

Newsletter

Issue 3

18 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another lovely week in school, and it is wonderful to see how settled the children are in their new classes. There has been lots of purposeful learning taking place, and the children are already making great progress with their maths skills, reading and writing.

We were particularly thrilled to see **Forest School and Edible Playground** starting again this week. Our new approach of splitting each class into two smaller groups has gone down really well, giving the children even more opportunity to take part in high-quality, hands-on activities.

With autumn beginning to arrive, there has been so much to discover in our school grounds. The children even had the chance to try some of Mrs Homewood's homemade hawthorn jelly, which was apparently very tasty! They have also been exploring the grounds with Helena and identifying a new area for a bulb circle, which we are very excited to see develop over the coming months.

It has been a busy week for our wider school community too. At our first **Full Governing Body** meeting of the year, the governors and I came together to discuss our strategic priorities and plans for the school. We also held our **PTA AGM** and had the opportunity to celebrate the fantastic amount of money our community has raised to benefit our children. I am really excited about putting those funds to good use this year, while also working together on some new fundraising ideas.

A huge thank you from all of us to our PTA committee, PTA members and every parent and family member who has helped to run an event, donated, volunteered or simply come along and supported us. It really does make a difference to our children and our school.

Finally, we are really looking forward to our **Open Afternoon** next week. Please do come along if you would like a tour of the school with one of our wonderful pupil ambassadors. And if you know a family locally who is looking for a nursery or school, please spread the word!

We are incredibly proud of the high-quality provision we offer, from two-year-olds right through to Year 6, and would love more families to come and discover what makes our school such a special place.

So please sing our praises and help us spread the word about our fantastic school!



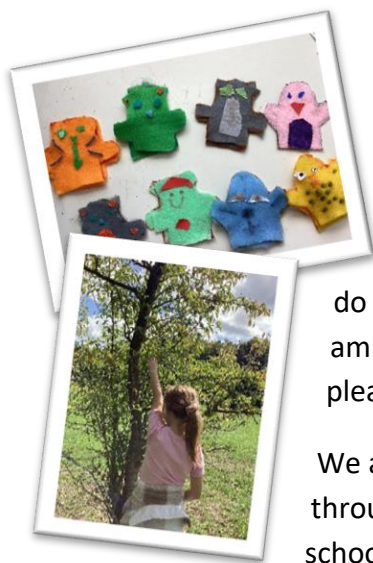
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It was lovely to recognise the children in assembly today who, throughout the week, have caught the eye of the adults in school for being Ready Respectful and Safe.

Date	Friday 18 September 2026
 Butterflies	A huge well done to all the Butterflies for settling into their new routine in Reception Class, particularly Stevie and Leo . They are always showing they are ready and respectful, whether it is on the carpet, at play times, in the hall or around the school. They are fantastic role models for the whole class!
 Ladybirds	Well done to Ronnie and Bella for always being ready to learn. They have worked very well independently during our activities, especially in maths when drawing rainbow numbers and in English when writing their names using playdough. They are always ready to give things a go. Well done, Ronnie and Bella!
 Bumblebees	A huge well done to Salman Ali for being ready to answer questions about his learning. It has been lovely to hear your thoughts and ideas. Well done to Max for being ready to work independently and always having a big smile to brighten our day. Frankie has really impressed us with her fantastic attitude towards her learning and can always be relied upon to try her best in everything she does.
 Hares	Gabriel and James have been recognised for always being ready. Both these members of Hares always show they are ready to learn, ready to transition and ensure that they have all resources to be able to complete the tasks they are set. Well done for being consistent.
 Foxes	A very well done to Jack ! Jack has been particularly shining in our Science and Topic learning. He has been brilliant at sharing his vast knowledge of Digestion and fascinating Roman facts with the class. We have all learnt from Jack this week, and it has been wonderful to see him confidently contributing to class discussions and sharing his enthusiasm for learning.
 Hérons	Well done to Raahim and Annabelle for being ready and involved in their learning - offering their ideas and responding respectfully to their peers' which has made for some very interesting class discussions around resource use around the world and how climate may have an impact on how different communities use resources.
 Kingfishers	Alma and Cosima have been recognised for being consistently engaged in lessons, contributing positively to activities and demonstrating a genuine enjoyment of exploring new things, including singing Happy, during our music lesson!



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Hussain – Ladybirds, Isabella Rose – Hares, Nainka – Herons, Zoe-Grace – Kingfishers

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	192	224	240	256
Leaderboard	4th	3rd	2nd	1st



Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in Assembly on **Friday 2 October** and would appreciate donations for the Winchester Food and Basics Bank. They are currently in need of donations of:

tins of soup, fruit, macaroni cheese, ravioli, meat, custard, rice pudding, Jams, Honey, Marmite, Peanut Butter, rice, pasta, noodles, cooking sauces and condiments, squash, fruit juice, cereals and porridge.

If you are able to donate please bring your items into school week commencing 28 September – thank you.

PTA News

PTA Update We're delighted to share that the PTA's fundraising efforts last year were a great success, and we currently have **£9,300** available to invest back into the school for the benefit of the children.

We're planning to put £5,000 towards new outdoor play equipment, with further funds going towards the Edible Garden, extending the bike shed, buses to the pantomime next year and a few other smaller projects that will enhance the children's experience at school.

This term, the PTA is also organising some fun events to raise further funds, including an **Autumn Disco** (with biscuits!), a **Pumpkin Trail**, and a **Christmas Wreath-Making** Event. More details will follow soon.

We'd be very grateful to anyone who would like to volunteer and help out at these events. If you'd like to get involved, please come and speak to any member of the PTA or join our PTA Volunteer WhatsApp Group. There will be a QR code to join on the school notice board. Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA so far — we really appreciate your continued help in making a difference for the children! Please see our flyer attached.

2027 School Admissions

If you have a child due to start school next September (children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023) you can apply for a school place from Monday 2 November until the closing date of Friday 15 January 2027. If you would like a one-to-one tour with Miss Vittle please contact the school office and the admin team will be happy to make an appointment for you.

Thank you all for your continued support and hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully



Miss Vittle
Headteacher



Dates for your diary - [new events in Blue](#) **Just Nursery Dates in Green**

ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO 😊 Just click here: [School Calendar](#)

Open Afternoon 2 – 3.30pm

Year 3 & 4 Countryside Day

INSET DAY

[Harvest Festival](#)

Parents Evenings (more info to follow)

Pumpkin Trail 3.30pm (more info to follow)

Year 5 trip to Ferny Crofts

[Autumn Disco](#)

Flu Vaccines

School Photographer – Individual photos

[MHST Emotion Regulation Workshop 9 – 10.30am](#)

[Wreath Making Workshop](#)

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Tuesday 22 September 2026

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Monday 28 September 2026

[Friday 2nd Oct – please bring in a donation if you can](#)

Tuesday and Wednesday 13 & 14 October 2026

Monday 19 October 2026

Wednesday – Friday 21 – 23 October 2026

[Wednesday 4 November 2026](#)

Thursday 5 November 2026

Thursday 19 November 2026

[Tuesday 1 December 2026](#)

[Friday 11 December 2026](#)

Friday 12 February 2027

Friday 25 June 2027

Monday 28 June 2027



Oliver's Battery
PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

OPEN AFTERNOON

Tuesday 22nd September
2:00 - 3:30pm

Do you have a child starting school in September 2027?
Would you like to see your local school?
Come and have a tour of the school with our pupil ambassadors.

Please email or call to register your interest

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