

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

There has been some great learning at school this week. The children have been particularly enjoying their time in Forest School. Squirrels Class made some delicious banana pancakes and Hares Class loved den building. Also enjoying the outdoors were Herons Class who have been using the school grounds to sketch some land and cityscapes.

Our Hedgehog Nursery Class have started to have a regular slot in the hall. They use soft balls or hoops to explore and play in the large indoor space. We have some great throwing and catching coming along! At the other end of the school, Kingfishers Class have been working up a sweat in their circuits class as part of their PE lessons.



Some of our classes are reaching the final product stage in their Design and Technology projects. Ladybirds Class have created fabulous playgrounds and Foxes Class have made ingenious board games using electrical circuits.

Bumblebees Class have written amazing stories in English. They are rightly proud of their 'long writing' that shows such perseverance and writing stamina.

We are excited to share our learning with you at our
Open Classroom Event
next Friday 14th February.
Pop in from
2:30pm onwards
and look through your child's books with them.

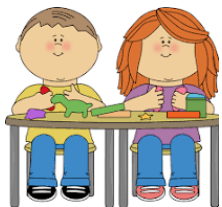
We would love to see as many of you as possible at this event. I know the children love to share their learning with you. Once you have finished, you will be able to leave with your child by signing them out in their classroom.

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

Date	Friday 7 February 2025
Squirrels	Freddie for trying really hard with his writing. He always focuses on his learning and this shows through the progress he has made. George for persevering with his handwriting. Well done George. Kitty for having such a positive attitude to school and learning.
Ladybirds	Marcus for being ready to learn. He has been focused during lessons and especially joining in with phonic and maths. Oliver M and Vincent for persevering with their writing even when they find it hard.
Bumblebees	Frances for speaking well when working as a group. Showing good oracy skills. Speaking clearly and confidently and listening well to others.
Hares	Lucy for working tirelessly to improve her timetable skills. She has worked hard at home which has shown in her maths work.
Foxes	Cosima and Noah are super role models to the rest of the class. They both show that they are ready, by following instructions immediately, like look at the board or stand behind your chair. Both children work quietly and are respectful of others around them.
Hérons	Bella has shown such dedication to her learning this week, especially in writing where she has worked hard to edit and up-level her work. It has been lovely to see how proud she has been feeling! Kota has shown that he is an all-rounder, as he has been thriving across the curriculum. He is a shining star in our Lacrosse lessons and he has joined the Year 6 pupils to play in a football tournament too.
Kingfishers	Lulu for being an absolute pleasure to teach with her willingness to take on feedback that will further her learning. Archie for asking for clarification when he is unsure about how to proceed with a task and for always being kind, considerate and good humoured towards others.

Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week and last are:



Monday – Darcie H – Bumblebees, Lincoln N and Lucy A – Hares and James R – Foxes

Friday - Peter AH – Ladybirds, Isla M – Bumblebees, Duke L – Herons and Taylor W - Kingfishers

Change of Menu

There will be change of dessert on the menu on Friday 14 February to celebrate Valentine's Day.



The choices will be: – **Red: Fish Fingers and Chips (no change)**
Green: Cheese and Onion Quiche (no change)
Both followed by Valentine shaped cookies (not sticky ginger sponge)

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 7 March** where children will be welcome to come to school dressed as a book character or come in their pj's ready for a bedtime story. The PTA will be doing a costume swap along the lines of the Halloween costumes and Christmas Jumper swaps. Please bring your unwanted/outgrown book character costume to the school office. From Thursday 27 February your child will be able to select a costume from the PTA shed at end of the school day. There will be no charge and you do not have to have donated to take part. The children love World Book Day and other fun activities will happen on and around the day.

Parents Evenings

These will be taking place on **Tuesday 18 March and Wednesday 19 March** – more details to follow.

Integr8 Dance Half Term Workshops

Integr8 Dance are running two workshops during the February half term – one at Weeke Primary School and one at Unit 12, Winnall Valley Road, Winnall. They are running from Monday 17 February through till Friday 21 February, 10 – 4pm. The cost per child per day is £30 or £150.00 per child for all five days. Breakfast and Late Clubs are available at a cost of £6.00 per session.

They will be doing different themed workshops each day – please see out noticeboard for more details.

For more information email: info@integr8dance.com or telephone 01962 808398.

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

Yours faithfully



Miss Vittle
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

New events in Blue

Football Tournament (Southampton)	7 February 2025
Safer Internet Day	11 February
Valentine Day Lunch	14 February
Open Classroom Event	14 February 2:30pm
End of Spring Term 1	14 February
Start of Spring term 2	24 February
World Book Day	7 March
Yr1 trip to Science Centre	10 March
Parents Eve	18 & 19 March
Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm	31 March
End of Spring Term	4 April
Start of Summer 1	22 April
Yr5 Ferny Croft Residential	23 April
Bank Holiday	5 May
Yr6 SATs	12 – 15 May
End of Summer 1	23 May
Start of Summer 2	2 June
Inset Day	27 June 2025 & 30 June 2025

Winchester Vineyard Church Children's Storehouse

This Storehouse can provide free clothing and uniform to families in need in our area. Any family can be referred by the school to book an appointment and come and choose clothing, shoes and uniform (without logos) which have been donated by the community and has been sorted, washed and ironed by volunteers.

There will also be holding a new school uniform day in July, the details of which we will pass on. As well as good donated clothes and shoes they can also offer baby equipment.

Please contact the school office, which will be in the strictest confidence, if you feel you could benefit from this service.