

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another lovely and very busy week at school and I am delighted to share just some of the fantastic learning experiences that have taken place across our school community.

This week, the children have truly shown their passion for writing. In Hares Class, pupils have been crafting superb introductory paragraphs for non-fiction writing about animals, immediately engaging their readers with interesting facts and thoughtful language. Bumblebees have been busy beginning their own exciting 'through the door' stories, capturing suspense and imagination from the very first sentence. Herons have carefully planned the paragraphs for their stories whilst our Kingfisher pupils have been working with great enthusiasm on their narratives. They have been carefully advancing the action through dialogue and making thoughtful choices to 'show, not tell', creating vivid scenes for their readers.

Across the whole school, children have demonstrated real determination to select the right words and the right sentence structures to create the intended effect on their reader — a skill that we are very proud to see developing so strongly.



We have also enjoyed extending learning beyond the classroom this week by planting disease-resistant elm trees within the school grounds. Our Eco ambassadors worked hard to help the planting process. The trees were kindly donated by Winchester Rotary Club. These essential trees will help to support our local ecosystem and provide a welcoming environment for wildlife both big and small for many years to come.








Creativity has also been evident in our design and technology learning. Year 1 pupils, in particular, have been advancing their playground designs and using programmable bots to develop their understanding of early coding concepts in a purposeful and exciting way.

Finally, we have become increasingly aware that some children are using social media and online games. While these platforms can be enjoyable and appropriate at certain times, they also bring potential risks. Please do visit the **Children's** section of our school website, where you will find a range of online safety resources to support both children and parents. This includes a dedicated section about **Roblox**, along with a helpful video offering practical guidance on staying safe online. Here is the link to our website: [Online Safety](#)



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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 23 January 2026
 Squirrels	<b>Quinn and Gali</b> for showing their readiness during transition times. Each morning they come in and get on with their morning task, saying goodbye to their grown-ups and settling into the school day.
 Ladybirds	<b>Kitty, Gabriel, Frankie and Orla</b> have worked safely and cooperatively when making their model playgrounds for our design and technology project. They worked well with their partners and showed great resilience when sometimes their first attempt failed! But they didn't give up and kept on trying different joining techniques, well done.
 Bumblebees	<b>Everlyn, Martha, James B, James G, Michaelle and Rex</b> have been recognised for being ready and respectful during our singing lesson with Mr Munday. They were showing that they were ready for the next instruction and were able to showcase their beautiful singing voices! Way to go!
 Hares	<b>Juliet</b> - Over the last two weeks Juliet has been finding her feet within our school. She has shown resilience with changing schools, has been respectful of new rules and expectations to follow - she is always ready to learn and Juliet has demonstrated that she knows how to keep herself and her new friends safe when out playing. Well done Juliet.
 Foxes	<b>Lucy and Evie B</b> have shown that they are always ready to learn by listening well and participating in discussions in class. Their confidence in their own abilities is growing which is lovely to see. <b>Lola</b> has just joined us and is settling back into the class really well. She is working hard and in all her learning. Well done Lola!
 Hérons	This week, <b>Elsie</b> has shown so much dedication to her learning across the curriculum. It has been lovely to hear her talking about her pride in her work, especially in writing and art! <b>Noah</b> has been showing his readiness to learn in every lesson this week. It has been wonderful to see how his focus and determination are paying off!
 Kingfishers	<b>Blake and Rosa</b> have been recognised for being ready and respectful in school. Blake and Rosa listen carefully, are always ready to get on with their work quietly and show respect to other children and adults in the class. Well done.



### Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Ben B – Bumblebees, Andi E – Hares, Clara M – Foxes, Olivia R - Kingfishers

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	393	275	317	309
Leaderboard	1st	2nd	3rd	4th

### **Please keep to the paths**

Please can we ask that everyone keeps to the paths and not the grassed areas in school. These areas are getting very muddy and we also have new bulbs coming through which we will be lovely in the spring.



### **Car park safety**

We are looking to improve the safety around our car park. We are looking to remove part of the gate to form a safe access from the car park into school. If you have any ideas or can help with this project please can you email the school office or speak to Mr King.

### **Parents Evenings**

Date for your diary – **Tuesday 17 March – 2.30 – 5.40pm** and **Wednesday 18 March – 2.30 – 5pm**.  
Information on booking appointments will be emailed to you shortly.

### **Gurkha Museum Fun Day**

Please follow the link for details of a FREE Fun Day at the Gurkha Museum on Monday 16 February.

<https://thegurkhamuseum.co.uk/event/journey-the-jungle/>



### **Coffee & Chat**

Come and join Mrs.Bordoli and me on Wednesday 28th at 8.45am for a coffee and a chat.

This is a chance for you to drop in and have an informal conversation about any aspect of school you would like to talk about.

If you would like to attend, please complete the [Google form](#) to give us an idea of numbers.

Please let the school office know if you have any questions  
Thank you for your continued support and 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 😊

Coffee and Chat Session – 8.45 – 9.15am	Wednesday 28th January
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 10th February
Open Classroom Event – 3 – 3.30pm	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
School breaks up for half term	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Inset Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
<a href="#">Year 7 Kings' Ambassadors visit (Year 5 &amp;6)</a>	<a href="#">Tuesday 3 March 2026</a>
<a href="#">1.30 – 2.30pm (Pupils) 2.30 – 3.30pm (Parents)</a>	
Year 1 Trip to Science Centre	Monday 9th March 2026
<a href="#">Parents Evening – 2.30 – 5.40pm</a>	<a href="#">Tuesday 17 March 2026</a>
<a href="#">Parents Evening – 2.30 – 5pm</a>	<a href="#">Wednesday 18 March 2026</a>
Rock Steady Concert – 3pm	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026
Inset Day	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Inset Day	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026