


Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to see learning coming alive across the school this week. Squirrels Class thoroughly enjoyed walking to Sainsbury's, where they proudly demonstrated our values of Ready, Respectful and Safe. They learned about Fairtrade and then returned to school to create their own banana plantation in a tuff tray. So many opportunities exploration and talk!



Although it was too windy to head into Forest School this week, Ladybirds still made the most of the outdoors by heading onto the field to design, make and fly their own kites - an activity they thoroughly enjoyed. I was particularly delighted when invited in to see some fantastic handwriting in Bumblebees, with children taking great care to sit correctly and produce neat, legible work. Their English text, The Night Gardener, is being linked beautifully to science through investigations into the conditions plants need to grow best.

Hares class have reported they have been enthusiastically practising for Sports Day, learning about the different activities they will take part in. More details about Sports Day to follow.

Foxes Class wowed me with a beautifully choreographed dance, confidently performed with tricky moves, excellent canon work and real flair.

It was also lovely to welcome Herons Class back from their residential trip; we were incredibly proud to receive feedback that they were noted as one of the politest groups the centre had hosted. Back in school, they have been applying systematic problem-solving skills in maths and writing passionate speeches about protecting the environment, inspired by Prince William and Sir David Attenborough. Finally, Kingfishers have been bringing SATs revision to life by heading outdoors for a spelling and grammar scavenger hunt,








showing that learning can be both purposeful and fun.

We were also delighted to welcome the Winchester Chamber Music Festival Quartet who thrilled Years 2 and 3 with a mini concert and the opportunity to explore a range of instruments. The children were completely captivated, and the visiting musicians commented on how engaged and exceptionally polite the pupils were.





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 1 May 2026
 Squirrels	We'd like to celebrate all of Squirrels for their fantastic behaviour on our walk to Sainsbury's. They showed what it means to be 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' every step of the way. We are incredibly proud of our Squirrels class!
 Ladybirds	Wren, Layla, Elsie and Frankie have all shown great concentration when reading this week and have also been using great prosody when reading in a group. Well done!
 Bumblebees	Michaelle has been doing a lot of independent work this week. This is due to her excellent listening skills and then being able to follow instructions without the intervention of an adult. James B has produced some incredible work this week. During class discussions he has been very active and his questioning skills are forever improving.
 Hares	Amit has been recognised this week for his kindness towards others when working in pairs and groups. He shows patience and is always supportive when helping another child with their learning. Ollie and Isla B have shown such passion in their writing, making them both excellent role models for their peers on this learning journey. They have worked hard on language choices to immerse the reader in the story.
 Foxes	Lola has made such an effort in Maths this week, showing she is ready to learn whilst also choosing to challenge herself. She has had a fantastic week and should be very proud of herself. Nainika has shown great enthusiasm in class this week. You have been contributing thoughtfully and shown excellent collaboration skills, especially with Cricket. A big well done to Emma this week for her hard work and respectfulness. I have been really impressed with your fantastic narrative writing and you have also shown such compassion with others.
 Herons	The whole class were absolute super stars last week, during our residential trip to Ferny Crofts. They were such great cheerleaders, providing care and support to help each other out of their comfort zones. Mrs Bordoli, Mrs Lincoln and I could not feel prouder of them! This week Jack has been a role model for teamwork, especially in writing, PE and computing, where he has kindly supported others to be successful.
 Kingfishers	Lois and Joshua have been working really hard on learning and improving their spelling and this week have been really successful in the spelling tests we have been practising. Well done for your continued hard work in this area.




Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Lincoln N – Foxes, Noah Mc, Max A and Jack A - Herons

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	248	177	213	260
Leaderboard	2nd	4th	3rd	1st

Headteacher: Miss Sarah Vittle B.Ed (Hons)

EdShed  Our Ed Shed winners this week are: Ella D, Abraham and Ava T. 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: Ava T, Matilda L, Ema A and Dylan H. 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>



Sports Day – Wednesday 20 May Sports Day is taking place on Wednesday 20 May in the morning. **The children will need to come into school in their PE kits and house colour t shirts on this day.**

EYFS and KS1 will take part in their activities from **9.15 – 10.15am.**

The whole school will gather for Sprint race finals at **10.20am.** (Heats for this will have taken place in school before Sports Day.) **KS2** will take part in their activities from **10.45 – 11.30am.**

Parents are warmly invited to come and watch the activities and the Sprint races. You will need to follow your child's class as they move from one activity to another.

PTA Quiz Tonight!

Don't forget the PTA's Quiz Night will be taking place tonight at 7pm. If you don't have your own team, you will be welcome to join another smaller team. £5 per person (pay on the door). Drinks and snacks will be available.

Coffee and Chat



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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 Uniform Shop

Direct4logos our school uniform shop will be closed from Friday 1 May at 2pm until Tuesday 5 May at 9.30am.

Holiday Camps

St. Swithun's School are running fun filled camps in the May half term 26-29 May and in the Summer 13 – 28 August for children aged 3 – 12 from 9 – 5pm (or extended care 8 – 6pm). For more information or to book online go to supercamps.co.uk or telephone 01235 467 300.

Thank you all for your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely long 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](#)

Coffee and Chat 8.45am	Thursday 7th May
KS2 SATs week	Week beginning Monday 11 th May
Sports Day	Wednesday 20 th May
Sports day reserve	Thursday 21 st May
Year R trip to Marwell Zoo	Thursday 4 th June
Well-Being Week	Week beginning 8 th June
Year 6 pupils to Kings School	Monday 22 nd June
Class Photos	Thursday 25 th June
Inset Days	Friday 26 th June 2026 & Monday 29 th June 2026
Parents Information Evening at Kings School 6pm	Thursday 2 nd July
Summer Fair	Saturday 11 th July
Rock Steady Concert – 2.30pm	Monday 13 th July
End of term	Wednesday 22 nd July