

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the spring term, I want to extend my thanks to our whole school community. It has been a successful term filled with hard work, growth and plenty of memorable moments. Across the school, pupils have taken on challenges, developed new skills and deepened their understanding in so many areas. From classroom learning to outdoor adventures, creative projects, performances and day-to-day acts of kindness, there is so much to be proud of. As we look ahead, the summer term promises even more opportunities for achievement and progress as well as enjoying time together as the weather brightens and we approach some of our favourite events of the school year. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Wishing all our families a restful and enjoyable break.

Today we bid a fond farewell to Miss Suttley and Miss Hamilton. They both move on to pastures new and we wish them the very best of luck.

The children have had an 'egg'citing time today taking part in the PTA's Easter Egg Hunt. They had to answer clues which were based on places around Oliver's Battery and Winchester. They were rewarded for completing the challenge with an Easter Egg. Thank you to the PTA for organising and funding this special Easter treat.

On Thursday afternoon, Year 5 visited the Nursery class to do some painting of Spring and Easter themed pictures. It was so lovely to see the two classes getting along so well!










We are delighted to share the launch of our brand-new Nursery logo. A fresh, welcoming symbol to reflect who we are, what we value and the joyful, nurturing environment our Nursery provides.

Having an identity of its own is an important step for our Nursery. It allows our youngest children, families, and staff to feel a strong sense of belonging to their immediate setting, while still being very much part of the wider school community. The new logo celebrates the Nursery's individuality while clearly showing that it sits proudly under the umbrella of our school's values and vision.

Over the past year, the Nursery has gone from strength to strength under Sophie's dedicated leadership. We are incredibly grateful for the positive feedback we continue to receive from families, visitors and professionals. This recognition reflects the hard work, creativity, and care shown by Sophie and the Nursery team and we are delighted that the new logo will help showcase the quality and character of the provision they have built.



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 27 March 2026
 Squirrels	Arthur, Charlie M, Gregory, Ronnie and Tommy-Lee. These children have shown perseverance with their writing. They have been trying hard to make sure their letters are formed correctly and have been using their phonics skills to write words and sentences. We are really proud of you.
 Ladybirds	Gael, Wren, Elsie and Layla 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	The Whole Class What a fantastic team! Bumblebees have been true Oliver's Battery ambassadors this week. They worked hard and performed brilliantly in the Listen 2 Me concert, showing confidence, talent and teamwork – everyone should be so proud! It was a wonderful reflection of how hard everyone has worked this term. Well done – you are all superstars!
 Hares	Bonnie, Frances and Sam. These children have shown perseverance with learning new concepts by extending their learning at home. Frances and Sam are working on improving their mathematical skills whilst Bonnie is working hard on reading every day of the week. Well done!
 Foxes	A huge well done to the whole class for working so hard this term. You are all so motivated to learn and show such interest in the world around you. You are all a pleasure to teach.
 Herons	Henry, Jack, Max and Samuel have been encouraging each other to step out of their comfort zones, especially in writing and in Maths. They also provide a wonderful support network for other children in our class.
 Kingfishers	Rosa and Skye have represented our class as Eco-Ambassadors, taking our views and ideas with them to their meeting. Well done for standing up and sharing with the other ambassadors.



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Mason, Archie, Blake, Tinson, Torres, Matthew, Duke, Henry, Joshua, Kota and Daniel all from Kingfishers Class.

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	468	299	518	541
Leaderboard	4th	3rd	1st	2nd



Our Ed Shed winners this week are:
Ella D – Kingfishers, Samuel P - Herons, Matlida L - Hares

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. We had many children from various classes who scored 95 and above this week and all received a certificate – well done!

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>

Kings School Transition Events

If your child is due to attend Kings School in September you would have received today a letter detailing their Induction Day, a Transition Guide and a Parent Handbook postcard. The children will be spending the day at Kings School on **Monday 22 June**. This will give the children an opportunity to get a sense of what school life will be like when they join in September. An information evening for parents will take place on **Thursday 2 July at 6pm**.

Eco Council Update

The Big Plastic Count

A huge thank you to everyone who took part! As a school community, we use almost 500,000 single-use plastic items every year. The data we've submitted will help build the case for new legislation on plastic packaging.

Marine Topic: Chalk Streams

This week the Eco Council explored our local chalk streams, the wildlife that depends on them and the threats they face. The River Itchen is one of the rarest habitats in the world and very special. We talked about the campaigns to protect endangered species found in the Itchen, such as the water voles and the white-clawed crayfish.



Winchester Hockey Club

Winchester Hockey Club are offering a summer outreach programme for children aged 6 – 11 years as an introduction to hockey. This is a ten week programme starting on Thursday 23 April, 6 – 7.30pm at Kings' School, Winchester. For more information go to: outreach@winchesterhc.co.uk.



Thank you all for your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely Easter break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 13th April.

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](#)

School breaks up for Easter

School returns for Summer Term

[Year 5 to Ferny Croft](#)

[PTA Quiz night](#)

[KS2 SATs week](#)

[Sports Day](#)

[Sports day reserve](#)

[Well-Being Week](#)

[Year 6 pupils to Kings School](#)

[Class Photos](#)

[Inset Day](#)

[Inset Day](#)

[Parents Information Evening at Kings School 6pm](#)

[Summer Fair](#)

[End of term](#)

Friday 27th March 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

[Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th April](#)

[Friday 1st May TBC](#)

[Week beginning Monday 12th May](#)

[Wednesday 20th May \(More info to follow\)](#)

[Thursday 21st May](#)

[Week beginning 8th June](#)

[Monday 22nd June](#)

[Thursday 25th June](#)

[Friday 26th June 2026](#)

[Monday 29th June 2026](#)

[Thursday 2nd July](#)

[Saturday 11th July](#)

[Wednesday 22nd July](#)