

# Newsletter

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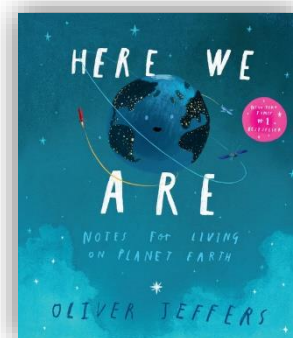
Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week. There have been many happy faces as friends and classmates reunite.

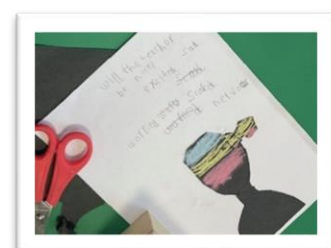
The children are already showing how **ready** to learn they are by being on time and organised. Some super smart uniform has been spotted too. The children were given a reminder today about keeping **safe** by tying their hair up and not wearing jewellery. The children who had PE today also looked smart in their PE uniforms.



Each class has spent time this week studying the Oliver Jeffers book 'Here We Are'. The book has a focus on all the wonderful plants, animals and people in the world. It is a celebration of similarities and differences. There have been some interesting discussions in class as well as some great poetry and art work. Our display boards in the hall portray the themes in the book as a reminder for the children of all the important messages they have discovered.



Hares Class created silhouette art linked to mindfulness skills. The children created a silhouette art piece of their thoughts, feelings and worries. They then compared each other's to spot similarities and differences.



The children in Year 6 have been discussing the 42 Children's Rights and thinking about which they thought were the most important and made a Diamond 9 with their choices. They have also been doing a Year 6 'Kindness Web' showing an act of kindness each day.

## Staff News

We are delighted to welcome the following Class Teachers to school this term:

**Miss Elouise Hamilton to Bumblebee Class in Year 2**  
**Mrs Sophie Coleman to Hedgehog Nursery Class**

Welcome also to **Mrs Lindsay Richardson** a student from the Winchester Teaching School Alliance who is joining us in Ladybirds Class in Year 1 to work alongside Mrs Steels.

Headteacher: Miss Sarah Vittle B.Ed (Hons)

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

Date	Friday 5 September 2025
Hedgehogs	Hedgehogs Class have come back raring to go. They have welcomed the new starters with kindness and joy. They are enjoying their room that has been reorganised and refreshed.
Squirrels	Squirrels Class had a really successful morning in school today. They showed Mrs Homewood and Mrs Thomas that they are going to a class full of enthusiasm and curiosity. They had fun exploring our environment inside and out as well as a tour of the school.
Ladybirds	Ladybirds have settled really well into their new class and have been good at listening to each other's ideas. We talked about how we all come in different sizes, shapes and colours. Also, we draw pictures of ourselves and shared their hobbies and interests.
Bumblebees	Bumblebees have had a fantastic start to the school year! This week we been learning about the importance of how we are all unique and special. We have worked wonderfully as a team across all aspects of our learning. Well done Bumblebees!
Hares	Hares have had a great return to school. The children have found their way around the classroom and they are being respectful of their surroundings. Every day they have helped each other to gather resources they need and they never leave the classroom untidy. Great job Hares!
Foxes	Foxes have had a really positive start to the school year. The children have worked well as a class and have also shown how they work well in groups, listening to and respecting each other's opinions and ideas. Well done Foxes!
Hérons	Hérons have really shone this week for their kindness towards each other and their enthusiasm for the new school year. They have all embraced Year 5 with a smile on their face and a growth mindset towards their learning journeys.
Kingfishers	Kingfishers have been working well with each other this week and thinking about Kindness. They completed a kindness web and paper chain which included ideas on how to show kindness.

### Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Ollie R and Finley D – Hares

Daisy H – Herons

Ella D - Kingfishers



### School Places

We currently have spaces in the following Year groups – Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. If you know of anyone who is looking for a school place please ask them to contact the school office in the first instance. I would be delighted to give them a tour of the school.



### Open Afternoon

Our Open Afternoon is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 2:00pm until 3:15pm. Please do come along and see the school in action. Existing and new families welcome.

More information to follow soon.

### Jacket Potatoes

As from Monday 8 September the kitchen will be offering Jacket Potatoes as a lunch option.



The choices will be:

Monday – Cheese  
Tuesday – Tuna  
Wednesday – Beans  
Thursday – Cheese  
Friday - Beans

### PTA News

Please find attached a newsletter from our fabulous PTA team.

### Football Club

Active Thru Football are continuing to run their football sessions on Thursday's 3.30 – 4.30 for Years 1-3 and 4-6 Boys and Girls. The cost per child will be £48 for the half term running from 11 September – 16 October. For more information and to book go to: [bookwhen.com/mattwellsfootballcoaching](http://bookwhen.com/mattwellsfootballcoaching).

Please do have a look through our clubs list for this half term. Information can be found on our website at [Clubs information on Website](#)

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

Yours faithfully



Miss Vittle  
Headteacher

### Dates for your diary - new events in Blue

*ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO* 😊

Inset Day	Friday 29 September
Open Afternoon	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2:00 – 3:15pm
Parents Evenings	Tuesday 21 October/Wednesday 22 October
Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 24 October
Half Term	Friday 25 October
Inset Day	Monday 1 December
Whole School Pantomime	Thursday 11 December
Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 17 December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17 December
End of Term	Friday 19 December