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND YOUNG PEOPLE. PLUS, BY FILLING IT OUT, YOU'RE ENTERED INTO OUR PRIZE DRAW!

IF YOU'RE A PROFESSIONAL PLEASE DO FILL IT OUT ON BEHALF OF A YOUNG PERSON, OR PROFESSIONALLY.

Surveylink: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPCN2026>

FOPS Update



We're looking forward to an action-packed term ahead!

Year 6 Hoodies

The FOPS Team managed to get the hoodies ready for the Year 6's to take on residential this week, we're looking forward to hearing how they got on!

The hoodies look awesome, our apologies if you have to wrestle them off the kids to be washed!



If you have any ideas or feedback to share with the FOPS team, please email us at friendspilgrimscross@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

Key dates

- 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*
- Wednesday 18th March – Year 1 Trip to Marwell
- Friday 19th June 2026- INSET day 5
- Friday 26th June 2026 – Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral
- Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Graduation at the Lights Andover

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>



Simon Says

Child Bereavement Support

Certificate

of Appreciation to:

**Pilgrams Cross CE
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thank you
so much

**For raising:
£259.55**



**Thank you for supporting children to
grow around their grief with hope**