



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children with the sponsored fun run. It was great fun and good to see that the weather held out. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised an incredible £1 763 which has gone towards the cost of a new interactive board which was installed in the school hall this week! If you or any family or friends would like to donate, the gofundme link is still available or cash/check to the school office made out to the DSA.

<https://gofund.me/d415b576>



Thank you to everyone who joined us for family reading night. I understand there were 138 of you! Our next one will be in the spring term for world book day. Please let Mrs Cook know if you would be willing to read to children for all or some of the time.

Please could you ensure you register your child for the flu immunisation spray **before 15 October**. Only children who have been signed up by the deadline will be immunised on 17 October by the school nurse. Please copy and paste this link you're your browser – <https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/nasal-flu-vaccination-programme>
The school number is SH116283.

The children in Year 6 will be taking part in the Bikeability training on Friday 18 and Monday 21 October. Please let us know if you would like us to store your child's bike in school over the weekend.

This Thursday, 10 October is the final call for the Christmas card pictures as they will be sent off to the company this Friday.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Please can you ensure that we have plenty of notice if you want your child to attend the breakfast or after school clubs or if you have booked and no longer require the space. We currently have high numbers attending both clubs and need to ensure we have enough staffing to support the children. We would not want to be in the position of having to turn children away.

DSA AGM

The DSA will be holding their virtual AGM on **Wednesday 9 October at 7:30pm**. We will send the link out for everyone to join us on the day, for you to hear about the fundraising successes of the year and how your money is being spent. The committee are always looking for new members, so if you think you might like to be on the committee or would like to know more about it, please speak to our DSA Chair Chloe Collins, staff in the school office or myself.

School Disco

A reminder that the School disco for children in Blue and Yellow classes is this week on **Thursday 10 October between 5:00 and 6:15pm**. If your child would like to attend, please ensure you let the

school office know as soon as possible. The cost is £3.50 which will include a snack and drink. If your child will be attending the disco straight from the after school childcare club, please ensure any change of clothing is in a named carrier bag and that you let the school office know beforehand.

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

In response to this years update on Keeping Children Safe in Education, and in particular our filtering and monitoring of ICT policy, we would be very grateful for the return of the acceptable use of the internet agreement for parents and carers by **Friday 11 October**. Please speak to a member of staff in the school office if you have misplaced your form.

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 3 October	5:30pm Family Reading Night
Friday 4 October	3:00pm Afternoon tea for children who completed the summer reading challenge
Wednesday 9 October	7:30pm DSA Annual General Meeting (TEAMS virtual)
Thursday 10 October	OPEN DAY for new parents 2025
Thursday 10 October	5:00-6:15pm EYFS/KS1 disco
Tuesday 15 October	3:00-6:00pm Parent's meeting with classteacher
Thursday 17 October	Whole school nasal flu immunisation
Thursday 17 October	4:00-7:00pm Parent's meeting with classteacher
Friday 18 October	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 21 October	Year 6 Bikeability
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 DSA Christmas Fayre
Monday 2 December	School Christmas Post Box open
Wednesday 4 December	Non uniform day – bottle tombola
Saturday 7 December	3:00pm-5:00pm DSA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 11 December	9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity
Thursday 12 December	9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity
Friday 13 December	am. KS2 church rehearsal
Friday 13 December	Final after school activity club
Tuesday 17 December	pm Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 December	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 22nd April - 9th May	8:45am start of the Summer Term Please complete the form to let us know you want to enter a bear into the Bear Hunt
Monday 5 May 12-15 May Thursday 15 May Monday 19 May Friday 23 May 24th May - 21st June	School closed for Bank Holiday Y6 SAT's testing week Y6 end of SAT's picnic and rounders Whole school class photos School Grounds morning The Bear Hunt is open! Best of luck finding all of the bears.
26-30 May	Summer HALF TERM
Monday 2 June Thursday 12 June Wednesday 18 June Saturday 22 June Friday 27 June Monday 30 June	In-Service training day for staff. SCHOOL CLOSED 7:30-8:30 New Parents meeting 1:30pm Whole School Sports Day (parents and carers welcome) Holy Cross Church Summer Fete Non uniform day – sweets for sweet tombola 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