

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers



Year 6 have had an absolutely amazing time at Calshot this week! From sailing across the Solent to scaling climbing walls and tackling exciting team-building challenges, they've embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and courage. The children have shown great resilience, teamwork, and a sense of adventure throughout their stay. It was a pleasure to visit them on Thursday and hear how much they have enjoyed the week.



I was particularly pleased to hear that the '**Oliver's Battery Good Manners**' reputation has been upheld with flair! The staff at Calshot have been thrilled with how polite and courteous our children are.

I am sure they will be tired but buzzing with stories of their experiences this weekend. We can't wait to hear more about their favourite moments next week. A huge thank you to the staff who supported the trip and helped make it such a memorable experience.

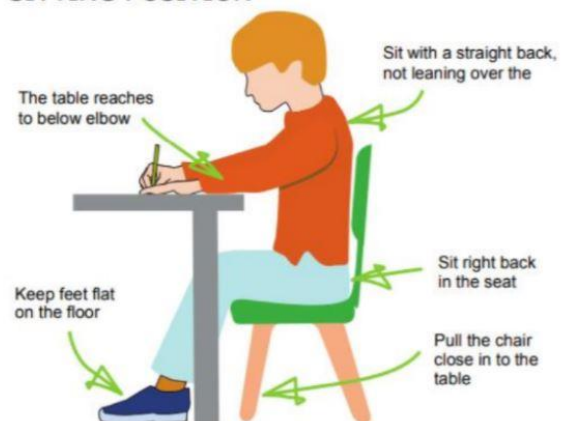
Handwriting Focus

This week we've introduced clear handwriting expectations across the school to help improve posture and presentation. These simple but effective guidelines are already making a difference:

- **Two feet on the floor**
- **Four chair legs on the floor**
- **Bottom to the back of the seat**
- **Spare hand holding the paper**

These expectations are the first step in our journey to improve handwriting across all year groups. We'll be reinforcing them daily and celebrating progress as children develop greater control and pride in their written work.

SITTING POSITION



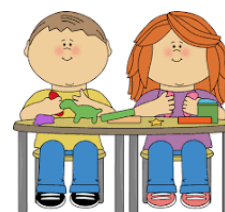
As always to it was fabulous to celebrate children who have been recognised for being great role models this week in our Celebration Assembly.





Date	Friday 10 October 2025
Squirrels	Ezra for being a super star learner. She is always showing good listening on the carpet and takes her learning into her play and even home, where she has been writing stories and making books with her mummy. Gali for making great progress with her learning and settling into school so well. Castor for being such an enthusiastic and cheerful learner. Castor always has a smile on his face and is great at making connections in his learning.
Ladybirds	Freddie, Torben, Salman Ali and Adam worked really cooperatively with their groups as they acted out the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. They took turns to talk and listened carefully to each other's ideas. Fantastic acting!
Bumblebees	Rex – Has been going above and beyond with his maths this week! Rex is always ready to achieve and has been stretching his knowledge of number bonds to 100 this week. Well done! Daphne – has given 110% in her writing this week, crafting a wonderfully realistic diary entry from the mouse's point of view. Her creativity really brought the story to life.
Hares	Leif - Has been working super hard in class this week. He has been focussed on improving his handwriting and was very pleased with himself when he mastered joining up letters this week Great work Leif!
Foxes	Codi and Danny . Codi for improving his handwriting and letter formation as well as remembering his finger spaces. In Maths, Codi has also learned how to round to the nearest 10 and a 100. Danny you are recognised for your handwriting but for reducing the size of your writing and ensuring your letter formation is readable.
Hérons	James has been showing that he is ready to write this week. He has enjoyed using descriptive language to paint a picture in the reader's mind and has been showing independence when writing too. Alma shone at Forest School this week. During a den building challenge, she was respectful to her peers when communicating her ideas and she ensured that everyone around her stayed safe.
Kingfishers	Theo has adapted brilliantly this week, as he has been doing his learning in Herons class. He has embraced the changes with a smile and commendable resilience.

Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Amit – Hares, Evie B – Foxes, Elsie B – Herons, Paris - Ladybirds



Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	162	227	203	300
Position this term	1st	2nd	2nd	4th

Support Our School - Play the School Lottery!



Did you know you can support our school *and* have the chance to win exciting prizes every week?

By joining the **School Lottery**, you'll be helping us raise valuable funds for our PTA that go directly towards improving resources and experiences for our children ☺

- 🎫 **It's easy to join, affordable, and fun!**
- ✅ **Tickets cost just £1 per week**
- 🎁 **Weekly cash prizes and a chance to win a £25,000 jackpot!**
- ♥ **Every ticket you buy makes a real difference to our school community**

Whether you buy one ticket or a few, every entry helps. It's a simple, effective way to support the school, and *who knows – you might even win!*

👉 **Join today:** https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/olivers-battery-primary-school?utm_campaign=bolt-on-share-panel&utm_source=cause-admin&utm_medium=social&utm_content=hyperlink

Remember...

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 at 3:30pm, 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.



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.



Renew Wellbeing Café

A reminder that there is a Wellbeing Café held every Monday morning (term time only) at the New Life Church, Stanmore Lane, Stanmore between 10 and 12pm. Everyone welcome for coffee, crafts, cake and chat.

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

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. **The deadline for registering online is Monday 20 October.**

Listen to Me Concerts

The Listen to Me Concerts for Year 5 and Year 6 will be taking place on **Thursday 18 December – 1.30 for Year 6 and 2pm for Year 5.** Families of these children are very welcome to attend.
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
Closing date for Year 7 applications	Friday 31 October
Swimming Lessons start (Year 3)	Tuesday 4 November
Anti-Bullying week & Odd Socks	Monday 10th November
School Photographer	Friday 21 November
Inset Day	Monday 1 December



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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
Carols on the Decking	Wednesday 17th at 3:00pm
Listen to Me Concerts –	Thursday 18 December
	1.30 pm Year 5
	2:00 pm Year 6
End of Term	Friday 19 December
Start of Spring Term	Monday 5th January