



Dear Parents & Carers,

We are very near the end of a busy and successful year. After 7 years at Pilgrims' Cross, our Year 6 pupils had their graduation at The Lights. This was an opportunity to celebrate a positive primary education and to look forward to their upcoming secondary schooling. I felt so proud of them, as they collected their certificates- they are *talented role models* and will *make a positive difference* in the world into which they are going.

On Friday, we gathered for our final Vision Worship. It was a jam-packed time! As well as the usual Vision Awards, we celebrated the children chosen for the annual Governor Awards- one from each class. The overall infant and junior winners also received a shield!

Reflecting on the year, I am so proud of our school community and how much we have improved. Thank you all, parents/carers, for your support of what we as a community are trying to achieve at Pilgrims' Cross. You will have received your child's end of year report which, I hope, celebrates all the progress made individually too. I am looking forward to seeing this progress continuing next year.

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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	Lilly H		
Maple		Eyden T	
Hazel		Holly C	
Lime		Charlotte P	
Elm	George L		
Ash		Mason H	
Beech	Addilyn S		
Pine			Sophie H
Hawthorn		Eila F	
Aspen		Hugo E	
Juniper	Eleanor C	Saaim T-A	

What we have been learning this week...

Willow & Oak

This week in Reception, we have continued to explore our vehicle text, *You Must Bring a Hat*, using it as inspiration for our own imaginative invitation writing. The children had great fun thinking of unusual objects that guests might need to bring to a party and creating creative reasons why these items would be essential. This encouraged some fantastic discussions and imaginative storytelling.

In Maths, we have been focusing on positional and sequencing language while creating simple maps of journeys that we regularly take. The children have enjoyed describing routes and using drawings with simple representations to depict these journeys.

We have also shared some special experiences this week, including watching the incredibly funny Year 6 dress rehearsal, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. In PE, the children took part in mixed-class sessions, developing their speed, movement skills and beginning to use simple tactics within team games.

Finally, I have been extremely impressed with the beautiful singing from Willow and Oak classes as they prepare for their heart-warming Graduation performance. Their enthusiasm and confidence have been wonderful to see.

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure

Sycamore & Maple

The children have finished their last full week in Year One! In English the children have written a diary entry in the role of Claire recounting either her bravely dipping her toe into the pool for the first time or when she won her medal in the Paralympics. The children have really engaged with this text and it has prompted some wonderful questions from the children.

In Maths the children have revisited their work on place value and calculation, drawing upon the skills they learnt earlier in the term and applying it across a range of problems.

In Geography the children completed a fun quiz about the similarities and differences between Picket Twenty and Shanghai. In DT we planned, prepared and made fruit kebabs. It was such fun and the children enjoyed tasting the different fruits!

Please continue to send in any reading folders & library books you find at home. Enjoy the weekend!

Miss Miners, Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Edgington

Lime & Hazel

This week in Year 2 we had the joy of watching the dress rehearsal of the Year 6 production. We're looking forward to seeing the second half next week. We have tightened up our understanding of football rounders in PE with both classes involved in some competitive games! This week we also planned and wrote our own stories using some of the characters that we've become familiar with over the year, including Pete the badger and a bog baby. In Maths we've revisited some of our key place value skills to build on our knowledge ready for Year 3. We both enjoyed time with you all at the Disco and hope you have a lovely weekend before the last 3 days of the academic year!

Miss Samuel and Miss Dewsbury

Elm & Ash

This week in Year 3, we've had such fun,
Our learning and laughter have shone like the sun.
In Maths, we've explored both shapes flat and tall,
Learning their properties, faces and all.
In English, we've met a mischievous chap,
A cheeky dog called Max with tricks in his lap.
With rhyme and alliteration, our poems took flight,
Bringing his adventures to life with delight.
We clapped for Year 6 as they put on their show,
Their brilliant performance was wonderful to know.
Then rounders together brought smiles all around,
With teamwork and laughter heard all over the ground.
In History today, we travelled back in time,
To Ancient Egypt in a lesson sublime.
We mummified tomatoes with great care and thought,
Then placed them in a sarcophagus, just as we were taught.
Just three days remain before summer is here,
It's hard to believe the end is so near.
Thank you for all of your support through the year,
Have a wonderful weekend – and summer is almost here!

Mrs Bryan and Mr Dookheran

Beech & Pine

Well, that's the last full week of the year and what a year it's been! This week we have celebrated so much...Vision Awards, Compass Badges, Governor Awards and Pine Class were lucky enough to win their Domino's Pizza treat with Maple (see picture below) for all of their challenge points! Beech class got to watch the Year 6 performance yesterday and Pine will get a chance to do this on Monday. As well as this, the hard work hasn't stopped. The children have started writing their final piece for the year: a diary entry in role as a mum who is taking her children away from their home country for their safety. In maths, our division journey has continued and the focus has shifted to dividing by 100. Next week, we have a shorter and different week to normal. The children will be working in small groups to design and make their own biscuits. They will also look at budgets and packaging design to understand the idea of product design.
Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all next week.

Miss Howick, Miss Markham and Mr Osmond

Aspen, Hawthorn & Juniper

What a long, full week it's been in 5/6 yet again! The Year 6s have spent most of the week out in the hall doing rehearsals for their production. This effort and dedication was demonstrated brilliantly when they completed their dress rehearsal in front of the rest of the school. Everyone was brilliant and we were all so impressed with the children knowing their lines and actions almost flawlessly. In Year 5, we have used the benefit of having bonus maths learning time to revisit place value and building up our knowledge behind the process of explaining numbers and what the value of each digit in a number represents. We have also played plenty of rounders and football and enjoyed much of the bright weather. Finally, at the end of a very busy week, we have practiced and had a run-through of the leavers' worship on Monday afternoon in the hall. The children's graduation pictures all look so good, and we are excited to be able to hand them out during the service!

Mr Childs, Mr Hambidge and Mrs McNee

Pizza Time!

Congratulations to Maple and Pine classes, who collected the most Learning Challenge Points in their Learning Journals this year. The points will re-set in September, so please help support your child by hearing them read regularly, completing TT Rockstars learning, etc. and writing in their Learning Journals.



Books back, please!

Please can you return all Little Wandle phonics books, library books and school reading books, so we can stock check and prepare for September? Any other 'lost' school books that you find behind the fish tank, under the bed, in the bathroom, etc. can also be returned to your child's teacher, please.

Andover Community Engage

Check out the attachments with this newsletter for Andover Community Exchange- a very worthwhile organisation. If you'd like to support their just giving page, here's the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/anne-north-1>

Staffing news...

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Hall will be joining the teaching team for 2 days a week in Elm Class.

Leaving us at the end of this academic year will be Mr Osmond and Mr Morrisey. We wish them both the very best for the future.

Music of the week

The children have been listening to some beautiful solo sonatas by Handel in worship this week. My aim is to expose our pupils to a whole range of musical genres and styles. Why not listen to some baroque music at home this weekend?



Attendance

As we reach the end of the year, we will be sending out attendance letters to families of children with the lowest attendance this academic year. If you get one of these, please don't be offended but work with us to improve your child's attendance next year.

We have had a large number of children who have achieved attendance of 99% and above this year- very well done to all! We do have 2 pupils who achieved **100% attendance this year**- even with that spell of hot weather- very well done!

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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/>



A new way to get support, closer to home.

Andover Foodbank Community Hubs across Andover, are making it easier for people to access Foodbank and support nearer to where they live. Our Community Hub sessions are open:

Ludgershall Memorial Hall, SP11 9LZ
 Mondays 10am-12pm

Picket Twenty Community Hall, SP11 6TY
 Tuesdays 10am-12pm

King Arthurs Hall, SP10 4BS
 Wednesdays 9.30am- 11.30am

Bridge Street Methodist Church, SP10 1BL
 Wednesdays 10am-12pm

St John the Baptist Church, SP10 3AD
 Thursday and Fridays 10am-12pm

To receive support from Andover Foodbank, please arrange a **referral** through a supporting agency, your child's school, your GP surgery, or another professional who is supporting you. If you're not already working with a support agency, you can call 0808 812 6681.

Our hubs will offer the **same Foodbank Support**, alongside a cup of tea, warm welcome, signposting and access to additional support including Citizens Advice.

Questions? Call us on 01264 362111
Website: andover.foodbank.org.uk/locations

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FOPS Update



Its disco time!

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

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



Tuck & pocket money 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 😊



Sunflower Growing Challenge

How are your sunflowers growing? Email us a picture of your sunflower by **Friday 10th July** to friendspilgrimscross@gmail.com

Prizes will be awarded in the last week of summer term



Outdoor Learning

You may have noticed a lot of change over by the summer house, it looks messy and overgrown, but there's been a lot of hard work creating a new outdoor learning

Outdoor learning provides so many valuable opportunities for children to explore, discover and learn in a hands-on way. Whether they're investigating nature, creating artwork from natural materials, reading in the fresh air, building dens, growing plants or developing teamwork and problem-solving skills, this space will become an extension of the classroom where learning comes alive and we can't wait to see our pupils benefit from this wonderful new environment.

Can You Help?

To bring our Outdoor Learning Area to life, we're looking for donations of items that can be safely reused or repurposed. If you have any of the following, we'd be incredibly grateful:

- Wooden pallets
- Large logs or tree stumps
- Plant pots
- Gardening tools suitable for children
- Compost, soil or bark chippings
- Seeds, bulbs and plants
- Watering cans
- Outdoor storage boxes
- Gravel or paving slabs
- Guttering, pipes or tyres (for play and investigations)
- Wooden cable reels



- Bird feeders or bug hotels
- Waterproof tarpaulins
- Loose parts for imaginative play (e.g. kitchen utensils, pots, pans and wooden crates)

We're also very grateful for any donations of time. If you're handy with DIY, enjoy gardening, or work for a business that may be able to donate materials or sponsor part of the project, we'd love to hear from you.

Every contribution, no matter how big or small, will help us create an inspiring outdoor space where our children can learn, explore and thrive.

If you have any items to donate or would like to get involved, please contact the school office. Thank you for helping us make this exciting vision a reality!

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 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.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
Beech Hurst, Andover



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

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?

Holidays & Food Scheme (HAF)

The HAF programme is a really important support to low-income families over the summer break and is a childcare lifeline for many. This summer, over 200 HAF schemes will be running across Hampshire, offering a wide range of fun activities alongside nutritious meals for children and young people.

Bookings opened on 22 June, and Hampshire are keen to ensure that all eligible families are aware of and able to access these opportunities. For summer 2026, there is a new central booking system, making it much easier for families to find and book activities.

Families in the Picket Twenty area can visit a direct booking site (link below) to:

- Find local holiday clubs
- Book places
- Join waiting lists where sessions are full

Funded by the Department for Education, the HAF programme enables local authorities to provide free healthy food and enriching activities during school holidays for children who receive benefit-related Free School Meals.

Families in Test Valley can visit the [Test Valley HAF Booking Site](#) to find local schemes, book places or add their names to the waiting list.