

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the half-term break. The school is already buzzing with positive energy. It feels like this is going to be a successful half term full of opportunities to maximise learning and growth.



On Thursday we joined in with Outdoor Classroom Day. We love making the most of our amazing school grounds.

Hedgehogs and Squirrels teamed up for an exciting collaborative art project. The children created stunning large-scale firework artwork by throwing paint-soaked teabags onto paper — exploring colour, movement, and a little bit of messy fun!



Bumblebees class took their maths learning outside! They went round the field collecting sticks and used them to make equal groups — like 2 equal groups, 4 equal groups and even 6 equal groups! They had great fun learning and enjoying the fresh air.



Kingfishers class went outside and used their knowledge of algorithms, by making a code to create a shape using the sticks they had found.



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Heron's created stories outdoors using our fabulous imaginations and the beautiful world around us. Our creations were wildly different: one was about a bug restaurant where the meals ran away from the customers, one was about a carrot who grew arms, and another was



about a disgruntled farmer, who had his prize carrot stolen by a mischievous bird! We are all feeling very proud of our stories and we enjoyed performing them to each other.



Hares class have been out and about in the school grounds exploring Autumn textures and colours. They collected materials to make their nature head bands.



Being outdoors offers so many benefits including:

- Encouraging creativity and curiosity.
- Supporting physical and mental wellbeing.
- Helping children develop a deeper connection with nature and the environment.










In assembly, we explored the story of The Man Who Planted Trees. This beautiful tale reminded us of the power of our actions and the lasting impact they can have. It also helped us reflect on the beauty and importance of trees in shaping environments and communities. A small act today can create a legacy for generations to come. The children thoroughly enjoy being outdoors. Remember to bring in wellies so we can use the field more often throughout the winter months.



This week, Foxes Class in Year 4 had an exciting visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace. They had a fantastic time exploring Roman history and learning about life in ancient times. The children returned full of enthusiasm and new knowledge to share. Their behaviour throughout the trip was exemplary – Well done Foxes.

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 7 November 2025
Squirrels 	Freya for her enthusiasm for learning. She is an excellent listener and always tries her best in everything she does. Charlie C for trying really hard in her reading group. Your hard work is paying off Charlie and we are really proud of you.
Ladybirds 	Douglas, Reuben and Margaret have shown great resilience and curiosity in geography. They used the atlases and maps to locate the different countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom. Also, they enthusiastically shared their knowledge about places they had visited and were great at locating Winchester on the map.
Bumblebees 	Mia and Isabella have been recognised for their focus and readiness to learn. During our first hockey lesson, both girls were showing incredible respect whilst also practicing their new skills safely. Mia and Isabella are true team players! Well done girls.
Hares 	Amit and Stephanie have been recognised this week for focus and improvements. Amit has worked hard to focus and complete all tasks this week and he showed a clear passion for our new topic on Forces in Science. Stephanie, you have worked incredibly hard this week to show off how well you learn in class and outside class such as swimming, hockey and edible playground. All adults have complimented you on how well mannered, polite and focussed you have been.
Foxes 	I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children in Foxes for their fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm on our school trip this week to Fishbourne Roman Palace. They participated eagerly in all the activities and showed genuine interest in the workshop and artefact handling activity. Because of this the day was a huge success and I feel enormously proud of them.
Hérons 	Grace has shown such passion and ambition in her writing, making her an excellent role model for her peers. She makes carefully considered language choices, creating immersive description. Liam has been recognised for his kindness towards others when working in pairs and groups. He was patient and supportive when helping another child to proofread and edit their writing.
Kingfishers 	Rosa and Darlene have been recognised this week for working really well while designing a code for making a shape out of sticks during our Outdoor Learning session. Both listened to their partners, shared ideas and showed respect when trying to solve their friends' codes.



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Kitty W – Ladybirds, Harry A – Bumblebees, Hamish D – Hares, Rosa BF - Kingfishers

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	290	277	290	255
Position this term	1st	3rd	1st	3rd

PTA events for your diary (all taking place in the school hall):

11th November: DISCO KS1 3:30pm | KS2 4:45pm

- **ALL** children must be registered at this link to attend the disco: <https://forms.gle/3qbSmyr7HR4xWe2T7>
- Please see message in class WhatsApp groups for more information, or reach out to any of the team

21st November: BINGO 7:00-9:00pm

- Ticket details coming soon
- Fabulous prizes on offer from Sparx Beauty, New Energy Fitness, New Forest Butchers, The Beauty Room@ ninety-one... and more!

3rd December: WREATH MAKING 7:00-9:00pm

- Sign up at this link: <https://pay.collctiv.com/wreath-making-workshop-oli-b-88069>
- Places are limited - see the flyer sent out earlier this week. All funds raised will go towards supporting the school



Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who very kindly donated items for our Harvest Festival. These were donated to the Winchester Food and Basics Bank who were very grateful for our generous donation. We received a lovely thank you letter from them explaining how much this helps local people – they served 8,562 people in 2024 alone so this type of support is very much appreciated – thank you.



Christmas Wreath Workshop

The PTA are running a Christmas Wreath Workshop here at school on **Wednesday 3 December 7 – 9pm** guided by Crafter Club. The cost is £35 per person which includes all the materials and refreshments. To book your place please follow the link on the flyer sent earlier in the week.

Puss in Boots

We are delighted to be taking the whole school to see Puss in Boots at the Theatre Royal in Winchester on the 11 December. Thank you to those who have already contributed towards the cost – if you have not done so and are able to make a contribution, however small, we would be very grateful.



Please remember Monday is **odd sock day** in support of National Anti-Bullying Week.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



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Dates for your diary - [new events in Blue](#)

ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO 😊

Anti-Bullying week & Odd Socks	Monday 10 November
School Photographer	Friday 21 November
Inset Day	Monday 1 December
Nursery and Year R Nativity 2pm	Tuesday 9 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
Carols on the Decking	Wednesday 17 at 3:00pm
Listen to Me Concerts –	Thursday 18 December
	1.30 pm Year 6
	2:00 pm Year 5
End of Term	Friday 19 December
Start of Spring Term	Monday 5th January