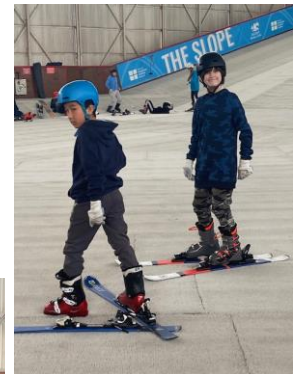


Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers



Our Kingfisher Class have been having an amazing time at Calshot this week. The activities have been adventurous and exciting but our children have risen to the challenge. When I went to visit them all yesterday I was so impressed and proud of their clear resilience, determination and joy when taking part in the activities. Above all, I saw the children being incredibly kind to each other. They supported each other to get over personal hurdles and praised each other in their individual success. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Stack, Mr Sleeman and Mrs Lincoln for giving up their time with their own families to make sure our children were able to enjoy this residential experience and make memories for a lifetime.

We have been busy in school this week too. Hedgehogs Nursery have been carefully looking after each other as Drs and Nurses. Squirrels have been making games for each other to enjoy using the crates and blocks. Apparently, there is a lot of lava in Year R! Ladybirds have been applying their number knowledge to different forms and proving they really do know their bonds. Bumblebees have enjoyed exploring 3D shapes this week through many practical activities. Hares class have thought about houses through the ages. Some look good to live in and some do not! Foxes have enjoyed being scientists by investigating which materials will dissolve and separating by filtering, sieving and magnetic force. They also enjoyed another session of Lacrosse with St Swithun's



Hérons Class name is in a time capsule on the ship that will be buried on the continent of Antarctica ready to be discovered sometime in the future. Anyone can visit the website 'Ticket to Antarctica' to find out more and track the ship.



Don't forget!

We will be hosting a regular 'Coffee and Chat' session in The Hub. The first of these is on **Wednesday 23rd October** straight after drop off at 8:50am. Feel free to bring any younger siblings. This is a chance for you to have a chat with Miss Vittle & Mrs Bordoli and ask any questions you may have.

If this time or day is not convenient for you but you would like to come to our next session, please let us know of a preferred time and date.

Celebration Assembly

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

Hedgehogs	
Squirrels	Torben & Laurie for setting up a game for their friends outside showing that they are kind and respectful to others. Frankie & Freddie for being the only children to stay outside and tidy up at the end of the afternoon. Showing their respect for our resources and ensuring that the outside is ready for play the next day.
Ladybirds	Lucy and James are always showing respect towards others and listen to other people's ideas. They also show respect by saying please and thank you to children and adults in the school.
Bumblebees	Hamish and Leo always listen well to others. They show respect to their friends by actively listening to their ideas and opinions. They understand what a good friend is and always make safe choices in their play.
Hares	Leo has really shown his mature and responsible side by making safe choices and respectful decisions during transition times and break/lunchtime. Ema for being respectful to others throughout the school day, every day. You are compassionate, kind and always happy to help a friend.
Foxes	Elsie has joined the school recently and is always ready to learn. She comes in smiling and is straightaway putting the chairs out and getting ready to start her learning. Samuel for showing respect to the coaches at our Lacrosse sessions. He is always ready to learn and is making excellent progress because of his positive 'ready to learn' attitude.
Hérons	Reeva has made huge strides in her learning since the beginning of term and this is due to her readiness to learn. The effort she has been putting into her written work is commendable and I am feeling extremely proud! Freddie – I have been jumping for joy recently, as Freddie is showing so much independence in his learning. He is ensuring he is ready for each lesson by gathering his equipment and showing active listening too.
Kingfishers	All of Year 6 for having a great week. At Calshot the children have proved themselves to be resilient, fun loving and kind. At school, they have been creative and helpful to others. Well done Year 6.

Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week:



Imogen F and Ema A – Hares
Noah M and Elsie B - Foxes



Parents Evening

We look forward to welcoming you to our first Parents Evening of the year. This is an opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their new class and how they are getting on with their learning. We will also give you all an attendance print out for the year so far.

These meetings will once again be taking place in the hall on Tuesday and Wednesday (on Thursday Mrs Homewood will be in Squirrels Classroom). Please come straight into the hall

through the double doors and find your child's class teacher. To keep to the scheduled times, we will be using a prompt when the ten minute meeting time has passed. If you need more time to speak to your class teacher you will be able to make additional appointment in the usual way by booking through the office.



Starting School in September 2025

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2025 they can start school in September 2025. The applications will open on 1 November 2024 and the closing date is Wednesday 15 January 2025. For more information go to: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions.

If you would like a tour of the school please contact the office to make an appointment.

Bonfire Night Menu



There will be a change of menu on **Tuesday 5 November** in celebration of Bonfire Night. The choices will be:

Red Choice: Pork Sausage hot dog

Green Choice: Catherine Wheel Pizza

Both served with vegetables and crinkle cut wedges followed by toffee apple crumble with custard or fresh fruit.

Jacket Potato Menu

After half term the kitchen will be offering a Jacket Potato option for the children. The choices will be:

Monday – Grated Cheese

Tuesday – Tuna mayonnaise

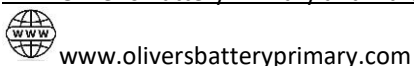
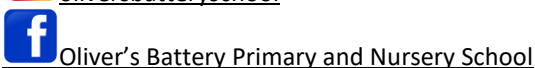
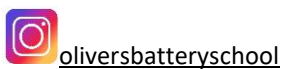
Wednesday – Baked Beans

Thursday – Grated Cheese

Friday – Baked Beans

Scarecrow Competition

There will be, once again, this year a Scarecrow Competition running in Oliver's Battery from 25th October – 3rd November. For more information visit: www.surveymonkey.com/R/6BTD6T6 or email: oliversbatteryevents@gmail.com. We also have a couple of entry forms in the school office.



School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 13 November** to take individual and sibling photographs – more information will follow regarding the arrangements for Nursery children.

Breakfast Club

If your child is attending breakfast club and arrives after 8.20am please press the Nursery button on the gate to be let in.

Halloween Costume Swap

This will be taking place at the end of the day on **Monday 21 October** by the PTA shed. Thank you to everyone who donated costumes for the swap.

Christmas Artwork

A reminder that your child's artwork needed to be returned back to school by today, **Friday 18 October** if you wanted to place an order. If you have not returned the artwork but have placed an order online please return the artwork on Monday at the latest.

Quiz Night

Unfortunately, the PTA have had to postpone the Quiz Night. This was due to it clashing with the Hursley Firework Evening.

And finally, Headlice

We have had more reports of head lice in the school. Follow these 3 steps to prevent infestations.

- 1 Long hair must be tied up.*
- 2 Check and comb your child's hair regularly*
- 3 Treat infestations with product from the pharmacy.*

More information can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Thank you all for your continued support and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Miss Vittle
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

New events in Blue

Parents Evenings – Year R - 6	Tuesday 22 October 2024
Parents Evenings – Years 1 -6	Wednesday 23 October
Parents evening – Year R	Thursday 24 October 2024
Flu Vaccinations	6 November 2024
School Disco	7 November 2024
Adult Quiz Night 7pm – postponed	8 November 2024
School Photographer – Individual and Siblings	13 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