



Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to our children in Year 6 who have all been undertaking cycle training this week. Our thanks to the Bikeability crew who are leading important road safety work.

Many congratulations to teaching assistant in Yellow class, Miss George who is getting married this weekend. We wish Miss George and her partner the very best of luck for Saturday and every happiness in the future. After the half term break Miss George will be changing her name to Mrs McNicholas-George, giving us all something to practice over the break!

We welcome Mr George Coltart to the role of Parent Governor starting this term. Mr Coltart has a daughter in year 1.

Poppy Appeal and Service of Remembrance – everyone welcome

In preparation for our special service of Remembrance on **Monday 11 November at 10:45am (prompt)**, we will have poppies available in exchange for a voluntary contribution to the British Legion. Year 6 children will be selling them on the playground at drop off and collection each day after the half term break.



The children will be singing and pausing for a two minutes silence to pay their respects to our Armed Forces community, past and present. **Everyone is welcome to join us for the short service of remembrance** which will take place in the school hall and then moving over to the Memorial garden on the opposite side of the road.

DSA AGM

Following the DSA AGM last week, the committee was voted in with Chloe Collins Chair, Lise Sellers Vice Chair and Secretary, Cheryl Boella/Emily Acton Treasurer. Our thanks went to Hannah Porter who has stepped down from the committee, although continues to support the organisation of their events. Fundraising this year has been spent on 2 new flat screens for the library and Yellow class, 15 iPads, re-surfacing part of the KS1 playground and removing some trees. An enormous thank you to everyone who either contributed time, money or both.

School Disco

A reminder that the School disco for children in Key Stage 2 classes is this week this **Friday 25 October between 6:30pm and 8:00pm**. on the school playground. If your child would like to attend, please ensure you let the school office know as soon as possible as the food will need to be ordered and we need parental permission for glowing face paints. The cost is £5:00 payable by cheque or cash (not Scopay).

Shoe Box Appeal

Once again we will be taking part in the Rotary Shoe Box appeal. A leaflet giving details about how you can help to make a Christmas surprise for disadvantaged and displaced children in Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania and Ukraine was recently sent home. You may use a shoe box or collect a box from the school office which can be decorated. Filled shoe boxes should be brought into school by **Thursday 24 October** with £2.00 attached to the top of the box to assist with postage. The boxes will be collected on Friday 25 October. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Safeguarding

We are still awaiting a few returned forms for the parental acceptable use agreement. Please speak to a member of staff in the school office if you have misplaced your form.

On **Sunday 27 October Café Church** for children and adults will not be in school but held in Holy Cross Church Durley from 9:30am.

Finally, we wish you all a happy and restful half term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 4 November from 8:45am.

Kind Regards

Kirstie Baines

Kirstie Baines – Headteacher

IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS (School Closures) for academic year 2024-2025

Friday 20 December 2024

Monday 2 June 2025

Monday 21 July 2025

Tuesday 22 July 2025

Diary Dates for the 2024-2025 school year – all dates can be subject to change. All changes and new dates in the diary will appear in red.

Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 24 October

Red and Green class visit to Butser Farm museum

Friday 25 October

6:30-8:00pm KS2 disco

28 October – 1 November

Autumn HALF TERM

Monday 4 November

Year 6 visit to D-Day Experience in Portsmouth

Monday 11 November

10:45am Remembrance Service

Friday 15 November

Children in Need

Thursday 21 November

Photographer in school (portraits)

Wednesday 27 November

Year 6 ROAR concert Portsmouth Cathedral

Friday 29 November

Non uniform day for sweet tombola

Monday 2 December

DSA Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 4 December

School Christmas Post Box open

Saturday 7 December

Non uniform day – bottle tombola

Wednesday 11 December

3:00pm-5:00pm DSA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 12 December

9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity

Friday 13 December

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Friday 13 December

am. KS2 church rehearsal

Tuesday 17 December

Final after school activity club

Wednesday 18 December

pm Class Christmas parties

Thursday 19 December

Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

1:30pm Carol Service in Holy Cross Church

School ends at 3:30pm. No after school child care club.

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January	8:45am start of the Spring Term
Thursday 9 January	3:35 SAT's meeting for Year 6 parents and their children in Green class.
Monday 13 January	pm NSPCC workshops for children in Years 2, 5 and 6
Monday 20 January	Visit from Fire Brigade for children in Years 1 and 5
Thursday 30 January	pm Red and Green class visit to children's concert in Central Hall, Southampton
Friday 31 January	1:30pm Christingle Service in Durley Church. Parents welcome to join us.
Tuesday 11 February	Safer Internet Day

17-21 February

Spring HALF TERM

Tuesday 25 February	3:00pm-6:00pm Parent's Evening
Thursday 27 February	4:00pm-7:00pm Parent's Evening
Thursday 6 March	World Book Day
Thursday 6 March	5:30-6:30 Family Reading Night
Thursday 13 March	Y5/6 vocal festival in Thornden Hall
Friday 14 March	6:30-8:00pm KS2 outside disco
Thursday 20 March	5:00pm-6:15pm EYFS/KS1 Disco
Monday 24 March	2:30pm Music concert for KS2 pupils who have peripatetic music lessons
Friday 4 April	1:30pm Easter service in Holy Cross Church School ends at 3:30pm. No after school child care or clubs

7 April – 21 April

Easter Holiday

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April	8:45am start of the Summer Term
22nd April - 9th May	Please complete the form to let us know you want to enter a bear into the Bear Hunt
Monday 5 May	School closed for Bank Holiday
12-15 May	Y6 SAT's testing week
Thursday 15 May	Y6 end of SAT's picnic and rounders
Monday 19 May	Whole school class photos
Friday 23 May	School Grounds morning
24th May - 21st June	The Bear Hunt is open! Best of luck finding all of the bears.

26-30 May

Summer HALF TERM

Monday 2 June	In-Service training day for staff. SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 12 June	7:30-8:30 New Parents meeting
Wednesday 18 June	1:30pm Whole School Sports Day (parents and carers welcome)
Saturday 22 June	Holy Cross Church Summer Fete
Friday 27 June	Non uniform day – sweets for sweet tombola
Monday 30 June	2:30pm - Music concert for KS2 pupils who have peripatetic music

	lessons
Tuesday 1 July	Wyvern Transition Day for new intake – Children make their own way to Wyvern.
Wednesday 2 July	Non Uniform day – bottles for bottle stall
Thursday 3 July	Family Reading Night
Saturday 5 July	3:00-5:00pm School Summer Fayre
Tuesday 8 July	1:30pm KS2 School Play
9 and 10 July	6:00pm KS2 School Play
Thursday 10 July	Annual Reports to parents
Friday 11 July	Y6 to Portsmouth cathedral for morning workshops and afternoon leavers service.
Friday 18 July	Final day of term. 1:30pm Leavers' service in Holy Cross Church (no after school childcare club)

Monday 21 July and Tuesday 22 July School closed for staff training