



Newsletter

**Issue 4
27 September 2024**

It has been a wet and soggy week here at Oliver's Battery but that hasn't stopped our learning. In fact, our Squirrels class positively loved the rain because they had great fun jumping in all of the muddy puddles! What a splash!!

A group of Ladybirds children came to show me their maths this week. They were proud of their careful counting and can find one more or less than any number. Bumblebees have used a variety of resources to write some super longer sentences. By rehearsing, remembering and checking their work they were proud of being writers this week. Hares have polished up their handwriting today with some super presentation pieces - they look great Hares.



I was tempted to join in with Foxes in PE this week. Their rhythmic dances with scarves and ribbons were mesmerising and really gave a feel of a gentle river. Herons have continued to enjoy their weekly Forest School sessions with great enthusiasm. In Kingfishers, a keen group of Ambassadors, enthusiastically prepared to give tours for our open afternoon. If you came along and had a tour, I hope you found them informative!

What a treat I had when our Hedgehogs visited the library. They chose their favourite books and relaxed with a good story.

Mr Sleeman and Miss Langridge were so proud of our girls' football team yesterday. In a tough Hampshire Cup game against a really good team from Freegrounds we showed improved strength and resilience. Well done to all of the team but a particular mention to Erin and Ella who had noticeable determination to keep on going 'no matter what'. With a final score of 3 -1 to Freegrounds we are now playing for the Hampshire Plate but that won't stop us putting our best efforts in. On Wednesday next week the girls and boys team face Kings Worthy Primary School. Good luck to you all!

Many thanks if you came along to our Open Afternoon today. It was a great success. The Year 6's did a fantastic job of showing prospective parents around our lovely school. We even had a visit from the Mayor who was very impressed with the all the children and the activities that were going on in the school.



Celebration Assembly

It was fabulous to celebrate children who had been recognised for being great role models this week in our Celebration Assembly.

Date	Friday 27th September 2024
Hedgehogs	Orla S – Showing great respect and helping her friend turn the tap on. Charlie M – Coming to Nursery ready to learn every day this week.
Squirrels	Orla C and Laurie S are always ready to learn, showing their great listening skills and sitting respectfully on the carpet.
Ladybirds	George, Arthur M and Kit: They were fantastic at working together and showing great respect for each other. They all showed great listening skills and were able to take turns to talk.
Bumblebees	Leif L: Always ready to listen and ready learn. Because of this has done some super writing this week. Finley D is so respectful to his friends. He also notices when other people do kind things.
Hares	Codi and Hope are always one of the first into class every day and they come in ready to learn and assist with classroom jobs to ensure the morning runs smoothly. Codi has also made an extra effort with home learning. Ada D for showing she is ready to learn through being organised with the correct resources and she never leaves a task incomplete.
Foxes	Orla S and Alma S – for always being very respectful to others in the school. Showing good manners at all times.
Hérons	Jack R – Jack has shown me that he can work brilliantly alongside anyone in our class, as he is so respectful to his peers and is always showing determination to succeed in lessons. Sarah Islam – Sarah has shown readiness to learn in all areas of our curriculum and it is clear to see she is determined to make great progress in Year 5.
Kingfishers	Riley - Riley has made excellent choices this week and has been a shining example of a considerate, caring role model. At break times he has chosen to engage with children from all year groups and include everyone in his games. Nevaeh - Nevaeh has impressed members of staff with her polite manner and engagement with learning - in particular with her re-telling of the evolution of the peppered moth.

Top Table



The children chosen for the top table this week:

Adam S – Bumblebees

Jamie P – Hares

Skye J – Herons

Daisy S - Kingfishers



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Change of Menu

There will be a change of menu on both **Thursday 3 October and Friday 4 October**. Thursday is census day. This is when we report how many children we have on roll and how many have a school lunch.

The more children that order a lunch on this day means more money for the school and your child.



Thursday – Red Choice: Fish Fingers and Chips **Green Choice:** Roasted Vegetable Lasagne.

Friday – Red Choice: Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding **Green Choice:** Vegetable Wellington

Flu Vaccination Programme

The school nursing team will be in school on **Wednesday 6 November** carry out the Flu Vaccination Programme.

An email went out last week with details of how to register your child for the vaccine. Please note: registration is all done online not via the school.

School Lunches

Following on from a recent press release by the Food Standards Agency advising people who have a peanut allergy to avoid consuming foods that contain or may contain mustard due to the possible risk of contamination our school caterers have asked us to assure parents that they have taken steps to remove all items that may be affected from their standard primary school menu and that pupils with a nut allergy can continue to eat from the menu as usual.

PTA News

Thank you if you attended the AGM on Tuesday. It was a successful and productive meeting. More information on fundraising to follow in a separate PTA Newsletter. Watch this space! Your child/ren will be shortly designing their Christmas Cards! They will be bringing their artwork home and if you would like to place an order please do so online as per the order form attached to their artwork and then return the artwork to school. The artwork needs to be returned back to school by Friday 18 October at the latest. The artwork is then sent off to the company for them to complete your order. The orders will be delivered to school by the end of November.



Football Camp

Active Thru Football will be running a 'spooktacular' football camp here at Oliver's Battery during half term – 29, 30 and 32 October -9am – 3pm for ages 5-11. The cost is £20 per day or £50 for all three days.

To book go to: bookwhen.com/mattwellsfootballcoaching or phone 07801790066 or email: Active_thru_football@hotmail.com.

Inset Day

A reminder that Monday is an Inset day when the school and nursery will be closed to pupils for staff training.





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Community Cycle Ride

This Saturday 28 September from 10 am, join us in Stanmore, Badger Farm or Oliver's Battery on our way to Hursley Rec. A great opportunity for novice cyclists to get some practice in. All ages welcome. For more information visit: <https://cyclewinchester.org.uk/rides/family-friendly-community-ride-this-saturday/>

Yours faithfully

Miss Vittle
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

New events in Blue

Inset Day	30 September 2024
Height and Weight checks – Year 6	2 October 2024
Deadline for Christmas Artwork	18 October 2024
Parents Evenings	23/24 October 2024
Flu Vaccinations	6 November 2024
School Disco	7 November 2024
Adult Quiz Night 7pm	8 November 2024
Nativity (Nursery and Year R)	10 December 2024
Rock Steady Concert	16 December 2024
Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper/ Carols on the Decking	18 December 2024
School breaks up for Christmas	20 December 2024
Inset Day	31 January 2025
Inset Day	27 June 2025
Inset Day	30 June 2025



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