



Dear Parents & Carers,

Is it coming home? I'm not sure... but the children are really enjoying the World Cup. Global sporting events, like this and the Olympics, provide opportunities for children to learn about different countries, experiences and cultures. We firmly believe that this is as much a part of children's education as their daily maths and English.

In the spirit of the above, please *do not* listen to Thomas Tuchel- he is not responsible for education and attendance- but you can send your child in at **7.30am on Monday morning** to watch the game 'live' (a few hours later!) on our big screen. Please ask your child **not to tell anyone the final score**, if they know this when they come in on Monday. England kits (or colours- red/white/blue) can be worn!

As we hit the last few weeks of term, there are many changes to pupils' normal timetables. Transition dates (like our two upcoming moving-up days), end of term plays and celebrations, etc. all can be "whoops" moments, causing children a few wobbles. Please help us by talking your child through their days, reflecting on any



the Bishop of Basingstoke, who joined in with our Collective Worship, toured the school and met our wonderful Spiritual Ambassadors!

Enjoy your weekend,

Jim Cascarini – Headteacher

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unexpected changes and encouraging them to use these as learning opportunities too- not every day in life can be predictable. Unexpected moments crop up and unplanned events appear but with consistent, supportive adults at home and school, we can shepherd our children through these and help them build resilience from these learning opportunities too.

In other news, we had the joy of being visited by

What we have been learning this week...

Willow & Oak

We've had a wonderful week with the children. They have continued their journey learning about Floyd in *Stuck* when they had the opportunity to ask his questions including "why did you throw the ladder in the trees rather than climb it?" We all wondered the same to be honest so we're glad the question was asked.

In maths we have been learning about repeated patterns. We learnt that you don't just need to use shape or colours, you could also use children, stones, feathers, anything really.

Within the provision, the children have loved making dens to keep us cool in the shade, rocking and rolling in the half blue tubs and creating our own self-portraits.

We are so close to the end of Year R now and we understand the weather is still toasty warm, but the children are continuing to persevere and learn- so well done, Year R!

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure

Sycamore & Maple

This week the children have finished their final retelling of 'The Last Tree in the City', completed an independent written description of the Gruffalo character and have begun to explore our new text 'Splash'. The children have worked incredibly hard and we have thoroughly enjoyed reading the Gruffalo descriptions, which were FANTASTIC!

In Maths the children have finished their work on both time and money. We will be moving on to 'Position and Direction' next week, which links well with our work on Beebots this term.

In Geography the children have learnt to locate China on world map and are learning to name the seven continents. They have delved deeper into the geography of China and have identified human and physical features using photographs. Next week they will be exploring Shanghai and beginning to compare this with Picket Twenty.

We are beginning to collect library books back in now, so please do have a look at home for any library books you may have. Each class has an updated list of overdue books so do come and ask us if you can't remember if you have a book at home and which it is.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing some of you at 7.30 on Monday to watch the England match at school!

Miss Miners, Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Edgington

Lime & Hazel

This week we have continued writing persuasive sentences based on the story "The king who banned the dark!" We have been using commas in a list, adverbs and expanded noun phrases. In Maths we have now finished our Year 2 units and will be using the remainder of the year to consolidate gaps and misconceptions from all areas of the KS1 curriculum. We will be going back to place value to ensure all the children are secure on their knowledge ready for starting KS2. We learnt all about the king and what jobs a king does - we learnt some very interesting facts! They even learnt about the coronation.

Most importantly this week was our BEACH DAY (see the amazing photos below)! A huge thank you for the donated ice lollies and cupcakes!

The children had a great time in paddling pools, smashing ice to save the animals stuck inside, sand play, water play, bowling and lots more. We got the party started with some karaoke as well. Miss Dewsbury got buried in the sand pit and Miss Samuel arranged a volleyball match! Everyone had so much fun and we hope it went some way towards the children experiencing a beach day!

Miss Samuel and Miss Dewsbury



Elm & Ash

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 3! We have finished our unit on money in Maths, where the children have been practising real-life skills by pretending to make transactions and working out how much change they would receive. If you are out shopping over the summer, encouraging your child to calculate totals and change will really help to reinforce these important skills.

In English, we have continued writing our diary entries as Egyptologists discovering ancient Egyptian artefacts. The children have loved bringing their historical knowledge into their writing and have produced some fantastic descriptive work.

In RE, we explored how fire is represented within the Hindu religion and learnt about the importance of festivals. In PSHE, we looked at the different people who help our communities and the important places that support the people who live there.

Friday has certainly been the highlight of our week with **Portals to the Past!** The children's Egyptian costumes were absolutely incredible, and they fully embraced the experience. Throughout the day, they examined genuine ancient Egyptian artefacts, tested their knowledge with Egyptian quizzes, played the traditional game *Hounds and Jackals*, discovered how the Egyptians measured using cubits and even took part in a mummification ceremony in front of our Egyptian Queen! It was a memorable day filled with hands-on learning, curiosity and plenty of excitement.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Bryan and Mr Dookheran

Beech & Pine

This week has been another lovely week in Year 4.

The children have been continuing with 'The Journey' in English and have spent time putting themselves in the mind of the main character, using their inference skills to consider their thoughts and feelings in context. Our journey back in time to the Ancient Maya has led us to creating some fantastic inventions that could have supported the Maya in their everyday lives... things such as different types of sprinklers, water collectors and clocks were all made with their own twist. Within maths, our focus has been on tenths and how we can represent this as fractions and decimals.

Our transition for Year 5 has also continued and the children have had another afternoon with their new teacher and new classes. Lots of smiles and positivity have come back to greet us which has been lovely to see.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the weather!

See you next week.

Miss Howick, Miss Markham and Mr Osmond

Aspen, Hawthorn & Juniper

It's been another busy week in Year 5/6. We have played many a game of rounders, continued rehearsing our play and completing a cracking trio to the hawk conservancy. The Hawk Conservancy was amazing. The flight shows were a different level of entertaining. The birds flew so close to our heads, nearly taking out both Mr Childs and Mr Hambidge on two separate occasions. The staff there were full of facts and knowledge about the birds they looked after. We also had the opportunity to talk to a keeper about the baby owl he was in an enclosure with. The children asked sensible, interesting questions and got detailed answers in return. The Year 6s have been continuing with their rehearsals in the hall. It is coming together nicely, and the children are making a real effort to learn their lines. The dance routines and timings are the priority right now and the children are putting in good effort in the warm temperatures. Finally, the Year 5s have continued working through the rest of their curriculum. We have looked at converting units in maths, identifying that there are 1000g in 1kg and 1000m in 1km. the children were then able to use these facts to figure out distances and different weights of objects through reasoning and problem-solving questions. Well done to all the children for their hard work this week.

Hot Choc Friday!

Children had their 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' on Monday...and on Friday!





Author visit next Friday!

The author VS Nelson, who writes science fiction books, is visiting school to lead a science and writing-based workshop for our Year 5/6 pupils on **Friday 10th July**. His book, *The Girl Who Sold Time*, is still 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 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)

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

Theo (9)

£7.99



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

Transition- moving-up day & “meet the teacher”

On Tuesday 7th, we have our first moving-up day. We have a “Meet the Teacher” informal time after school on that day too- please pop by your child’s new class and say hello to their new teacher...

Leavers’ Service at Winchester Cathedral

Our Year 6 pupils had a wonderful time at their Leavers’ Service, alongside other Church of England Primary Schools from Hampshire...



Attendance

Our attendance was **super-low** this week, due to the hot weather. We appreciate all the hard work you are doing to support your children in challenging temperatures...

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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Netball game

There is a staff vs. pupils netball game on the 13th July- why not come along and cheer the children on against the staff?!

Netball News

On the 13th of July Monday 2026


Teachers vs Year 4/5/6

3pm - 4pm

The teachers will be

Miss	Dewsbury
Mrs	Boare
Mrs	Lay
Mr	Edgington
Mr	Childs
Mr	Hambidge
Mrs	Wakefield
Miss	Samuel
Miss	miners

Let's see who wins kids or adults!



Designed by Ruby Jones Yr 5

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



PTA AGM

Its time for our PTA AGM and to elect/re-elect members for the new school year 26/27. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th July** at the **Wyke Down Pub** at **7.30pm** and everyone is welcome to attend.

We will be voting in the following roles;

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Social Media Manager

Of course, if you would like to share any ideas or feedback, make new friends or just come along for a drink, please come along.



Its disco time!

To celebrate the end of term, there will be a disco held on **Wednesday 15th July** at the following times;

- Year R, 1 & Year 2 – 4.30pm – 5.30pm
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 – 6.00pm – 7.00pm



Tuck shop will be on sale

Entrance is £2, check your children's bags for permission forms & return them with your £2 by Wednesday 15th July.

Leavers Disco

Parents, get your tissues ready!

The Year 6 Disco will be held at the School on **Friday 17th July** from 5pm to 6.30pm, you should already have your tickets 😊



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

Thank you for your support!

Key dates

- Tuesday 7th July – School transition: Moving up day 1, followed by “Meet the Teacher”
- 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
- Monday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Worship @ 1.45pm
- Monday 20th July – Year 6 Performance “Rock Bottom” @ 6pm
- Tuesday 21st July – Year 6 Performance “Rock Bottom” @ 6pm
- 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

- Tuesday 20th July 2027 – Inset Day 4
- Wednesday 21st July 2027 – Inset Day 5

Please check out our website calendar for all relevant dates:

<https://www.pilgrims�ross.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 Beech Hurst, Andover



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

SUMMER term newsletter June 2026



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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Dates vary by venue. See page 2



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Standard Activity Day with AM and PM Extension - 8.15am to 6.00pm	£34.50	£158.70 (Save £13.80)

*Third child goes free applies to siblings only

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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
GREATER LONDON	
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
HAMPSHIRE	
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
SURREY	
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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