

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful week it has been at school! The sunshine has certainly helped to lift everyone's spirits, and it's been lovely to see the children making the most of the brighter weather outdoors.

World Book Day was a real highlight. A huge thank you to all the parents who were able



to come in and read with the children, your enthusiasm and support brought joy to the morning. We are thinking about making parent-reading sessions a regular event. Would this be something you'd enjoy? We'd love to hear your thoughts, so please do share your feedback.



This week also marked the **5-year anniversary of our Edible Playground**. The High Sheriff Sue Elton and Jan Warwick, Deputy Leader of HCC joined us for the celebrations. It has become such an important part of our school life, offering children hands-on experiences in planting, growing, teamwork, and outdoor learning. The children take such pride in the space, and it continues to enrich our curriculum in so many meaningful ways.

Around the school, children have been busy with a range of exciting activities. **Hares in Year 3** enjoyed a walk around the local area, exploring our community and practising their observational skills. **Hedgehogs in Nursery** created some fantastic *Colour Monster* paintings – they talked about their feelings as they created art work full of expression and creativity! **Squirrels in Year R** have been investigating water in the outdoor area, experimenting, splashing, and learning through play. It's been a week full of creativity, curiosity, and community spirit.

This week the children have been very busy looking after our baby dolls. They have been washing them, changing them and feeding them, taking their responsibilities very seriously. We have had some very diligent mummies and daddies in the classroom!










Bird Boxes



We have been very lucky to be have been given three Bird Box Kits by Winchester Rotary. Grace, Orla, Henry and Max from **Hérons Class** helped Mr King assemble them. These boxes will provide homes for Bluetits, Robins and Nuthatches.



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





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 Squirrels	<p>Ronnie for being a good friend to others. This week we have noticed him sharing his toys with others and playing well with his classmates.</p> <p>Andrea for being such a great learner. She listens well and tries hard with everything she does.</p> <p>Tommy-Lee for trying really hard with his letters. He persevered and it shows in his writing.</p>
 Ladybirds	<p>Max, Willow and Gabriel have all shown great concentration when reading this week and have also been applying their phonics knowledge when reading in a group.</p>
 Bumblebees	<p>Daisy, Arthur L and George for always being ready to learn! This group is always the first to sit sensibly on the carpet and show fantastic listening. You are role models to the rest of the class. Well done!</p>
 Hares	<p>Leo, Jack, Ollie, Finley D, Scarlett, Hamish, Isla B, Finley A and Matilda.</p> <p>This group of children represented the school with such great conduct, manners and sharing ideas throughout our trip around Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery that not only were they complemented on their behaviour by the adults helping on the walk but also by members of the public.</p>
 Foxes	<p>Ada B F has really impressed me this week with her readiness to learn and listen to advice about her writing. Ada works hard in every lesson and it is lovely to see her develop her skills as a thoughtful writer.</p> <p>Clara, Annabelle, Ellie and Oscar have also shown enthusiasm during science.</p>
 Herons	<p>Dylan has been working so hard recently on his resilience. When he is faced with new challenges, or feedback about his work, he is responding calmly and enthusiastically, which is helping him to make excellent progress.</p> <p>Herons class also deserve recognition for how wonderful they were when we went to read with Nursery Class. I felt incredibly proud of their kind and gentle approach in interacting with the younger children – it was an absolute joy to see.</p>
 Kingfishers	<p>Skye and Rosa have been recognised for being the Year 6 Eco-ambassadors and contributing to the assembly this week. They taught us how to show respect for the world around us and what we can do to help it.</p>



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Tabitha W S – Ladybirds, Everlyn F – Bumblebees, Finley A -Hares, Liam G - Herons

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	271	365	271	309
Leaderboard	3rd	2nd	1st	4th

Parents Evenings

A reminder that Parent sessions will be taking place on **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March**. A link has been sent out this week for your child's class to enable you to book your slot. If you are having difficulty booking an appointment please do not hesitate to contact the school office and a member of the admin team will be happy to book this for you. This is a great opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and catch up on your child's progress so far this term.

500 Words Competition

Congratulations to Cosima in Year 5 who reached the final of the BBC 500 words competition with her story entitled 'How the Sloth Became Slow'. Last Wednesday she attended Windsor Castle with all the other finalists in the company of the Queen and Paddington! This event will be shown tonight on The One Show at 7pm.



Chess Champ!

Also well done to Sam in Year 3 who represented Hampshire in the Inter Association Chess Championships.

Easter Camp

Cricket Hoppers are running an Easter Camp at Kings School from the 30 March – 2 April. For more information and to book go to: www.crickethoppers.cou.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 😊

Year 1 Trip to Science Centre

Parents Evening – 2.30 – 5.40pm

Parents Evening – 2.30 – 5pm

Rock Steady Concert – 3pm

Listen to Me Concert – 1.30 – 1.50 (Year 2)

Listen to Me Concert – 2 – 2.20 (Year 1)

[Choir Concert 2.45pm](#)

School breaks up for Easter

Inset Day

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Monday 9th March 2026

Tuesday 17th March 2026

Wednesday 18th March 2026

Monday 23rd March 2026

Thursday 26th March 2026

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[Friday 27th March 2026](#)

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Friday 26th June 2026

Monday 29th June 2026