



Dear Parents & Carers,

Getting transition right is really important so, below, I have outlined our series of transition sessions which will, I hope familiarise the children- and you- with arrangements for your children's next class.

Firstly, staffing for next year. Here are the teachers for next academic year:

- EYFS: Willow: **Mr. Edgington**, Oak: **Mrs. Cleary-King/Mrs. Treasure**
- Year 1: Sycamore: **Mrs Bryan**, Maple: **Miss Miners**
- Year 2: Hazel: **Miss Dewsbury**, Lime: **Miss Samuel**
- Year 3: Elm: **Mrs James/Miss Markham**, Ash: **Mr Dookheran**
- Year 4: Beech: **TBC**, Pine: **Mrs Wakefield/Miss Howick**
- Year 5/6: Hawthorn: **Mr Childs**, Aspen: **Mrs McNee**, Juniper: **Mr Hambidge**

Following the exciting news that Mr Osmond has secured a new Deputy Headship job for September, I am working hard to get the best possible class teacher for Beech Class next year. I will let you know as soon as somebody is appointed and will ensure that they are able to join us for the two "moving up" days, so that the children in next year's Beech class can meet their new teacher.

We have 4, half-hour transition sessions planned, over the next few weeks, which are intended to familiarise your children slowly with the upcoming changes.

Monday 8th June- children go in their existing classes and visit the next year's classrooms

Monday 15th June- children find out their new classes and go in their new groups for a "getting to know you" activity in their new classroom with their existing teacher/the other teacher in their current year group

Friday 26th June- children go in their new classes to their new classroom for a story with their new teacher (or a familiar adult, if their class teacher is not present)

Friday 3rd July- children go in their new classes to their new classroom for a discussion about "life in my new class" with new teacher (or a familiar adult, if their class teacher is not present)

1st & 2nd June- teachers have meetings together, to pass over transition information to the new class teachers.

7th & 13th July- "moving up days", where children will spend a large proportion of the day in their new classes with their new teachers.

Monday 13th July- "Meet the teacher", after school, where parents/carers will be able to pop into their child's new classroom and say 'hello' to their new class teacher.

We hope that this programme of transition sessions will alleviate as much anxiety as possible (for parents & carers, as well as children) and allow lots of time for getting used to arrangements for next academic year. Bringing forward the "meet the teacher" to the end of this academic year, rather than in September, will- I hope- give you a chance to ask lots of questions in advance of the start of the 2026-2027 academic year.

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	Ellie B		
Willow		Edith D	
Sycamore			Franklin K
Maple			Kyro B-J
Hazel	Poppy H		
Lime		Frankie - Jay H	
Elm	Oliver C		
Ash	Finley E		
Beech			Alayah H
Pine	Blake S		
Hawthorn			Elliot C
Aspen			Dottie D
Juniper	Oliver P		

What we have been learning this week...

Willow & Oak

The children have LOVED being out in the rain this week. They have been looking at what minibeasts do to brave the rainy weather too which has been very exciting! We started a new book this week called *The Storm Whale*. This is a really sweet little story, and the children have really loved then going into provision and drawing fish or whales, so we will enhance this next week within provision. In Maths we have been sharing between people so that it is equal and fair, the children are very good at telling us when it is not fair. Outside we have also been working on our gross motor skills by throwing bean bags and in the home corner we have loved styling our hair, especially after the rain when we could make our hair stand up or slick back. We cannot wait to see where the learning takes us next week!

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure

Sycamore & Maple

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the half term break. In English the children have written a diary entry, taking on the role of Tim and retelling his day searching for a yeti. It was interesting to explore writing in the first person and in the past tense. In Maths the children have begun working up to 100. They have been looking at the place value of each digit and have been identifying the tens and ones in each number e.g. 97 has 9 tens and 7 ones. This focus will continue into next week. Why not try counting up to and back from 100 at home?

In Geography the children have learnt what physical and human features are and have identified them within Picket Twenty. When you are walking to school, try spotting physical and human features on the way. In Science the children carried out an investigation as to whether the height of a tree impacts the width of the trunk. Ask your children what they discovered! Enjoy your weekend!

Miss Miners, Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Edgington

Lime & Hazel

This week we have started our new 4 reads text on Queen Elizabeth the First and we have been learning some very interesting facts about the past including what a 'gong' farmer is! We have also started our next English text on the *King who Banned the Dark*. We have learnt a lot of new vocabulary and written sentences using this new vocabulary. We have continued practising using adjective, adjective noun, commas in a list and all the punctuation we have learnt so far. We have predicted what happens in the story and discussed all the reasons for and against why we should or should not ban the dark. Thank you so much for all the recycling - the children have had a wonderful afternoon of making their own sea creatures. We have had some wonderful creations! We have also started learning about statistics and can create and analyse tally charts and we've even started to create our own pictograms. **Just a polite reminder that our trip is coming up soon and to make sure you have confirmed their attendance on the Arbor app or returned the slip if you are hoping for a school packed lunch that day.**

Miss Samuel and Miss Dewsbury

Elm & Ash

It has been wonderful welcoming the children back for the final half term in Year 3. We have begun learning about the Ancient Egyptians and the topic has completely taken over Year 3! The children have enjoyed treasure hunts, creating research posters and gathering fantastic vocabulary ready for our writing next week. In Maths, we have been consolidating our multiplication and division skills. The children have been using concrete resources to explore equal groups and develop a deeper understanding of multiplication and division concepts. In PSHE, we discussed our responsibility to uphold people's rights and how this links to our responsibility to care for the world around us. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how their actions can have a positive impact on others and the environment. Our History learning has linked closely with our English topic on the Ancient Egyptians. We have explored how historians use artefacts to learn more about this fascinating ancient civilisation and have begun investigating what these artefacts can tell us about life in Ancient Egypt.

Mrs Bryan and Mr Dookheran

Beech & Pine

We have enjoyed our first week back. The children have displayed wonderful learning behaviours and have enjoyed and embraced the challenges of our Multiplication Tables Check. The children were well prepared and gave their best, which is all we can ask of them- well done, everyone!

In English, we have begun our learning journey to write a transformation story involving a young girl who sees the potential for brightening up and enlivening a disused airport car park. She plants flowers, clears areas for seating and embraces the urban environment she lives in. The children are really enjoying finding out about the main character, Funni, and are looking forward to planning their own version of the story next week, which they will share with Mr Cascarini when completed and published.

In French we have been learning French words for instruments and in History this week we began learning about the Mayan civilization and how they adapted to living in rainforest conditions and its landscape.

We are very much looking forward to further learning next week, after a restful weekend.

Miss Howick, Miss Markham and Mr Osmond

Aspen, Hawthorn & Juniper

It's been an art-filled first week back in 5/6. We have created our own postcards with motivational quotes which have been hung around the classroom. The children used brilliantly vibrant colours and written lovely, inclusive messages on each one. We have also looked at Paddington Bear and the theme of bears around the ideas of comfort, safety, and love. The children completed some great sketches in their art books depicting the different types of bears. These included everything from polar bears to teddy bears – whatever the children felt would be best represented. In maths, we have done well in our angle work; measuring angles around a point and getting protractors out. The children can identify angles in a right angle, straight line and full turn and use this to help them estimate and measure angles easily. In English, we have discussed the features of a persuasive letter, thinking about what persuasive language is and how we can write it for our purpose – to entertain. Finally, we have enjoyed some competitive but fun games of rounders on the field with the children working well in their teams to play with sportsmanship and belief. Well done to all the children for a productive and art-filled first week back!

Mr Childs, Mr Hambidge and Mrs McNee

Hot Choc Friday!

Here are the delightful children who had 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' today...



Author visits!

We have not one but two authors visiting Pilgrims' Cross Primary this summer term! How about purchasing some reading matter for the summer holidays?

We are pleased to announce that Cathy Faulkner will be visiting Pilgrims' Cross to talk to our Year 5/6 pupils on **Tuesday 21st July**. She will also be signing books. Please check out the link below to pre-order copies.



Author visit

Tuesday 21st July

Cathy Faulkner will be visiting our school to talk about being a writer and her historical novels in verse.



Signed copies can be pre-ordered from www.cathyfaulkner.co.uk/category/all-products and will be available on the day.
Digging for Victory £7.99; *The Treasure Seekers* £8.99
Both books £15.00

Also visiting will be the author VS Nelson, who writes science fiction books. He will be leading a science and writing-based workshop for our Year 5/6 pupils on **Friday 10th July**. His book, *The Girl Who Sold Time*, is now available on Arbor to pre-purchase (for Year 5 and 6 only) you will find this under the School Shop section. Also included is a free book (a different one) with every sale. He will be signing books too!

THE GIRL WHO SOLD TIME
V S NELSON

A unique sci-fi adventure about a young girl and her robotic best friend as they battle to save the remnants of humanity.

Filled with time's trickery, vicious thieves and an elevator to space, *The Girl Who Sold Time* is perfect for readers of all ages who love feisty girls, sardonic robots and inventive science.

The Girl Who Sold Time is probably one of the most imaginative books I've ever read. I liked how the future world was scary but also full of interesting technology.
Lucas (10)

This book was exciting right from the beginning and never got boring. There were thieves, dangerous mutations, giant robots and even an elevator to space! My favourite character was Jackdaw because he says funny sarcastic things and acts like he doesn't care when he actually does.
Sophie (12)

I thought this book was AMAZING because it had robots, mystery and time stopping marbles all in one story.
Oliver (10)



The ending was really exciting and surprising too. I would give it 10/10 and I hope there's a sequel.
Theo (9)

The story was exciting and I kept saying "just one more chapter" before bed. I think kids who like sci-fi and adventure will really enjoy this book.
Amelia (11)

£7.99

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Safeguarding- water safety

Please look over the guidance below and discuss with your children...

WATER SAFETY

Stay safe. Have fun. Enjoy the water. ♥

DROWNING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN IN THE UK.
MOST INCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE.

As the weather warms up, children and young people spend more time around water – at home, on days out or on holiday. Let's keep them safe.

Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher – especially when 25°C or above.

THE HSCP WATER SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS & CARERS INCLUDES:

- EVERYDAY RISKS AT HOME**
Including bath time safety and garden hazards.
- STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS**
Such as the beach, around rivers and in open water.
- PRACTICAL SAFETY ADVICE**
Including the Water Safety Code and how to "Float to Live".
- AGE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE**
For babies, young children, older children and teenagers.
- WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY**
Including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.

Small actions, big difference ♥

- ✓ Keep children within arm's reach of water.
- ✓ Choose safe places to swim.
- ✓ Talk to your children about water safety.

Together, we can help prevent tragedies and keep our children safe this summer.

For practical advice and resources, download the Water Safety Toolkit:
www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/

Enjoy the water
Stay safe
Look out for each other

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Attendance

Our attendance was only 94% this week, due to many families taking unauthorised holiday. Good attendance is strongly linked to educational outcomes, including GCSE grades at secondary. The more children are in school, the better they do. **Please support us by avoiding term time for holidays.**

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@pilgrimsross.co.uk

Music of the week

The children have been enjoying the soulful voice of Stevie Wonder this week in collective worship. Fancy listening at home? The children listened to the album *Innervisions*- track 2 (*Visions*) and 7 (*All in Love is Fair*).



Relationships & Sex Education consultation

New Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) comes into effect from September. As part of the DfE legislation, there is a requirement to consult with parents.

Thank you to the parents/carers who came to the consultation meeting today to hear the presentation of our draft RSE Policy, statutory RSE curriculum and non-statutory sex & relationships education.

The link to the statutory DfE guidance is here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6970e7e67e827090d02d42e0/Relationships_education_relationships_and_sex_education_RSE_and_health_education_for_intro_1_September_2026_.pdf

Useful parent links

- Free CAMHS events for parent and carers. Full details and booking links are available on the CAMHS events page:
<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>
- The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has published a guide to help parents and carers navigate the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits. This is a practical resource to share with parents and carers, particularly at transition points or where online harms are presenting in school.

The downloads can be found [here](#): 'What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England

FOPS Update



Summer Fete

We are still accepting donations for the Summer Fete, please feel free to drop anything into School Reception or contact one of the FOPS team to arrange for collection;

- Tombola / raffle prizes
- Cuddly toys
- Pre-loved books & toys
- Pre-loved uniform



Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 8th June at both drop-off and pick-up on the School playground at £1 per ticket. We have so many amazing prizes to be won!! Tickets will also be available on the day.



We're still looking for a few volunteers to help out on the day so if anyone can spare an hour on the day, we would be very grateful!

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

Thank you for your support!

£1 P/P ENTRY
cash preferable

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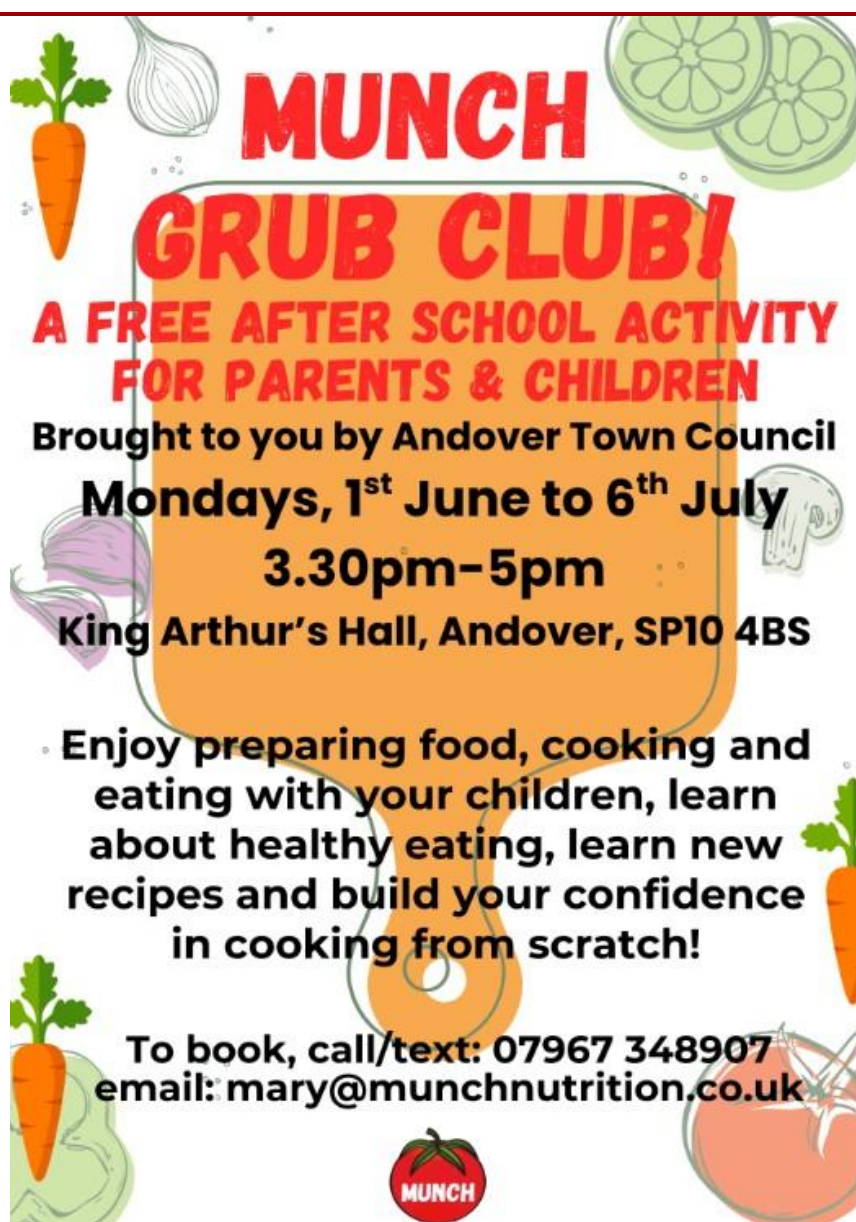
Key dates

- Friday 12th June – Year R Trip to Hillier Gardens
- Saturday 13th June – Summer Fete
- Friday 19th June 2026- INSET day 5
- Monday 22nd June – Sports Day!

- Wednesday 24th June – Year 2 Trip to Southsea Beach and Castle
- Friday 26th June 2026 – Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral
- Tuesday 7th July – School transition: Moving up day 1
- Monday 13th July – School transition: Moving Up day 2
- Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Graduation at the Lights Andover
- Wednesday 15th July – School Summer Disco (Year R-5)
- Friday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers Disco
- Wednesday 22nd July – Non School Uniform Day – *What I want to be when I grow up!*
- Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Inset Day 1
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - Inset Day 2
- Friday 23rd October 2026 - Inset Day 3

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>



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VENUE	SUMMER 2026	
BERKSHIRE	Birch Hill Primary School, Bracknell	23rd July to 26th August
	The Heights Primary School, Caversham	23rd July to 26th August
	Castle Hill Primary School, Chessington	22nd July to 26th August
GREATER LONDON	Lovelace Primary School, Chessington	20th July to 29th August
	St. Mary's Hampton Primary School, Hampton	20th July to 21st August
	The Blue School, Isleworth	20th July to 26th August
	King Athelstan Primary School, Kingston	20th July to 26th August
	Whitton Sports Centre, Whitton	20th July to 29th August
HAMPSHIRE	Alderwood Infant School, Aldershot	20th July to 26th August
	Portway Infant School, Andover	23rd July to 26th August
	Court Moor School, Fleet	23rd July to 28th August
	Hook Infant School, Hook	23rd July to 21st August
	Liphook Junior School, Liphook	23rd July to 26th August
SURREY	Ashford Park Primary School, Ashford	23rd July to 26th August
	Wallace Fields Infant School, Epsom	**CLOSED
	Busbridge Junior School, Godalming	23rd July to 28th August
	Godalming Junior School, Godalming	23rd July to 26th August
	Northmead Junior School, Guildford	22nd July to 21st August
	Onslow Infant School, Guildford	27th July to 28th August
	Shottermill Junior School, Haslemere	23rd July to 26th August
	Holmesdale Community Infant School, Reigate	23rd July to 26th August
	Danetree Primary School, West Ewell	22nd July to 26th August
	Manby Lodge Infant School, Weybridge	23rd July to 26th August
Knaphill Lower School, Woking	23rd July to 26th August	

*Wallace Fields holiday club will be closed for Summer due to building work at the school. Please use the venue finder on our website for an alternative location. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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