

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your continued support over the past few weeks.

This year's Sports Day was a huge success, despite the heat! Congratulations to the Green Team for achieving the highest overall score—though the points across all teams were very close, showing excellent effort from everyone.

A special mention to our fearless parents: Mrs Burnett, Mr Lown, and Mr Montgomery for winning the parents' races!



Children in Years 5 and 6 had a brilliant afternoon at the Utilita Bowl, watching the Hampshire Hawks vs Surrey cricket match. Selected as the Guard of Honour, the children also took part in the Hampshire Hawks cap signing and received Vitality Blast T-shirts and caps as keepsakes.

The match was televised on Sky Sports, adding an extra touch of excitement! As always, our pupils were a credit to the school—polite, enthusiastic, and a joy to be with (even though Hampshire didn't win!).



Thank you to everyone who joined us at this year's Church Fête in the beautiful setting of Wintershill Hall. The children sang beautifully and showed great resilience, unfazed by the traditional rain!

SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE - this Saturday 5 July 3:00-5:00pm

Many thanks to you all for the contributions of sweets, toys, books and bottles for this year's summer fayre. The money raised this year will be used to support our

transition to Windows 11 with 9 new laptops. We look forward to seeing you all with family and friends at the fayre.

If you need any additional prize draw ticket please ask at the school office. There are some fantastic prizes to be won! Ticket stubs and money should be returned to the school office **by Friday** to ensure they are entered into the draw.

There will be many new and returning favourite stalls. While cash payments will still be accepted, this year we are introducing a cashless token system to help things run more smoothly. Tokens can be purchased in advance—please refer to the letter sent out last week for full details. Pre-bought entry tickets can be collected at 3:30 from the playground on Friday or from 10:00am from the school hall on Saturday.

Many thanks to the parents who have helped with the ice cream and donut Thursdays. We will continue with these popular events until the end of term.

STAFFING UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2025

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Bradley, Yellow Class teacher, at the end of term. She will be leaving us to travel across Asia. Miss Bradley has been a wonderful member of our team and will be greatly missed by children and staff alike. We wish her all the very best and look forward to hearing about her adventures.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Melanie Alexander, who will take over as Yellow Class teacher from September. Mrs Alexander will be joining us for Transition Day on Tuesday 8 July to begin getting to know the children.

Thank you all for your kind messages over the past few months wishing me well in my retirement. I feel incredibly fortunate to have spent so many years in a job I truly love, working with your amazing children and being supported by such kind and thoughtful staff, parents, and Governors.

The final day in school for children will be Friday 18 July. I am very mindful that this day marks a significant milestone for our Year 6 leavers, and I do not wish my departure to take away from the importance of their Leavers' Service in church that afternoon.

However, if you would like the opportunity to say goodbye, you are warmly invited to join us at 10:00am on 18 July in the school hall for a short act of worship and farewell to both Miss Bradley and myself, followed by coffee and cake.

FAMILY READING NIGHT – THURSDAY 3 JULY

A reminder that our next Family Reading Night is tomorrow, **Thursday 3 July**, from 5:30–6:30pm. We'll begin in the school hall and then move outside to the field for stories (weather permitting). Pre-school children are very welcome! If you are able to bring cash to purchase any books, it would be appreciated.

SWIMMING LESSONS – YEARS 3 AND 4 (NEXT TERM)

A quick heads-up: children currently in Years 2 and 3 will be attending swimming lessons at Winchester Sport and Leisure Centre (Bar End) on Friday mornings, from **19 September to 14 November**.

We use this facility as it offers a large pool with a moveable floor, allowing us to group children by ability—ranging from absolute beginners to confident swimmers. Children will need: a swimsuit, swimming hat, towel, and goggles.

SCHOOL OFFICE REMINDERS

To help us manage bookings effectively, we kindly ask that you give at least 24 hours' notice if your child will be attending or cancelling a place at Breakfast or After-School Club. We would be very grateful if you could return your Breakfast and After School booking forms for the Autumn term, and clear any outstanding debts before the end of this term.

Kind regards,

Kirstie Baines

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Headteacher

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

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.

Wednesday 2 July	Non Uniform day – bottles for bottle stall
Thursday 3 July	Family Reading Night
Friday 4 July	Y6 Ancient Greece dress-up Day
Saturday 5 July	3:00-5:00pm School Summer Fayre
Tuesday 8 July	Wyvern Transition Day for new intake – Children make their own way to Wyvern – DATE CHANGE
Wednesday 9 July	1:30pm KS2 School Play – DATE CHANGE
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 11 July	6:00 – 8:00pm Y6 leavers family BBQ
Thursday 17 July	2:30pm Year 1 and 2 Listen2 Me concert (Samba)
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

Calendar Dates for 2025-2026

IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS (School Closures) for academic year 2025-2026

Wednesday 3 September 2025

Monday 3 November 2025

Friday 5 December 2025

Monday 1 June 2026

Wednesday 22 July 2026

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Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 4 September	8:50am start of Autumn Term 2025
Thursday 25 September	Whole School Nasal Flu spray
Tuesday 30 September	2:45pm Phonics meeting for parents of children in Year R
Thursday 2 October	9:15am Harvest festival in school – all welcome
Tuesday 21 October	3:00-5:00pm Parents Evening
Thursday 23 October	4:00-7:00pm Parents Evening

HALF TERM 27-31 October

Tuesday 11 November	10:45 Remembrance Service – all welcome
Thursday 20 November	Portrait photos in school – pre-school children welcome
Monday 1 December	School post Box Open for Christmas cards
Friday 5 December 2025	INSERVICE Training Day – No school for children
Wednesday 10 December	9:15 Blue and Yellow class Nativity play
Thursday 11 December	9:15 Blue and Yellow class Nativity play
Wednesday 17 December	pm Christmas parties
Thursday 18 December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day for Children's society
Friday 19 December	1:30pm Christmas Carol Service in Holy Cross Church

Spring Term 2026

2-4 March 2026	Year 3 and 4 residential trip to Home Farm, Beaulieu
9-13 March 2026	Year 5 and 6 residential visit to Little Canada, Isle of Wight