

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to everyone, we hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break.

We are fully ready to get going with our learning as we begin the first part of the summer term. It has been fantastic to see the sun shining at points throughout the week. The children have made a wonderful start by settling into their new projects and learning journeys with plenty of curiosity and enthusiasm.

Please do take a look at our website, where you can find the topic webs outlining what the children will be learning this term in our [This Half Term](#) pages.



We have also loved seeing some lovely reading partnerships developing, with Year 5 and Year 1 children sharing stories together. The children demonstrated respectful behaviour and a real enjoyment of reading, and we were delighted by the quality of their engagement.










In addition, we have been able to enjoy exploring in our Forest School sessions, making the most of being outdoors. The children have also planted seeds as part of our work to develop and make the best use of our edible playground. Today the children enjoyed being able to play on the field too. Such a momentous event in the primary school calendar year!





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 17 April 2026
 Squirrels	<p>Charlie C, you, Lily and your Dad came to the 'clean up our parking lot in the holidays' when nobody else did and worked tirelessly all day to tidy and sweep the carpark, litter picking and making it sparkle. Thank you for your hard work.</p>
 Ladybirds	<p>Caelan has been excellent in arriving on time each day and a prompt and positive start to his learning.</p> <p>Max and Torben have worked really hard this week on their learning. They have contributed ideas and listened carefully to other children's ideas. Also, they have worked particularly well on their maths skills counting in twos, fives and tens. Well done!</p>
 Bumblebees	<p>Mia has been coming into school sensibly in the mornings and getting ready for her school day with no fuss and lots of enthusiasm.</p> <p>George has adapted to the changes to the class so well and has shown maturity and resilience throughout the week.</p>
 Hares	<p>Finley A, Finley D, Ezmai, Adam, Lottie, Andi, Frances and Bonnie. This group of children have been working hard to understand fractions this week in Maths. Each one of them showed perseverance and determination to work through tricky problems and by the end of the week they have been able to complete challenges independently.</p>
 Foxes	<p>Aren has been excellent in arriving on time each day and making a prompt and positive start to his learning.</p> <p>Alice has worked particularly hard in Writing, producing a thoughtful letter on environmental impact and beginning her narrative with enthusiasm and care. She was proud to read her writing to the class and I am looking forward to reading her end writing.</p> <p>Evie Mc has been fantastic at seeking help when needed and contributing to class learning with her hand up, especially during our Habitat work. Well done for being such a good communicator and showing such willingness.</p>
 Heron	<p>Liam shone this week when we visited Year 1 to do some reading with them. He was kind and gentle with the Year 1 pupils, and they were captivated by his expressive reading.</p> <p>Matilda has put her heart and soul into her learning this week, facing each new challenge with a smile. It is so wonderful to see the dedication she shows to her work – it is the reason why she is making such amazing progress.</p>
 Kingfishers	<p>Kingfishers have been working really hard this week on developing sentences and crafting paragraphs. Although this is a hard skill to master everyone worked really hard and their outcomes were amazing.</p> <p>Amelia, Keira and Matthew have been recognised this week for outstanding writing in English.</p>



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Elsie P, Layla S – Ladybirds, Harley S – Foxes, Scarlett P - Kingfishers

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	211	230	277	301
Leaderboard	4th	3rd	2nd	1st



Our Ed Shed winners this week are: Ella D, Abraham and Kit. Winning class - 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: Ava T, Stephanie S, Ema A, Dylan H, Torres Y.

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>

Friends of OB School PTA notices:

SUMMER TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Quiz Night:

01 May, 7pm.

Teams of up to 6

- Always a great night and a fun way to support the school! Drinks and snacks will be available
- Register your team with the office and then pay on the night (£5 per person)

Summer Fair: 11 July

- Volunteers are needed and essential to the success of the event.
- If able to help, please contact your rep or Malcolm Robinson

Frozen Fridays

- Restarting on Fridays by the PTA shed, weather permitting

Summer Disco: July (date TBC)

PTA FUNDS AND FUNDRAISING SURVEY:

Firstly, thank you to everyone who completed the survey. The responses and insights are tremendously helpful as we plan ahead.

- The edible playground was identified as the most popular PTA investment and we have ring-fenced funds to continue to support this initiative through next year
- The bouldering wall, wildlife projects and enhanced wet play resources were the next most popular projects for support and we will consider next steps - more to follow
- The summer fair is our key fundraiser and ranked top of the fundraising events in the survey. We are looking to revamp this - as above, we'd love volunteers!

Bike Bus

Join the Bike Bus at the Mass Ride! On Saturday 25 April the school bike bus will be joining cyclists of all ages from across the city to celebrate the 9th Winchester Mass Ride. Come ride with us at 9.40 am from the school car park or from our stops in Badger Farm (10 am, junction Meadow Way/Ridgeway) or Stanmore (10.15 am Stanmore Rec, King' Avenue) to head into the city centre. A great opportunity to test those cycling legs ahead of the summer! For more information see: <https://cyclewinchester.org.uk/rides/mr9/>



Junior Cricket Sparsholt Junior Cricket Club are running a free taster session for girls on **Saturday 25 April 2 – 3.30pm** at Sparsholt Cricket Club, SO21 2LU. This session is suitable for everyone. For more information contact Sonia Zakrzewski at srz@soton.ac.uk or telephone 07779 117374.



Hampshire Young Poets Competition 2026

Winchester Poetry Festival have just launched their annual competition for 2026. This is available for children aged 4-16 years. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each category. Children are invited to write a poem of no more than 14 lines and the theme this year is **Food** where children can explore the world of food through their senses, memories and traditions. For more information go to: www.winchesterpoetryfestival.org/young-poets-competition.

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](#)

Year 5 to Ferny Croft

PTA Quiz night 7pm

KS2 SATs week

Sports Day

Sports day reserve

Well-Being Week

Year 6 pupils to Kings School

Class Photos

Inset Days

Parents Information Evening at Kings School 6pm

Summer Fair

End of term

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Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th April

Friday 1st May

Week beginning Monday 11th 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