

Newsletter

Issue 7

16 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers



It has been another really happy and busy week in school, with so much going on across every year group.

Year 2 kicked things off with a fantastic visit to the **Theatre Royal**. They explored behind the scenes, took part in a workshop based around fables and were thrilled to have the chance to stand on the stage and explore some of the seats right at the top of the theatre! A huge thank you to **Play to the Crowd** for giving the children another really valuable and memorable experience.



Year 6 had a taste of something a little different this week with an **Italian lesson led by one of the Modern Foreign Languages teachers from Kings**. They thoroughly enjoyed trying a new language and it was a lovely complement to their regular French learning with **Madame Jones**. Thank you very much to Kings for offering our children this opportunity.

At Forest School, the children worked with elder wood, making elder darts, people and bead necklaces, with the Japanese saws proving particularly exciting!

Meanwhile, our **Edible Playground** certainly lived up to its name! The children have been pressing apples and making their very own fresh apple juice, which was thoroughly delicious.



The learning has continued right across the school. From our youngest children in Nursery **moving, exploring and building those all-important muscles**, to children listening to and enjoying stories, creating, investigating and discovering new things, there has been a real buzz around school this week.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for Parents' Evening. It was lovely to see so many of you and to have time to talk together about the children's learning and progress. We hope the balance of a later finish on one day and an earlier start on the other worked well for families.

And finally, **pumpkins at the ready!** Please remember to bring yours in on Monday for our pumpkin trail after school. There will be hot chocolate too, so do come along, enjoy the trail and see all the fantastic pumpkin creations. We're really looking forward to seeing you there.



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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.

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Butterflies 	Hugo! We were so proud of how hard Hugo worked on his phonics yesterday and challenged himself to complete the phonics game in our Explore and Learn time. Well done for your amazing sounding out Hugo!
Ladybirds 	Jessie, Matthew and Gaia for always showing a positive attitude towards learning. This week, particularly in Gymnastics, they showed kindness and patience by waiting for their turns on the mats. They are both always ready to learn, make good choices and help others. Well done!
Bumblebees 	Ilana always listens well in class and without fail puts 100% into everything she does. She has been working hard on her writing and as a result is producing some super work. Theo is working hard on his handwriting and has shown that he is ready to learn by his positive attitude to his learning.
Hares 	Peter and Piper have been recognised this week. Piper has shown kindness and compassion with others throughout the week of all ages, not just in Hares. She has also been working on believing in what she can achieve. Peter has shown resilience in learning. Peter has found parts of learning like a mountain to climb this week especially during a research lesson. However, he was able to breathe, compose himself and complete all he needed to do.
Foxes 	Ollie has been recognised this week for his adaptation to change with his Maths seat and his excellent work with column addition and subtraction. He has been working extremely hard, offering to help others and really impressing me with his effort. It has been a pleasure to watch and he should be very proud.
Herons 	Lolo, Ada D and Harlan have shown fantastic dedication to their learning and have produced some brilliant formal letters during our English learning journey. Well done for all your hard work! Logan has been recognised this week for his kindness towards others in the class. He has been making a real effort to help his classmates and use kind words. Logan has also been working incredibly hard to become more independent. We can see how much effort you are putting in, Logan, and we are so proud of you! Keep up the fantastic work!
Kingfishers 	Liam showed excellent focus and it was great to see him concentrating really well and taking responsibility for his work. Grace has demonstrated great initiative by practising her Year 5/6 spellings independently and seeking advice about rich texts and her reading book. Her enthusiasm for improving her learning and developing her reading skills is fantastic to see.

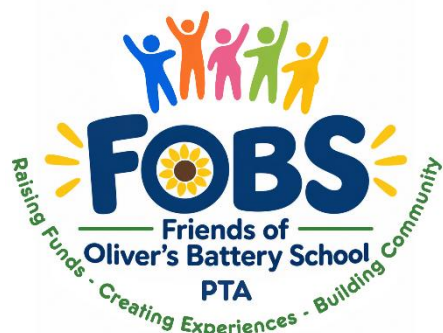


Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Tommy-Lee K – Ladybirds, Willow N – Bumblebees, Oscar W – Herons, Ema A - Herons

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	337	363	415	370
Leaderboard	4th	3rd	1st	1st



PTA News

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes or bought a treat at this week's parents' evenings. Together, we raised a whopping **£490!**

Our Autumn 2026 STAR BAKER is Helen, Dylan's mum who baked a delicious chocolate tray bake and orange and chocolate cake. Big congratulations!

Following the huge success of our recent bake sale, we're hoping to make it a regular treat with a Friday bake sale once every half term!

Each class will take a turn to organise the baking and selling. Look out for more details in your class WhatsApp groups.

With Halloween approaching, our **Halloween Costume Swap** is a great way to save a few pennies and give costumes another outing! We'd love donations of any unwanted or outgrown Halloween outfits. Come along, have a browse and see if you can find something spooktacular for your child.

A member of the PTA will be on the playground with the costume swap on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings next week.**

Don't forget the Pumpkin Trail is taking place on Monday next week. The PTA will be serving Hot Chocolate which they are kindly providing free – however if you would like to make a donation to the PTA there will be opportunities to do so – any money raised will go towards creating more wonderful experiences for the children.

Adult Yoga Lessons

We are starting Adult Yoga Lessons here in the school hall on Tuesday evenings – 6 – 7pm starting on **Tuesday 3 November**. For more information and enrolment contact Cristina on WhatsApp 07400 187951 or email: join.lila.yoga@gmail.com.

Spooky Winch Word Hunt

Winchester Bid are running a free half term Halloween word hunt in Winchester city between 17 October and 1 November. For more information go to: winchesterbid.co.uk/spooky-winch-2026



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](#)

Pumpkin Trail 3.30pm

Year 5 trip to Ferny Crofts

End of Autumn 1

Start of Autumn 2

[Swimming Lessons start – Year 3](#)

Autumn Disco

Flu Vaccines

Year 6 trip to Calshot

School Photographer – Individual photos

MHST Emotion Regulation Workshop

Wreath Making Workshop

INSET DAY

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Monday 19 October 2026

Wednesday – Friday 21 – 23 October 2026

Friday 23 October

Monday 2 November

[Tuesday 3 November](#)

Wednesday 4 November 2026

Thursday 5 November 2026

Tuesday – Friday – 10 – 13 November

Thursday 19 November 2026

Tuesday 1 December 2026 9 – 10.30am

Friday 11 December 2026

Friday 12 February 2027

Friday 25 June 2027

Monday 28 June 2027