

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a wonderful **Science Week!** The children have thrown themselves into every activity with curiosity, enthusiasm and a real sense of wonder.

Our week began with an exciting adventure for **Ladybirds in Year 1**, who visited the **Science Museum**. They were captivated by the planetarium exhibits and enjoyed learning fascinating facts about the planets and our solar system. Their questions and observations made us all proud.

Back at school, children across the classes have been busy experimenting, investigating and exploring both indoors and outdoors including:

- **Nest building** – finding out the best materials and locations for birds to make their nests.
  - **Egg-drop experiments**, testing which designs best protected an egg from a high fall
  - **Bread-dropping tests**, finding out whether buttered bread really does land butter-side down
- **Colour-mixing explorations** using food colouring and kitchen paper to observe absorption and pattern-making








Alongside our science focus, the children have continued to enjoy their English learning journeys. Many classes have been working on **diary writing**, using imaginative detail and expressive language, while others have been polishing and performing their **poems** with growing confidence. A special mention goes to **Year 3 in Hares**, who have absolutely loved their Forest School sessions this week. Their teamwork, creativity and engagement with the natural environment have been a joy to see.

It has been a week full of discovery, excitement and hands-on learning—exactly what Science Week is all about.





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 13 March 2026
 Squirrels	<p><b>Bertie and Gus</b> have been maths-magicians this week! They have been focused on the learning and are developing great mathematical thinking.</p> <p><b>Charlie M</b> has been trying hard with his activities and persevering. We are really proud of the progress he has made in his learning.</p> <p><b>Dylan</b> has been working really hard on his writing. Sometimes even choosing to practise during discovery time. His letter formation is really coming on.</p>
 Ladybirds	<p>Everyone in <b>Ladybirds Class</b> for excellent behaviour, resilience and curiosity during our visit to the Science Centre. They also engaged well during the rocket launching workshop and while watching the planet show in the planetarium.</p>
 Bumblebees	<p><b>Harry, Herbie and James G</b> have been scientific superstars this week! All three boys have shown a true readiness to learn throughout our science activities this week! Well done boys for being scientifically curious!</p>
 Hares	<p><b>Scarlett, Oscar, Amit and Stephanie.</b> This group of children have crossed the finish line on their English learning journey. These Hares have taken some steep dives and climbed hills to do this with various adults offering improvements and advice along the way but they never lost hope or doubted they would be able to do it.</p>
 Foxes	<p><b>Lucy and Evie B</b> for their readiness to learn in Maths from fractions to tenths and decimals and tackling each maths challenge.</p> <p><b>Lincoln and Oscar</b> – these two have worked so hard in English for their writing and the use of persuasive language and fronted adverbials in their work.</p> <p><b>Clara</b> – this week has shown friendship and teamwork being a really supportive friend and her readiness and respect to everyone in the class.</p> <p><b>The whole class</b> for being fantastic learners and always putting in the effort and always giving a 100% towards the learning especially on this learning journey and overall just amazing.</p>
 Heron	<p><b>Pearl's</b> love for learning shines through in all that she does at Oliver's Battery. She is always so keen to support others during lessons and she does so with a gentle and kind approach.</p> <p><b>Samuel's</b> dedication to his learning makes him an excellent role model; he is always ready to learn and puts so much effort into every new challenge across the curriculum. This week he has independently written a brilliant poem, which is full of vivid description and excitement.</p>
 Kingfisher	<p>This weeks <b>Kingfisher's</b> class have been recognised for their hard work and continued that they have put into their SAT's practise papers this week. They have been ready to take on new challenges, and have shown each other respect while completing the papers.</p>



### Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Conner W – Bumblebees, Annabelle Mc – Foxes, Henry T – Herons, Keira F - Kingfishers

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	305	298	309	321
Leaderboard	2nd	2nd	1st	4th



Our Ed Shed winners this week are:  
Ella (Yr6), Archie (Yr6) and Abraham (Yr3).  
The top classes are Hares and Kingfishers.

If you want ideas, on or off line, to help with spelling at home our website has lots to look at. Try this link to our [English Subject page](#) here or go straight to edshed here: <https://www.edshed.com>



Our Times Tables Rock Star winners this week are:  
Ava (Yr2), Hamish (Yr3), Ema (Yr4), Dylan (Yr5) and Torres (Yr6)

If you want ideas, on or off line, to help with timestables at home our website has lots to look at. Try this link to our [Maths subject page](#) here or go straight to TTRS here: <https://trockstars.com/>

### Eco Club

A reminder to anyone who is taking part in the Big Plastic Count to log your results next week or drop your sheet back into the school office.



### Friends of OB School PTA notices: Parents' Evening Bake Sale



from 3pm on 17th and 18th March outside the hall

We would be grateful for donations of cakes and other baked treats  
to sell at the next Parents' Evening Bake Sale  
Please take any donations to the school office from Monday 16th March  
Just a reminder - no nuts please!

## SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR: Saturday 11 July Calling All Volunteers!

We want to make this year's Summer Fair the best one yet, but we **need your help!**

### ORGANISING TEAM

- If you would like to be part of the organisational team, please get in touch with your PTA rep or Malcolm directly.
- All welcome, however much time you can spare.

### ON THE DAY

- We will need volunteers for a variety of tasks on the day of the fair. No matter your skills or interests, there will be a spot for you!
- More information will follow after Easter, including how to sign up. Even an hour will make a big difference.

**Please reach out to any of the PTA with any questions**

### Spring into Action Toolkit

We are pleased to be sharing Hampshire County Council's My Journey's Spring into Action Toolkit.

This year's theme is **Time to Walk, Talk, Listen** and included in the Toolkit are fun activities and questions to help spark conversation while you walk or wheel, either to and from school or during your leisure time.

Walking and wheeling side by side often helps conversations happen more naturally, making it easier for children and young people to share their feelings and worries.

For more information go to:

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/springintoaction>

It is lovely to see our wonderful displays of daffodils in the school grounds. Please could you keep to the paths and not the grassed areas so to keep these areas looking lovely for as long as possible – thank you.



Yours faithfully



Miss Vittle  
Headteacher

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

ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO 😊 Just click here: [School Calendar](#)

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)

Choir Concert 2.45pm

School breaks up for Easter

Inset Day

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Tuesday 17th March 2026

Wednesday 18th March 2026

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Thursday 26th March 2026

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026