

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Well, we have had a brilliant week in school celebrating **Science Week 2025**.

We started the week learning about **famous scientists** during our assembly. We already knew many famous scientists from long ago. But we also learnt about some young scientists who are changing the world today with innovating discoveries and inventions.



Ladybirds Class had a fantastic visit to the science centre on Monday. They explored the centre and thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on learning experiences. I am proud to say they behaved impeccably too. Way to go Ladybirds!

On Tuesday **Mr Homewood** came into school and ran some computer and science workshops with different Year groups. As a school teacher and engineer we knew we would have a lot to learn from him. His focus was on **STEM** – Science, Technology, Engineering,

Maths. Writing an accurate programme, or algorithm, so that a sandwich robot can make a jam sandwich resulted in some funny outcomes! Mr Homewood also led an assembly on adaptation in the animal world. The children had some really interesting questions for him. Thank you for visiting us Mr Homewood.



On Wednesday and Thursday we held a carousel of **Round Robin** activities for children to take part in. The children enjoyed exploring the practical activities that the teachers and TAs had set up for them. These groups were in mixed ages and it was lovely to see the children working with a variety of children from different classes.



On Friday **Mrs Tagg** came in from Kings' School and carried out some experiments with sour sweets which the children really enjoyed. They loved seeing the litmus paper change colour depending on its acidity. Thank you Mrs Tagg and your team from Kings.

Headteacher: Miss Sarah Vittle B.Ed (Hons)

We are very lucky to have our volunteers back in this week from the **Hampshire Garden Society** to help us with our **Edible Playground**. We have this week planted bulbs and are looking forward to watching them grow.

Don't forget to follow the school on Instagram for more photographs and to see what the children are doing in school - @oliversbatteryschool.

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

Date	Friday 14 March 2025
Squirrels	During our science morning Kei showed his wonderful kindness super power when he gave Jamie some of his caterpillars because Jamie didn't have any. Torben has been trying very hard to be ready at the start of the day and has been going to his morning activity quickly and starting his learning.
Ladybirds	The whole class showed great respect and outstanding behaviour whilst on our school trip to the Science Centre. Well done everyone!
Bumblebees	Finley A for his excellent diary sentences about a soldier in Scutari Hospital before Florence Nightingale arrives. He cleverly included past tense verbs and adjectives. Keep up the fantastic writing Finley!
Hares	Bobbie - She always comes into class smiling and has been happy to help with morning jobs this week. Bobbie has shown that she is kind, caring and compassionate through helping others with their learning this week and when others have found times tough Bobbie has comforted them through kind words. Bobbie is also working hard in class to improve her times table knowledge.
Foxes	Elsie – was ready to learn and talk in our Stem session about how to programme a robot to make a jam sandwich. Elsie made clear instructions and showed respect and enthusiasm towards our visitor.
Hérons	All of Herons Class! We could not feel prouder of our Year 5 team for their incredible poetry. The used ambitious vocabulary to bring their mythical creatures to life - Miss Vittle and Mrs Bordoli were bowled over by the amazing performances, too.
Kingfishers	Jorin – who has taken responsibility for her own learning, writing detailed notes in each and every lesson so that she can re-visit her learning at home. What an incredibly mature attitude to learning!

Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Ada D, Alex B – Hares

Grace S – Foxes

Bonnie S - Bumblebees



Bike Bus

Today marks the one-year anniversary of the bike bus.

Currently 10% of the school ride one of the two buses and in the past year just from Badger Farm we have travelled over 72km and climbed more than 1900m. That's further than from Oliver's Battery to Bournemouth and higher than a climb up Mount Ventoux! We always welcome new riders on both our routes. We have kids on balance bikes riding alongside those who have just learnt to pedal. Some children are still figuring out how to use their gears, but others are seasoned hill climbers and inspire us all to pedal harder. Speak to us on a Friday morning if you would like to have a go.

If you can't join us on a Friday save the morning of Saturday 26 April in your diary. We will be leading a ride from the school into the city centre to join the annual Mass Ride. More details to follow.



Parents Evenings

These will be taking place next week on **Tuesday 18 March and Wednesday 19 March** – sign up sheets are available in the school office. If you are not able to come in personally to sign up please contact the admin team who will be happy to make an appointment for you. These appointments are really important for you to keep track on how your child/ren are doing in school.

Oliver's Battery Easter Egg Hunt



This will be taking place on **Sunday 20 April** times to be staggered between 1pm and 5pm. The Hunt will start and finish at St Marks Church and includes the school grounds this year! Entry forms are available from Run Walk Sport, New Forest Butchers and Oliver's Battery Post Office. For more information go to: www.oliversbattery.info/events.

Stronger Starts

We are very pleased to say that we have been chosen by Tesco as one of their partner projects under their Stronger Starts community programme!

We have the opportunity to be awarded a grant of up to £1,500 for enhancements to our outdoor areas and for new outdoor lighting to ensure that our After School Club can be outside at all times of year.



Funding will be awarded via a vote in the Tesco Stores below:

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Winchester Extra, SO23 7RS

Harestock Express, SO22 6JN

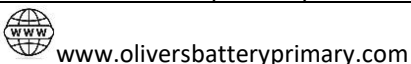
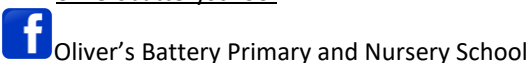
High St Winchester Express, SO23 9AS

Alresford Express, SO24 9AQ

Market Winchester Express, SO23 7BT

Our school will be appearing in these Tesco stores from the first week in April until the end of June.

So, please look out for our School and vote for us using your blue token that you will receive when you make a purchase!



Citizens Advice

We have some very useful leaflets in the school office about how our local Citizens Advice centre can help. They can offer free advice for all on a range of subjects. They are also able to advise on help with the cost of living and helping with school costs. Please feel free to call in a collect one.

Family Fun Day

Roynon Performing Arts School are running a family fun day on **Saturday 23 March** 10am – 12pm at Swanmore College Main Hall. There will be face painting, dance performances, drumming workshops and free goodies for attendees.

This is the first event of its kind for our performing arts school and would be great to have everyone come along.

Link to book a free space is:

<https://roynon-performing-arts.classforkids.io/camp/124>

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

Parents Eve	18 & 19 March
Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm	31 March
Year 6 SATs Information Meeting 3.40pm	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
Sports Day	21 May
Alternative Sports Day (if wet)	22 May
End of Summer 1	23 May
Start of Summer 2	2 June
Arts Week	23 – 26 June
Inset Day	27 June 2025 & 30 June 2025
Summer Fair	12 July
End of Summer Term	22 July