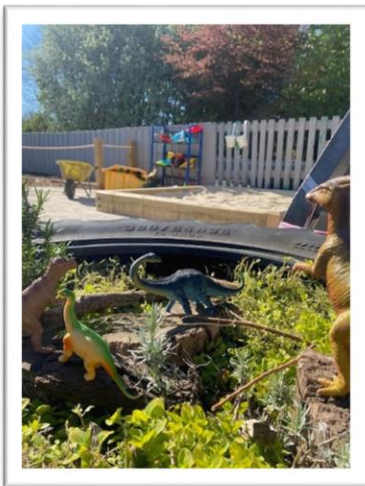


Newsletter

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24 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a fabulous week at school, filled with enthusiasm, curiosity and lots of learning. We have been making the most of our wonderful outdoors spaces as well as focusing on high-quality English and maths across the school.



There has been much excitement in Squirrels class, where the children have been busy searching for dinosaur fossils in our new sandpit and creating imaginative dinosaur adventures through their play. The children also discovered a newt! It was very carefully collected, gently observed and then just as carefully returned to its natural habitat, along with several other creepy crawlies we encountered along the way. The children showed great curiosity and respect for the natural world.

Ladybirds enjoyed their first Forest School session in Big Forest School where they had a wonderful time climbing trees, building dens and working together extremely positively. Their teamwork and cooperation did not go unnoticed, and they were celebrated in our assembly today for these fantastic skills.

In English, story writing has been a real focus across the school. Bumblebees are beginning to develop their own ideas based on a known story, showing growing confidence and creativity. Foxes have started planning stories with an environmental theme, focusing on looking after our world. Meanwhile, Kingfishers have been enjoying writing narratives inspired by Holes. Their stories include lots of carefully crafted dialogue, which makes their writing engaging and enjoyable to read.







Everyone has been loving their time on the field. Whether playing whole-class games, smaller group activities, or seeing younger children playing safely alongside older pupils, it has been a joy to see how the space encourages creativity, cooperation and active play.





A special mention must go to Year 5, who have had a fantastic residential week at Ferny Crofts. Lots of fun has been had, alongside new challenges and memorable experiences. Please do take a look at the photo gallery on the school website [here](#).





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 24 April 2026
 Squirrels	<p>Tommy-Lee has shown fantastic determination and a real eagerness to learn and succeed! During Forest School, he challenged himself to balance on the slackline without holding on—what a great effort! Even when it was tricky, he kept going and is excited to keep practicing until he masters it. We're so proud of you, Tommy-Lee—keep up the amazing work!</p> <p>Gus shown wonderful respect for our resources this week, which has made such a positive difference to our learning environment. He has taken great care in helping to sort and organise the outdoor kitchen, making it a fantastic place for everyone to play and explore.</p> <p>Chloe has shown fantastic determination with her reading this week, and it's wonderful to see the great progress she is making. She approaches her learning with focus and a positive attitude, always trying her best and not giving up when things feel challenging. We're so proud of you, Chloe—keep up the amazing work!</p>
 Ladybirds	<p>All of Ladybird's class for their fantastic behaviour during our first forest school afternoon. They all cooperated well with each other, sharing and taking turns. Lots of children supported others with climbing the tree, building dens or walking the slack line! Well done everyone!</p>
 Bumblebees	<p>Jase and Isabella have shown a fantastic attitude towards their learning this week especially in maths, where we have been learning about fractions.</p> <p>James G has shown determination and a positive attitude towards learning especially with his writing. Well done James</p>
 Hares	<p>Jack, Frankie and Leo.</p> <p>All three of these children have shown a fantastic attitude to learning this week. Jack and Leo are always quick to ask questions when learning new concepts such as converting money in Maths and punctuating speech in English.</p> <p>Frankie this week has been offering up answers during class discussions or challenging someone else's way of thinking.</p>
 Foxes	<p>Clara, Ada BF and Maya for their wonderful teamwork and effort in the Edible Garden.</p> <p>Oscar and Alice for their determination in Maths. You have been working hard with subtracting fractions and carefully working through each step. I have been so impressed with your effort so well done to you both!</p>
 Kingfishers	<p>Charlie and Esher have been recognised for their consistently thoughtful approach to their writing. Both girls are really thinking carefully about vocabulary choices, sentence construction and are including accurate spellings and punctuation marks.</p>

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	295	157	238	262
Leaderboard	2nd	4th	2nd	1st

Headteacher: Miss Sarah Vittle B.Ed (Hons)



Our Ed Shed winners this week are: Ella D, Samuel P, Abraham S and the winning class was 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: Hamish and Matilda who got their 'Going Green' in their times tables and the following children got their Gig – Ella, Tinson, Torres, Max, Lolo, Matilda and Ava T. 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://ttrackstars.co>

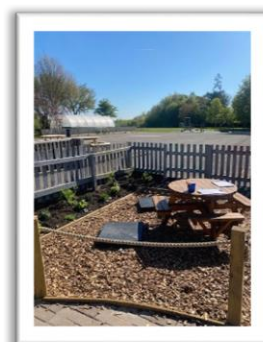
School Grounds improvements



We are delighted with the improvements made to the Year R and Nursery area. A discovery area in Year R has bark, a table and edible plants in some of the beds. We are now looking to house a bug hotel and pollinator plants on the other side. The grassy slope in nursey is now an even surface laid to grass. We just need to wait until the grass settles before we can play on it.

Any volunteers for making a large bug hotel will be gratefully received. We have something like the photo in our minds. Thank you to Malcolm and Jason for working tirelessly this week renewing the roof on the cycle shed. An improvement

to our storage facilities that was much needed.



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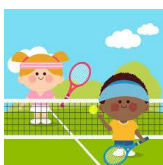
Please do come and join us on **Thursday 7 May at 8.45am in The Hub**. This is an opportunity to have an informal chat with Miss Vittle and Mrs Bordoli to share your thoughts, concerns or ideas. Everyone welcome.

School Quiz

Don't forget to book your place for the PTA's quiz night taking place on **Friday 1st May 7pm**. Register your team or yourself with the school office. If you don't have your own team you will be welcome to join another smaller team. £5 per person (pay on the night). Drinks and snacks will be available.



Tennis Camp



Winchester Racquets and Fitness Club are running a Tennis Camp in the May half term from Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th May. For children age 5 – 7 it will take place 9am – 11am at a cost of £22 per day (£17 for members) and ages 8 – 16 will be 11am – 3pm at a cost of £35 per day (£28.50 for members). All abilities welcome. For more information go to: WRFCLUB.COM.

Brick Festival

Places Leisure in Eastleigh are holding a Brick Festival on Sunday 17 May. There will be amazing lego displays, new and second hand lego sets together with activities for all ages. For more information go to: www.BrickFestivalEvents.com.



Win Equipment!

Help us win equipment for our school by collecting tokens which can be found in our local area newspapers. Collect your tokens and bring them into school by **Friday 3 July**. The school with the most tokens may have the possibility of a first prize of a £1000 Amazon Voucher or second prize a £500 Amazon Voucher for the school..

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](#)

PTA Quiz night 7pm

[Coffee and Chat 8.45am](#)

KS2 SATs week

Sports Day

Sports day reserve

Year R trip to Marwell Zoo

Well-Being Week

Year 6 pupils to Kings School

Class Photos

Inset Days

Parents Information Evening at Kings School 6pm

Summer Fair

[Rock Steady Concert – 2.30pm](#)

End of term

Friday 1st May

[Thursday 7th May](#)

Week beginning Monday 11th May

Wednesday 20th May (More info to follow)

Thursday 21st May

Thursday 4th June

Week beginning 8th June

Monday 22nd June

Thursday 25th June

Friday 26th June 2026 & Monday 29th June 2026

Thursday 2nd July

Saturday 11th July

[Monday 13th July](#)

Wednesday 22nd July