



Dear Parents & Carers,

It's going to be lovely to all come together as a community tomorrow for our Summer Fete! The Friends Of Pilgrims' School (FOPS)- AKA our PTA- have put an incredible amount of work into it. There will be plenty for everyone to do- and I think the weather may just be turning just in time!

Please do come and support- even for an hour or so. Events like this are a great way to get to know other families that you may just see at school drop-off and pick-up, so do linger and make new friends. Do come and say hello to me too- I'd love to know some of you better.

Can I take the opportunity to remind you that it is a school event, so please do remind your children about behaviour and being good role-model- even on Saturdays!

If you have a bit of time towards 4pm, if you could ask if you could assist with the pack-down, that would be much appreciated. I'm sure a tired FOPS team could do with some help by then!

In other news, I would like to let you know I have made a change to the 2 INSET dates for 2026/27, which I announced a couple of weeks ago. Governors have approved a change to the initially-proposed dates in January 2027 and June 2027 to be moved to **Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st July 2027**- not only the last two days of term, but linking with some of our local secondary schools' dates.

See you at the Fete!

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			
Willow			
Sycamore	Elodie S		
Maple	Jayne W		
Hazel			Mia P
Lime		Addison R	
Elm			Jether D
Ash	Riley M		
Beech		Leo S	
Pine	Amela D-M		
Hawthorn			Freya-Rose J
Aspen	Bryan Z		
Juniper		Scarlet-Hope B	

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

### Willow & Oak

It has been a lovely week learning about World Ocean Day. We learnt the names of the Oceans and how we can be responsible citizens and clean up the oceans. We also started to learn about some of the different animals that live within the Oceans. We have carried on our story "The Storm Whale" and we are hoping to perform a poem at the end of this story. In Maths we have been doubling and relating this to word problems: *There are 5 giraffes in Oak Class but Willow Class has double. How many giraffes are in Willow Class?*

For Welly Wednesday we went out and weeded the garden as well as planting tomato plants. It was really good fun getting the amphitheatre looking lovely again.

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure

### Sycamore & Maple

This week the children have completed their Phonics Screening Checks. They have shown incredible courage and resilience this week and we are very proud of them all. Well done Year One! In English this week the children have begun exploring a next text - *The Last Tree in the City*. They have explored the new vocabulary in the story and have applied it within a setting description. In Maths the children have finished their work with place value up to 100. This has been a challenging unit of work for the children and is something that everyone could benefit from continuing to practice at home ahead of Year Two.

In Geography the children have drawn maps of Picket Twenty, using symbols for key locations on the map. Whilst in Computing the children explored Beebots for the first time and learnt how program them to move to a different target.

Miss Miners, Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Edgington

### Lime & Hazel

This week in English we have written our own instructions on how to keep safe at the beach. We looked at the suffixes -ness and -ful. In maths we have been looking at statistics and drawing pictograms, using different values for how much symbols on the key are worth. In History we have been learning about castles throughout time from the motte and bailey castle to the more recent stone castles. We have begun labelling their parts- which will help us when we visit Southsea Castle later this month.

Miss Samuel and Miss Dewsbury

### Elm & Ash

Year 3 have had another hardworking week. In English, we have been developing our writing skills by learning how to use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions. The children have enjoyed creating more detailed and interesting sentences by joining ideas together with conjunctions, describing actions with adverbs, and using prepositions to show where and when things happen. In History, we have been learning about Ancient Egypt and discovering why the River Nile was so important. We found out that the Nile provided water for drinking, farming and transport, helping Ancient Egyptian civilisation to thrive. The children enjoyed exploring how people depended on the river in their daily lives. In Art, we have been studying Egyptian art. We have looked at the distinctive styles, colours and symbols used by the Ancient Egyptians and created our own artwork inspired by their famous wall paintings and hieroglyphics. Finally, in maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions and calculating fractions of an amount. Well done to all involved.

Mrs Bryan and Mr Dookheran

## Beech & Pine

Another fantastic week in Year 4. The children started the week by going to see the year 5/6 classes that they could be in next year, which was very exciting.

In our learning, we have been continuing with our transformation story in English and have begun the initial planning stages ready for writing next week. In maths, we have introduced the bus stop method in short division which has proved to be quite challenging once we have introduced remainders to the children.

Within history, we have continued our journey into finding out about the Ancient Maya Civilisation where we have looked at some images of significant locations and understood their purpose and importance to the Maya people. When the weather has allowed, we have been able to get outside for PE to play rugby and also been practicing our skills in athletics ready for Sports Day.

Enjoy the weekend and the sunshine! See you next week.

Miss Howick, Miss Markham and Mr Osmond

## Aspen, Hawthorn & Juniper

In Year 5/6 this week, we have thoroughly investigated angles in different shapes. We have classified, measured, and estimated angles in quadrilaterals, triangles and parallelograms. We finished with finding the difference between the radius, circumference, and diameter of circles. The children have been very successful with their Maths learning this week; frequently filling the 'thumbs up' pile at the end of the lesson. We have written the 1<sup>st</sup> half of our persuasive letters in English. The children have identified and used plenty of persuasive language features in order to convince the town mayor to tear down the strange water tower on the edge of town. Finally, the Year 6's have begun their production auditions and have completed a read through of the entire script. It has been great to see the children already busy learning their lines at home. We encourage this as much as possible. The Year 5's have been introduced to two future trips in the coming weeks. These should be exciting and fulfilling and a great way to end a busy school year. Well done to all the children again for their hard work this week. Mr Childs, Mr Hambidge and Mrs McNee

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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**  
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**A unique sci-fi adventure about a young girl and her robotic best friend as they battle to save the remnants of humanity.**

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*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**

**SECRETS OF THE SIBYL**

Every purchase through a school visit comes with a free bonus book



### *Transition update & staffing news*

On Monday, the children went to look at the classrooms that they might be in next year. Year 2 have the biggest change- going all the way around the building to the *other* corridor! Next week, on Monday, your children will be finding out their new classes.

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Miss Louise Wood, who will be Beech Class teacher next year. We look forward to welcoming her to Pilgrims' Cross!

### *On your bike!*

Want to get your child cycling? Helpful information below...

- Get your bike checked and learn basic maintenance skills at a community event: <https://www.cyclinguk.org/bigbikerevival/take-part>
- Did you know many Repair Cafés offer bike repair? And they can also signpost you to other local repair services! Find your local Repair Café here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/loveyourfurniture#repair>
- My Journey Hampshire also have some great tips on looking after your bike or picking up a second hand bargain: <https://myjourneyhampshire.com/cycle/looking-after-your-bike/>
- Take a look at subscription services such as [Bike Club](#) to hire the perfect size bike for your child, and swap to a larger size when they're ready! Money Saving Expert have also shared [this helpful article](#) on long term bike hire.

## SEND information for parents/carers

Are you thinking a lot about your child and the provision that is best for them? Do you have questions about SEND, what an EHCP is and whether you think your child needs one? Do you know what Ordinarily Available Provision is and how schools are required to have provision which benefits all pupils- as well as targeted provision for pupils with identified SEND?

Why now book yourself onto these really useful, free workshops for parents & carers?

Please signpost friends to these, if they don't know about them...



# Online Workshops

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

**2  
JUNE  
12:00**

**Alternative Provision**  
What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act

**8  
JUNE  
12:00**

**Appeals to SEND Tribunal**  
A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

**9  
JUNE  
12:00**

**Responding to a draft EHCP**  
If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

**11  
JUNE  
13:30**

**Considering an EHC Plan?**  
Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process

**17  
JUNE  
12:00**  

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**27  
JUNE  
13:00**

**Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support**  
Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP

**24  
JUNE  
13:00**

**Responding to a draft EHCP**  
If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

[www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops](http://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops)

## Safeguarding- Domestic Abuse

Do you or someone you know suffer from domestic abuse? You have the right to feel safe. Contact Hampshire's support line for help or advice.

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ANYONE**



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## Attendance

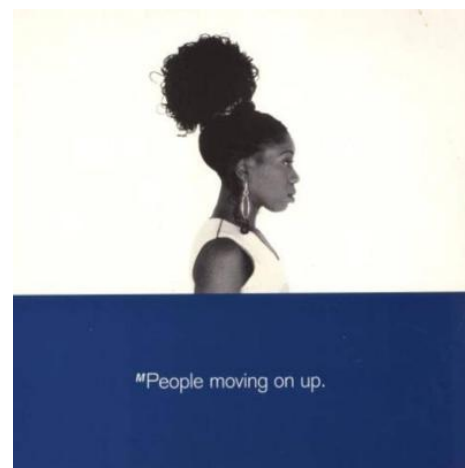
Our attendance was only 94% this week, due to many families taking unauthorised holiday. Good attendance is strongly linked to educational outcomes, including GCSE grades at secondary. The more children are in school, the better they do. **Please support us by avoiding term time for holidays.**

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](mailto:Familysupport@pilgrimsross.co.uk)

## Music of the week

The children have been enjoying the amazing M People and their track *Moving on Up*, to link with our theme of transition in collective worship. Why not search up this track at home for some uplifting 90s vibes!



## 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

Its tomorrow!  
We hope to see as many families as possible there!

It promises to be a fantastic day filled with fun activities, games, stalls, refreshments, and entertainment for all ages. Please come along to support our school community and enjoy a great day with friends and family.

Don't forget to bring some cash for the various stalls and activities. We look forward to seeing you there!



If you have any ideas or feedback to share with the FOPS team, please email us at [friendspilgrimscross@gmail.com](mailto:friendspilgrimscross@gmail.com)

**Thank you for your support!**

## Key dates

- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fete
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026- INSET day
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Sports Day!
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 Trip to Southsea Beach and Castle
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – School transition: Moving up day 1**
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – School transition: Moving Up day 2**
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Graduation at the Lights Andover
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – School Summer Disco (Year R-5)
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Disco
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Non School Uniform Day – ***What I want to be when I grow up!***
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 - Inset Day 1
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 - Inset Day 2
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 - Inset Day 3
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027 – Inset Day 4
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027 – Inset Day 5

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>



## CHILD HEALTH CLINICS\*

The Community Public Health Advisors from the Andover & Winchester Public Health Nursing Team(5-19y) are offering support with your primary aged child's health

Scan the QR code  
to book a 30-minute slot at  
Cromwell House,  
Winchester



How do I manage  
challenging behaviour?

Why does my child wet the bed?

Where can I access support  
for my child's anxiety?

How do I encourage  
healthy eating?

\* These slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions

## Flu Vaccine

The NHS School Age Immunisation Service are planning the roll out of the 2026 winter flu vaccination programme to all year groups. The service offers the flu vaccine between September and December. You will receive an email, with details on how to complete the online form, for your child to receive the vaccine in school.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and young people. High vaccine uptake reduces the risk of flu spreading rapidly in school settings. This helps ensure they remain well, do not miss school days and continue to learn. Vaccinating children also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies, anyone who's pregnant and older people.

**The vaccine is given as a painless nasal spray. An alternative porcine free injection is offered to those who cannot have the nasal spray.**



**Vaccines offered to secondary age students during the spring and summer term include:**

### **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**

HPV vaccine is offered to boys and girls in year 8. This vaccine protects against different types of cancers in the future.

### **Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY)**

Meningitis vaccine is offered in year 9. This vaccine protects against four different strains of bacteria (groups A, C, W, Y) and protects against Meningitis and Sepsis (blood poisoning).

### **Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (3-in-1) booster vaccine**

The 3-in-1 booster vaccine is offered in year 9. This vaccine protects against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases and provides long lasting immunity against these specific conditions.

Community clinics are available during the school holidays for missed vaccinations.

Find out more about the vaccine programmes and our contact details here: [School Age Immunisation Service - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)

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VENUE	SUMMER 2026
<b>BERKSHIRE</b>	
Birch Hill Primary School, Bracknell	23rd July to 26th August
The Heights Primary School, Caversham	23rd July to 26th August
<b>GREATER LONDON</b>	
Castle Hill Primary School, Chessington	22nd July to 26th August
Lovelace Primary School, Chessington	20th July to 29th August
St. Mary's Hampton Primary School, Hampton	20th July to 21st August
<b>HAMPSHIRE</b>	
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
<b>SURREY</b>	
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
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.

**WET 'N' WILD!**



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