



Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year!

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a restful, fun break and that the children are managing to keep illnesses at bay! Thank you for the many Christmas messages, cards and generous gifts at the end of last term for myself and all of the staff. It is very much appreciated.



Thank you to all of you who donated to the Hedge End Food Centre through our reverse advent this year. All of the food was delivered to the centre and the staff wanted me to pass on their appreciation.

Many thanks to those of you who were able to join us for our end of term carol service and help us to walk with the children up to Holy Cross Church and back prior to the Christmas break. I thought the children sang beautifully and led us sensitively through the Christmas story. Many thanks also to Mr Burgess for leading the wonderful rendition of the 12 days of Christmas.

We were saddened to hear over the Christmas period that our previous caretaker Frank Summers passed away. Frank lived in the village and was a wonderful caretaker and friend to the school. Our thoughts are with his family, wife Linda and he will be missed by us all.

Music Concert

We are delighted to be able to take Years 3, 4 and 5 (Red and Green classes) to Central Hall in Southampton for a Children's music concert on **Thursday 30 January** leaving school at 12:15pm and returning before the end of the school day. The concert looks great fun and will give children an opportunity to hear professional musicians as well as join in with the music.

Christingle

On Friday 31 January, the whole school will be going up to Durley Church for our Christingle service.

Christingle is a special service symbolizing Christ as the light of the world, at Candlemas. This is also an opportunity for us to support the Children's Society with the charity collecting boxes which were sent home yesterday. Although space in the church is limited, we all very much appreciate you being able to join us walking and for the service.



Safer Internet Day

Our annual safer internet day will be on 11 February where the whole school will be taking part in activities teaching them to be safer when on line.

Kind regards,

Kirstie Baines

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Headteacher

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

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.

Spring Term 2025

Monday 20 January	School nursing team to lead workshops for children in years 3, 4 and 5 on keeping healthy.
Friday 24 January	Visit from Rev. Gregg linked to Y3, 4 and 5 Religious Education topic.
Sunday 26 January	Café Church at Holy Cross Church, 9:30am – all welcome.
Monday 27 January	3:00-5:00pm Y6 only Parent's evening
Thursday 30 January	am visit from Police woman linked to class superhero topic.
Thursday 30 January	pm Red and Green class visit to children's concert in Central Hall, Southampton
Thursday 30 January	4:00-6:00pm Y6 only Parent's evening
Friday 31 January	1:30pm Whole school Christingle Service in Durley Church. Parents welcome to join us but please inform the school office if you are to attend.
Tuesday 11 February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12 February	Visit from Fire Brigade for children in Years 1 and 5 (moved from 20 January)
17-21 February	Spring HALF TERM
Tuesday 25 February	3:00pm-6:00pm Parent's Evening YR-Y5
Thursday 27 February	4:00pm-7:00pm Parent's Evening YR-Y5
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 at Wintershill Hall, Durley
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