

Newsletter

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10 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday, we welcomed our Leading Learning Partner for her annual visit. She spent time in every classroom, observing the wonderful learning taking place across the school.

She was incredibly impressed by how engaged our children were and how confidently they spoke about their learning. She also commented on the warm, welcoming atmosphere and the vibrant learning environment we've created together. As always, I felt so proud to share our fabulous school with a visitor. A huge well done to all our children and staff—you continue to shine!

Today, Kingfisher class took part in a really interesting virtual workshop this organised by the Natural History Museum. The curator was impressed with the questions our children asked and the knowledge they shared.



You may have noticed some welly racks that have been installed around the school this week. Our wonderful PTA have provided the funds for a welly rack for each class. This will enable the children to leave their wellies in school all week meaning they are always ready for a welly walk around our grounds. Please do bring



in a pair of wellies to school for your child. Any 'gaps' in wellies can be filled by our fabulous PTA who have plenty of spares in their second hand uniform. A 'welly swap' will form part of all future uniform sales.

New Event!

On Thursday 23rd October we are having a **Carved Pumpkin Trail**. We invite you to bring in a carved pumpkin at drop off. We will then arrange all the pumpkins into a trail around the school. We will put battery operated lights in them so they light up the way! After school, we invite you to go on our trail and find all the pumpkins. Our PTA will be making hot chocolates for us to enjoy too. No charge to enter but there will be a prize for the best carved pumpkin in EYFS/ KS1 and 2. You can bring as many as you like. Pumpkins can then be collected on Friday morning and taken home.



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 10 October 2025
Squirrels	Matthew, Ebi, Dylan and Remy have been super listeners this week. They are always ready and respectful at carpet time using their listening ears, magnet eyes, thinking brains and good sitting.
Ladybirds	Margaret, Gael, Wren and Stanley have participated well during our walk around the school looking for 2D and 3D shapes. Also, they have engaged well with fluency in maths and used the rekenrek to help them with their number bonds.
Bumblebees	Herbie and George have gone above and beyond this week in our maths lessons on measurement. They have made sure that they are always ready to learn and consistently give their best effort. Their positive attitude, focus, and determination have set a great example for our class. Well done, Herbie and George!
Hares	Ollie and Andi have been committed to learning inside and outside the classroom. Both Hares have been completing reading, handwriting and art work at home and it's been lovely to see how proud they are of achievements in their independent learning.
Foxes	Oliver, Evie Mc and Mila – Oliver for working really hard on his handwriting and spelling this week, is not gone unnoticed how well he has tried. Evie for her writing piece, Evie went back through with her purple pen and created a wonderful piece of written work. Mila for her resilience in maths this week, she has listened and has given her full attention to her learning and the focus and determination to tackle each question.
Hérons	Cosima and Matilda have shone this week for taking such pride over their written work. They both strived to make their biographies engaging, using powerful vocabulary and careful editing.
Kingfishers	Duke, Torres, Tinson and Henry have been recognised for being responsible and safe when shovelling compost from the large bag into the wheel barrow in Gardening. They worked efficiently together and got the job done.

Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Isabella S-S – Bumblebees

Ellie B – Foxes

William B – Herons

Esher D - Kingfishers



Parent Communication Survey

Thank you very much to everyone who replied to our recent parent survey regarding School Communications. Your responses have given us a number of different aspects to consider for the future. One issue that many people brought to our attention was the inconvenience regarding the "noreply" email address that we were using. We have linked our ArborMail to our admin@oliversb.com email and you are now able to reply directly to this address by replying to the ArborMails we send out. Please let the school office know if you have any issues with this going forward.

Christmas Art Work

A reminder that if you wish to place an order with Cauliflower Cards please return your Art Work and Order Form by next Tuesday at the latest. The orders are being collected from school on Wednesday 15 October.

Halloween Costume Swap

The PTA are excited to be running their Halloween Costume Swap again this year. It is a great way to pass on costumes that you no longer need and to pick up something new for your child, all while reducing waste. Drop off any unwanted costumes or accessories to the school office from Monday 6 October and children can choose a costume from the playground from Monday 20 October. If you are able to help run the swap stall please contact Isabel Mack on 07818 424959.



PTA News

Please find attached a list of the new Committee Roles and Class Representatives for our PTA. We would like to thank everyone for everything they are doing for our school and thank Noa for steering the ship over the last year.

Integr8dance Holiday Camp

Integr8 dance company are running some Halloween dance clubs over the half term at Weeke and Winnall. For more information and to book go to: info@integr8dance.com or telephone 01962 808398.

Starting School in September 2026

If you have a child or younger sibling which are due to start school in September 2026 (for those children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022) applications will be open on Saturday 1 November and will close on Thursday 15 January. For more information go to: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Parents Evenings

A reminder that these are taking place on Tuesday 21 October 2.30pm – 5.40pm and Wednesday 22 October 2.30 – 5pm.

The booking sheets are now available in the school office.

We are happy to offer Teams meetings after 5pm on these days, let us know when booking what your email address is.

If you are not able to get into school to make an appointment, please telephone and a member of our admin team who will be happy to make the booking for you.



Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder to book your child's flu vaccine if you would like your child to receive it. The school nurses will be in on Thursday 23 October. This needs to be done online – please contact the school office if you need assistance with this.

Winchester Sea Cadets

Winchester Sea Cadets currently have spaces in their junior section for children between the ages of 9 and 12. Children are able to learn a variety of skills both on land and on the water. For your nearest branch go to: sea-cadets.org/units

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 😊

Parents Evenings	Tuesday 21 October (2:30 – 5:40) Wednesday 22 October (2:30 – 5:00)
Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 23 October
Year 3 Stone age activity day	Friday 24 October
Half Term	Friday 24 October
Swimming Lessons start (Year 3)	Tuesday 4 November
School Photographer	Friday 21 November



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Inset Day	Monday 1 December
Whole School Pantomime	Thursday 11 December
Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm	Monday 15 December
Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 17 December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17 December
End of Term	Friday 19 December