

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a really lovely week in school. The children have been working incredibly hard, and we've enjoyed holding our pupil progress meetings and book looks over the past few days. It has been wonderful to see how confidently the children are applying the spellings they have been learning (both in their spelling lessons and on Ed Shed) directly into their writing. We've also been delighted to see the progress they are making with their handwriting. We place a lot of importance on accurate letter formation, as this helps children develop fluent, confident handwriting so that when they are writing their ideas, nothing slows them down.

Don't forget that Tuesday is **Safer Internet Day**. We will be talking with the children, at an age-appropriate level, about how to stay safe online and how to make sensible choices when using the internet. The theme for this year is **Smart tech, safe choices**—exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. This year's focus reflects how quickly AI and smart technologies are becoming part of children's everyday online experiences.

LIFE IS BETTER
WITH A BOOK

We also had a visit from the **School Library Service** van this week, which has brought a fantastic selection of new books into our library. Mrs. Stacey is busy shelving them as I write, and the children will soon have lots of exciting new titles to enjoy.

Looking ahead, next week is our final week of the half term, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school for our **Open Classroom event on Thursday, 3:00–3:30pm**. This is a lovely opportunity to visit your child's classroom, look through their books together, and see first-hand their beautiful handwriting, confident spelling, creative writing, and all their brilliant maths and project work. We hope to see many of you there.








This week our **Eco Ambassadors** met with Nickey Turner from the Winchester Food Partnership, a local initiative working to promote healthy, sustainable food choices and reduce the environmental impact of what we eat.

We talked about the energy that goes into producing our food and played a game matching fruit and vegetables to their seasons. Nickey was very impressed with the children's knowledge and their enthusiasm for our healthy living projects, including the Edible Playground.



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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 6 February 2026
 Squirrels	Tommy-Lee for trying really hard to make good choices and being a good friend to Squirrels. Xander for trying really hard when practising his tricky words.
 Ladybirds	Jamie has shown great perseverance with his handwriting this week, sitting his letters on the line and thinking carefully about his ascenders and descenders. Also he checked to make sure that his sentences made sense by reading them back. Tabitha, Stanley, Kei, Ozzie and Wren have all challenged themselves this week in maths. They showed great determination when solving addition and subtraction problems. Well done!
 Bumblebees	George, Lucy, Oliver M and Kit for really giving it their all with their portal stories based on the Journey. They have stretched their vocabulary to include adventurous adjectives to bring their writing to life. Well done!
 Hares	Jack has been nominated for showing a great amount of respect to adults, his peers and our school rules. Jack has been organising himself quickly at the start of lessons as well as other staff members have complimented him on his manners. Jack has also been trying to guide and encourage his peers to make the right choices throughout transition times.
 Foxes	Theo and Lincoln for their poetry writing piece in English. They had to unpick a piece of poetry and explore the language and what the poet was trying to explain. Then Theo and Lincoln had to recreate a new poem. Showing team skills by listening to each other's ideas and discussing what they liked about their ideas, how they could improve and which words rhyme together and for it to still make sense in the poem. Great resilience and cooperation, not giving up. Great work.
 Herons	Alma has shown true resilience this week and I am so proud of her every day. Whenever she finds herself in the pit of learning, she stays determined until she is successfully out the other side. Henry always shows such a quiet, yet unrelenting, determination to succeed in whichever challenges he faces. He welcomes opportunities to problem solve and to make progress in his learning across the curriculum every single day. He is a brilliant role model to others!
 Kingfishers	Pearl, Matthew, Eloise and Blake have been recognised for working well as a team, producing excellent sentence starters in English about Dragons, and having a good discussion in our RE lesson. All of them showed respect to each other, listening and taking turns to give their opinions.



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Wren S – Ladybirds, Jase S – Bumblebees, Aren R- Foxes

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	496	457	570	378
Leaderboard	2nd	2nd	1st	4th

Football Coaching

Winchester City Football Club are launching a new Football Development Group specifically for children in Year R and Year 1 to try and increase the number of 5 and 6 year olds playing football in the local area. This will be taking place on Saturday mornings, 8.45 – 9.45am at Charters Community Stadium, Hillier Way, Winchester.

To register your interest pick up a flyer from the school office and scan the QR Code.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that due to financial constraints there will be **NO Breakfast Club** after half term – this provision will now be known as **Early Morning Club** – the arrangements for booking will remain the same but no food or drink (apart from water) will be served. Children can bring in their own food – ie fruit, cereal bar, croissant. We cannot provide bowls, milk or cutlery for cereal or toast bread.

Spanish Club

Spanish4kids are starting a new online course in February at a cost of £49.95 per month – join now and speak some Spanish by Summer 2026! For more information and to book go to:

www.spanish4kids.co.uk/new-online-course.

Mighty Netball

Please find attached a flyer offering all Year 1 and 2 children the opportunity to try 2 free taster sessions on Saturday 7th and 14th February 9.15 – 10am at Winchester College Sports Centre.



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 10 th February
Open Classroom Event – 3 – 3.30pm	Thursday 12 th February
School breaks up for half term	Thursday 12 th February 2026
Inset Day	Friday 13 th 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 9 th March 2026



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Parents Evening – 2.30 – 5.40pm

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Rock Steady Concert – 3pm

[Listen to Me Concert – 1.30 – 1.50 \(Year 2\)](#)

[Listen to Me Concert – 2 – 2.20 \(Year 1\)](#)

Inset Day

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Tuesday 17 March 2026

Wednesday 18 March 2026

Monday 23rd March 2026

[Thursday 26 March 2026](#)

[Thursday 26 March 2026](#)

Friday 26th June 2026

Monday 29th June 2026