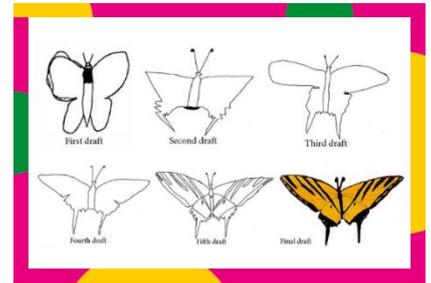


# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

In our assemblies recently, we have been learning about the Learning Pit - that sometimes challenges can feel difficult, but with perseverance and the right strategies, we can climb out stronger. We learnt about Austin's Butterfly, which shows how clear, specific feedback helps us improve far more than simply being told to "try again." We talked about how feedback should give us something concrete to work on. For example, instead of "have another go," we might say, "try adding adjectives to your sentences," or "look closely at the shape of the wings."



Year 3's Healthy Habits, has really taken off. The children have been exploring what it means to take care of both their bodies and their minds. On Wednesday, they created colourful healthy plates using collage and had the chance to explore and taste a range of fruits—trying something new was strongly encouraged! They have also begun growing their own cress in class. The children are keeping a close eye on its progress and will be able to take their pots home soon to share their freshly grown produce with their families.

Foxes Class have been getting creative as part of their history work on the Vikings. They have designed and made their own Viking shields, exploring patterns, colours, and the symbolism behind them. The children showed fantastic teamwork and craftsmanship, and the finished shields look wonderfully authentic - worthy of any Viking warrior!



It has been an exciting week for our school football teams! Our Girls Team played a very closely contested friendly match against St Peter's Primary School. After taking the lead twice, the team defended brilliantly throughout the match. Although we conceded two late goals, finishing with a narrow 3–2 defeat, the girls showed great determination and skill. There were so many positives to take away from the performance, especially as we prepare for our upcoming

Hampshire Schools Cup Quarter Final. Our Boys Team also played this week in a home match against St Peter's Primary School—and secured a 2–1 win! We started strongly, going 2–0 up within minutes, and then showed real resilience in defence to limit the opposition to just one goal. The teamwork on display was excellent, and it's clear that the lunchtime training sessions with Matt from ActiveThruFootball are paying off. This was our first Boys Team victory of the season, so a huge congratulations to all our footballers!

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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 30 January 2026
Squirrels 	<b>Arthur, Gus, Jessie</b> for their fantastic learning in phonics sessions and application in their writing. Tommy U for choosing to practice his mark making skills during discovery time.
Ladybirds 	<b>Douglas, Reuben, Torben and George</b> have shown great concentration and participation in phonic lessons. Also, during guided reading sessions they have demonstrated great determination when reading difficult words and always share their ideas confidently. Well done!
Bumblebees 	<b>Gabriel, Herbie, Harry and Ava</b> for being super ready to stretch themselves in maths this week. They are always keen to challenge themselves and show a fantastic attitude to help them tackle anything. Well done guys!
Hares 	<b>Lottie, Bonnie, Andi, Leif and Ezmai.</b> This group has been working hard in class to focus on tasks they have been given. Each of these children have found some part of learning tricky over the week but each one of them persevered to complete the work that was set for them.
Foxes 	I am so impressed with <b>Alex</b> this week. He has shown that he is ready to learn and listen to advice about his work, especially his handwriting. He has acted on the advice given and because of this his handwriting is now so much better. Well done Alex!
Hérons 	<b>Dylan, William and James</b> have worked incredibly hard in both English and Maths this week, showing determination and resilience which has helped them to be very successful. They have listened carefully to my feedback and have used the feedback to make great progress.
Kingfishers 	<b>Sarah and Kylan</b> have been recognised for working really hard on their writing about dragons this week. Both worked hard to include lots of descriptive phrases and used their research to make sure their descriptions were accurate.



### Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Adam I – Ladybirds, Vincent B – Bumblebees, Isla B – Hares, Pearl C – Herons

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	200	349	380	262
Leaderboard	3rd	1st	1st	4th

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### School Holiday Fun Days

Lets Play run Fun Days in the school holidays at Winchester Sport and Leisure Park in Bar End Road, Winchester for children aged 5 (school year 1) – 12 years. There is a variety of activities on offer from swimming, multi-sports, arts and crafts and much more! The cost start at £29.50 per day (childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare are accepted). For more information call 01344 508008 or email [info@lets-play.org.uk](mailto:info@lets-play.org.uk) or to book a place online at: [www.lets-play.org.uk](http://www.lets-play.org.uk)

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 😊

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
Year 7 Kings' Ambassadors visit (Year 5 &6)	Tuesday 3 March 2026
1.30 – 2.30pm (Pupils) 2.30 – 3.30pm (Parents)	
Year 1 Trip to Science Centre	Monday 9th March 2026
Parents Evening – 2.30 – 5.40pm	Tuesday 17 March 2026
Parents Evening – 2.30 – 5pm	Wednesday 18 March 2026
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