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Friday Flier

Reminder: Next Wednesday, 25 November, is an INSET day and the school will be closed to pupils

Year R Starting School Next Year: September 2027

If you have a child who is due to start school next September, the online Admissions Portal is open which will enable you to select a place for your child to start school next year. To apply for school place, please click on this link: Apply for a Year R Place

Year 2 Children Transferring to Junior School Next Year

A reminder that this is not automatic and you need to make an application for your child's Year 3 place. Please go to Apply for a Year 3 Place. Paper copies are available from the school office if you are having trouble applying online. You must apply to Hampshire County Council even if you wish to apply for schools in another local authority.

If you do not live in Hampshire (including Portsmouth and West Sussex) you must apply through your home local authority. Please click on the link below which takes you to the letter from Hampshire Admissions which we sent out in November Year 3 Letter. Failure to apply on time (the deadline for applications is **midnight on Friday 15 January 2026)** could result in you missing out on your first preference choice.

Christmas Markets: Friday 27 November

The PTFA have been extremely busy going shopping for over 1,600 presents so thank you very much to them for their hard work. Thank you also to all the parents who have signed up via our Google Form to come in to help wrap up the presents. More helpers are still needed. Please use this form if you are able to help. Christmas Market Helper Form

If you have indicated that you are able to help, we are reliant on this happening so please do let us know if something unexpected crops up at short notice and you are suddenly no longer able to help.

On Wednesday, 25 November, please provide your child with a **named carrier bag** in which the gifts they have selected can be brought home. The children will take this with them when they "go shopping". Please note that the school no longer has a supply of carrier bags to provide to the children if they come to school without a carrier bag.

PTFA Advent Calendars for the Children

Next week all the children will be coming home with a chocolate advent calendar which has been kindly provided by our PTFA.

Parental Consultations: Tuesday and Thursday Next Week

You should by now have booked an appointment to see your child's class teacher using the online booking system. Most consultations will take place in your child's classroom with the exception of Wagtails' Class and Robins' Class. Wagtails' Class will take place in Mrs de Carteret's office and Robins' Class will take place in Mrs Bailey's Office (signs will be displayed). Please could we ask you to wait until 3.25pm before coming back into school. This will allow teachers time to deliver all children to their parents safely, prepare their classrooms and take a comfort break.

Individual Photographs

These were home on Wednesday. Please let the school office know of any discrepancies as a matter of urgency.

Busy Bees

These children received their Busy Bee Stamp this week and this was celebrated in a year group assembly:

***Year R**: Jacob W.* ***Year 1:** Henry A, Henry F, Ralph S and Kasper T.* ***Year 2:** Hudson M.*

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Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

I am delighted to let you know that the class winners of this week's raffle were:

- Robins' Class
- Doves' Class
- Owls' Class

Makaton Star of the Week is: *Ada B*

Reporting Absence

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (https://studybugs.com/about/parents). If your child is unwell, it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

Forest School Sessions

Timetables for this half term have already been sent out and the timetable for next week is shown below. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door Additional PE sessions will take place on Tuesday for children in Year 1 and on Monday for children in Year 2. Please note that Forest School/PE sessions take place on an alternative week's basis. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following links:

Year R: Autumn B Forest and PE Timetable

Year 1 and Year 2: Autumn B Forest and PE Timetable

Year R		
Date	**Forest School**	**PE**
Thursday 26 November	Wagtails	Robins
		Kingfishers

Year 2		
Date	**Forest School**	**PE**
Thursday 26 November	Kestrels	Eagles
		Owls

Year 1		
Date	**Forest School**	**PE**
Friday 27 November	Blackbirds	Doves
		Woodpeckers

Year 1: *Please note that as the school is closed on Wednesday for our INSET day that we have added in additional Forest School and PE sessions on Friday. This was* ***NOT*** *on the original timetable.*

Lunch Menu

This is available for parents to view and order online. Please go to https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/ where you can view and order a lunch for your child.

Ordering in Advance: You can order in advance for the whole week (possibly longer). If you do this but then your child is not in school before 9.15am because you are late or are taking them to an appointment but you haven't informed us of this, **their lunch request will be cancelled** and you will need to provide them with a packed lunch. Whilst lunches are free to parents, the school has to pay for these.

If your child has an appointment and will be in late but requires a lunch that day, please let us know by leaving the school a voicemail. We have set up a designated telephone option – option 4. You can pre-order a lunch or leave us a message (before 9.15am). We just need you to let us know that your child will be in later that day. Please do not leave a message on the normal absence line as staff may not get to your message in time and your child's lunch will be cancelled.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L A de Carteret
Headteacher