

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been filled with creativity, curiosity and community spirit.

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children designed bunting for The Royal Logistics Corps Museum. This year, the museum worked with a talented student, Pippa Skinsley, who transformed the bunting triangles into a remarkable Second World War lady's uniform. Last week, the Mayor of Winchester unveiled the piece to the public, and it was a proud moment for all involved.



This week, Hares class enjoyed an online author meet with Lui Sit. They took part in a live Q&A, heard about her learning journey to becoming an author, and even had an exclusive preview of her upcoming book, *The Wildcat and the Gathering Storm*. If you'd like to explore her work further, please visit: [www.lui-land.co.uk](http://www.lui-land.co.uk)



In PE, Squirrels and Kingfishers have been refining their dances this week. Their confidence, rhythm and teamwork are really shining through. There has also been some fantastic story writing happening across the school this week. The imagination and vocabulary the children are using really bringing their work to life. Many classes made the most of the sunshine this week by taking their work outside. We have been measuring, counting and investigating how shadows change during the day, bringing their learning to life through practical exploration.



In other exciting news, following our celebrations marking five years of the Edible Garden, we are delighted to share that the project has been featured in the








Hampshire Chronicle this week, complete with a wonderful write-up and photograph. This recognition reflects the hard work, enthusiasm and community effort that have shaped the garden over the years.



A huge thank you for the excellent attendance at Parents' Evening. **95%** is fantastic. We value these conversations enormously, and your support makes such a difference to the children's learning and wellbeing. Thank you to PTA for offering refreshments at both evenings too – and to the fabulous bakers who make cake sales possible!



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 20 March 2026
 Squirrels	<b>Bertie, Gaia and Remy</b> for being such respectful members of Squirrels. They have lovely manners and are a pleasure to talk to.
 Ladybirds	<b>Margaret, Laurie, Caelan, Jamie, Freddie, George and Reuben</b> for showing great resilience and perseverance in our PE lessons. They always listen carefully and clearly follow instructions. Also they work cooperatively with a partner or in a group and are always trying to improve their skills by actively participating. Well done!
 Bumblebees	<b>Rex and Felix</b> are always eager to learn, showing great enthusiasm and focus. They set a fantastic example and inspire others in the class every day! Well done boys!
 Hares	<b>Leif and Ollie.</b> These two members of Hares have been showing a fantastic attitude to their learning. Ollie is eager to get stuck into his task independently and Leif has been focussing hard on structuring his ideas in English. Both of them are also very working hard on their handwriting skills.
 Foxes	<b>Harley</b> has settled int the class well and has impressed us with his readiness to learn. Well done Harley it is lovely to have you in our class.
 Hérons	<b>Matilda</b> is such a wonderful role model during group work. She listens carefully to her peers, offers thoughtful solution to problems and supports others when they are finding the task too challenging. <b>William's</b> determination to succeed has shone this week, especially in Maths. He has welcomed new challenges with a smile and a positive attitude, which has allowed him to make great progress with multiplying fractions.
 Kingfishers	<b>Scarlett</b> , new to Kingfisher's class, has been recognised for being ready and respectful this week. She has worked hard in lessons, contributed to class discussions and come in smiling every day. Well done.



### Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Salman A – Ladybirds, Lucy B – Bumblebees, Sam P H – Hares, Alma S - Herons

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	270	288	278	325
Leaderboard	3rd	2nd	1st	3rd

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Our Ed Shed winners this week are:

Ella D – Kingfishers, Abraham and Stephanie – Hares Class.

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 T – Bumblebees, Jack O – Hares, Ema A – Foxes, Dylan H -Hérons, Torres – Kingfishers.

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.co>

### **Drama Group**

Some of our pupils who attend the Tuesday Drama club will be performing tonight at the Theatre Royal in Winchester as part of the 'Playmakers Youth Takeover'. They have rehearsing hard all week and we would like to wish them luck or 'break a leg' for tonight's performance.

### **Easter Multi-Activity Camp**

Active Me 360 are running an Easter Activity Camp at Stanmore Primary School from Monday 30 March – Thursday 2 April – 9am – 4pm for ages 4 – 12 years (4 year old children must be in school in Year R). Activities include multi-sports fun for all abilities combining favourite games with exciting new activities at a cost of £26.25 per day. They are also offering free places for children who are eligible for free school meals – they will also provide a free hot lunch each day. For more information or to book visit: [www.activeme360.com](http://www.activeme360.com).

### **PTA News**

#### **PTA FUNDS AND FUNDRAISING SURVEY:**

**Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey so far. There's still time to have your say in how we allocate PTA time and funds.**

Just complete this short survey to share your opinion and ideas: [PTA Survey](#)

### **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 Robinson 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.

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### CAKE SALE

Finally, a big thank you to those who donated cakes, bought cakes and volunteered their time for the cake sales this week.

A whooping £318 was raised!

Thanks especially to Julia and Kasia for organising



### Oliver's Battery Big Outdoor Swap

This is taking place this **Saturday 21 March 10 – 4pm**. Place your preloved items outside of your home (being careful not to obstruct footpaths) and take a walk around Oliver's Battery and see what treasures you can find for free!

For updates, including any changes due to the weather check the OB WhatsApp channel or the OB Parish Council website. If you would like your house and swap to be included on our trail map please email your address to:

[obsustainability@gmail.com](mailto:obsustainability@gmail.com). The map will be available online at:  
[www.oliversbattery.info/events/](http://www.oliversbattery.info/events/) a few days before.



### Gurkha Museum



The Museum in Romsey Road is holding an action-packed, jungle-themed family fun day on **Tuesday 31 March 11 – 4pm**.

Activities include creating your own military medal at the craft station and taking on the spaghetti bridge challenge – entry is free!

Thank you all for your continued support. Wishing you all 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 😊 Just click here: [School Calendar](#)

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  
Inset Day

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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