

Newsletter

Issue 2
12 September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

It's been a fantastic week across the school, with children diving into a wide range of exciting activities.



Our Hedgehogs Class have painting, splashing, balancing and generally having fun outside this week. Squirrels Class loved their welly walk and getting stuck into the mud kitchen! Ladybirds have been exploring spirals in art, using their whole bodies to create expressive pieces. Bumblebees have been captivated by Little Red Riding Hood, producing some wonderful writing inspired by the tale.

Meanwhile, Hares Class have also been enjoying the story The Stone Age Boy and writing about it. Foxes Class have been imagining mythical forests and designing creative posters to bring their ideas to life. In Herons Class, the children have been investigating plants around the school grounds, comparing different species and learning about their features. Kingfishers have started exploring the life of Charles Darwin, preparing to write biographies about his fascinating discoveries. They have had great fun making masks and interviewing each other pretending to be Charles Darwin.



A highlight this week was welcoming back readers from St Swithun's, who spent time listening to our Year 1 and 2 children read – a lovely moment of connection and encouragement.



We have also been voting this week for House Captains. The children who wanted to put themselves forward for the role wrote speeches for the rest of the school to hear. Votes were cast based on the content of the speeches. We are delighted to announce that the following children have been chosen:

Purple House – Mason H
Green House - Darlene D
Yellow House - Pearl M G
Red House - Keira F

We look forward to seeing to really step into your responsibilities this year. We know you are going to do a good job. Thank you to all the children who wanted to take on this role for putting yourselves forward.

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 12 September 2025
Ladybirds	Tabitha, Kitty, Jamie and Caelan for being safe in P.E and following instructions clearly. They all listened really carefully and worked well with a partner to copy their actions.
Bumblebees	Martha and Harry are true team players in Bumblebees. They are always showing that they are ready to learn and face every lesson with a 'can do' attitude! Their positivity is infectious in the classroom. Well done!
Hares	Leo, Ezmai and Leif have been the first ones to arrive to class and show me they are ready. This trio always have the correct resources for learning, they will offer support to others without being asked and they have not needed reminding of the school and classroom expectations as they set such a good example to everyone else- Well Done!
Foxes	Ellie, Alex and Ema have come straight into class and they are always ready to learn. They show respect to others during our group discussion and always showing kindness and support to other in class.
Hérons	Henry, Max and Jack have shone this week for always being ready to learn, with the correct equipment and a positive mindset. They follow instructions quickly and efficiently, which helps them to be great role models for their peers. Thank you so much!
Kingfishers	Olivia and Esher have been showing they are ready before EVERY lesson. They read quietly while waiting for everyone to be ready, or begin with the task that is written up on the board, without being reminded.

Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Daisy R – Bumblebees

Nainika N – Foxes

Alice W – Herons

Sarah I - Kingfishers



Open Afternoon

Our Open Afternoon is on Friday 3rd October from 2:00pm until 3:15pm. Please do come along and see the school in action. Existing and new families are welcome. We will be offering tours of the school with our Year 6 Pupils.

If you know of anyone looking for a school place do let them know. We are also offering tours individual tours for new pupils throughout the term – just book a slot with our admin team.



Parking

Please can we ask that you are considerate to other parents when parking in the car park at drop off and pick up. Please can you ensure that you do not block in other cars in the car park. Thank you.

Oliver's Battery Countryside Group

OBCG are celebrating 20 years with a Wildlife and Environment Fayre on Saturday 27 September 11am – 4pm – free entry - to be opened by the Mayor of Winchester. Find out about the Wildlife in your neighbourhood and learn how to make your garden more nature friendly. There will be something for all ages and interests. Please see the poster on our notice board.

Parents Nurturing Programme

This is a programme being co-ordinated by The Family Links Centre for Emotional Health based on building the emotional health and relationships of the whole family therefore supporting parents. This is a 10 week programme for parents of children aged 2 – 12 years who live in Winchester and the immediate surrounding villages.

The Autumn programme takes place at St Stephen's Church in Oliver's Battery Road North on Wednesday mornings 9.05 – 11.05 starting on Wednesday 24 September running through to Wednesday 3 December (excluding half term)

To book a place please email: nurturingprogramme@ccwinch.org.uk or phone 07942 284611 or pick up a leaflet in the school reception area for more information.

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 ☺

Open Afternoon	Friday 3 rd October 2:00 – 3:15pm
Parents Evenings	Tuesday 21 October/Wednesday 22 October
Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 23 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