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NEWSLETTER: Friday 14th November 2025



Welcome to this week's newsletter! This week started off with a burst of colour on odd sock day and ended with colour today to mark Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who donated money on the gate - we haven't had a chance to count it yet but it will all be donated to Children in Need and go to good causes.

Also this week, on Tuesday, the school marked Armistice Day. Our children in Years 3-5 were out at play just before 11am and I was incredibly proud of how they responded to the bell, lined up and were then silent for the two minutes to mark their respects to the military personnel who made great sacrifices during conflicts in history. Our Year 6 children attended the remembrance event in Emsworth and respresented the school with the exceptional behaviour and manners they always display.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been holding tours for prospective Year R children next September - we like to run these when the school is open so that the parents can see how calm and productive the school is when all of the children are in school. They also then get to meet our Year 6s and hear from them what it is like to be a child at the school. We have had to put more tours on due to demand and we are so proud to be able to show other adults and children around our school so they can see some of the amazing things that happen here.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you all have a lovely weekend - see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Best wishes,
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Celebrating the Children

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Class	Name	Reason
Badgers	Lewis Law	Lewis, you always show kindness, respect and a helping hand to others. Your caring heart makes our classroom a better place, thank you!
Hedgehogs	Arthur Bennett	Arthur, you have made amazing progress in writing your name and letter shapes. Fantastic!!
Squirrels	Lucy Batchelor	Lucy, you have shown great perseverance when completing your Rainbow Challenges this week. We are very proud of you!
Rabbits	Robin Stocker	Robin, what a week! You've brought energy, excitement, and a brilliant attitude to everything you've done. We've loved seeing how focused you've been and how brilliantly you've worked on your Happy Mind teamwork skills. Keep up the amazing work!
Puffins	Demi- Rose Wright	Demi-Rose, you have demonstrated consistent hard work, positivity and you are a great role model. A fabulous Puffin!
Penguins	Erol Myuftyu	Erol, you are an excellent role model across the school and you always try your hardest with your work. The home learning that you bring in to share with the class is exceptional and shows your wonderful dedication to your learning, well done!
Lions	Rufus Jobin	Rufus, you have persevered and worked so hard with your writing this week describing the Dream Giver. You are always so kind and caring and an excellent friend to others, thank you!
Tigers	Pau Kynoch	Pau, you have settled into our school routines brilliantly and have consistently challenged yourself to be the best you can be. We cannot imagine Tiger class without you!
Kangaroos	Sienna De Nijs	Sienna, you are such a kind and considerate member of our class. You always offer support to your peers and can be trusted with any class responsibility. Thank you for being a wonderful role model to others!
Koalas	Zac Pascoe	Zac, you have been outstanding all week and have exceeded all expectations. Your effort and attitude have been incredible!
Owls	Annie Merry	Annie, you are our Star of the Week for your unending perserverence, hard work, kindness and for being a truly wonderful role model. You are a pleasure to teach, thank you!
Otters	William Hoy	William, you have shown excellent effort and enthusiasm towards reading both at home and in school. Well done!
Flamingos	Ozy Pope	Ozy, you are a kind, supportive and positive member of our class. You are always a brilliant role model for your peers. Thank you Ozy!
Toucans	Elsie Woods	Elsie, you have a fantastic attitude to your learning and to school life. You are a wonderful role model in every way, thank you!

Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Attendance Award	Lions	100%
Star Class Award	Badgers and Hedgehogs	The Star Class Award is presented to the class who have shown the most respect for their learning environment this week. They have looked after their belongings and kept both their classrooms and their cloakrooms clean and tidy for everyone. The winning class each week is chosen by Mr May.
Headteacher's Award	Josh Tout	Joshua is receiving the headteacher's award this week because of the respect and empathy he consistently demonstrates to other people. Joshua is a great friend and looks after others. On Tuesday, he came into school wearing his boys' brigade uniform and we are very proud of the values he displays.

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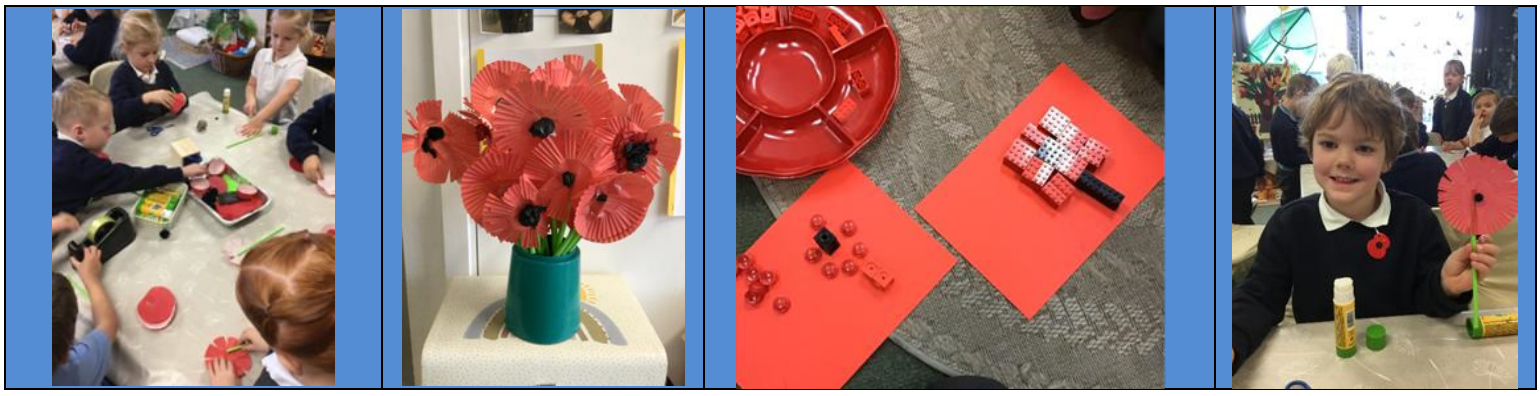
Early Years (EYFS)

Remembrance Monday 11th November

We were extremely proud of of our children on Tuesday for their understanding and participation in different activities about remembrance. The children had opportunities to make poppy biscuits, create a poppy using collage materials and to re-create Flanders Fields using their own woven poppy on a cross.

We were also lucky to have some medals brought in by Mrs Twigger. These belong to her Dad, Mike, and were treated with great respect. The plaque was for Great, Great Uncle Harry, a Royal Marine, who died in WW1 and the medals were from Great Grandad Thrower from WW1 and WW2.

To end our day we created and displayed a wreath from all of the children and we scribed their words. This example shows how much our youngest children understand - George Pasamar: We remember people and animals hurt or who died in wars. Lola Stitchbury: We sit down quietly for 2 minutes and think about the soldiers, some died and some were injured.



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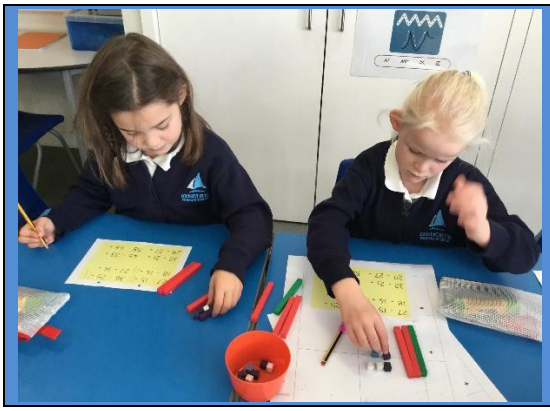
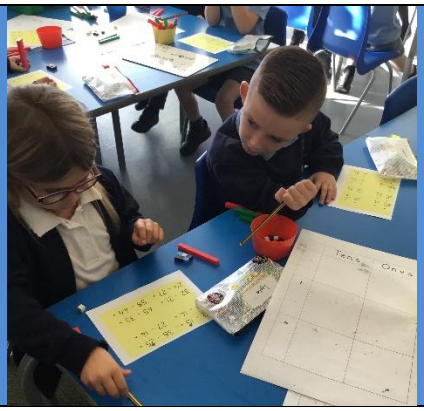




Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

This week in Year 1 has been full of wonderful learning. In English, the children have been writing past-tense sentences based on *The Gingerbread Man*, practising how verbs change when we write about events that have already happened. In Maths, they explored fact families and enjoyed discovering the different ways numbers can be linked through addition. In History, the children learned about chronology and had fun putting events in the correct order. In PE, they practised travelling carefully around benches and mats, building their balance and coordination. Well done to Year 1 for a fantastic week!

We've had another busy and exciting week in Year 2, full of creativity, teamwork, and fantastic learning! Here's a snapshot of what we've been doing:
In maths, we have been practising our subtraction skills. The children have used concrete practical resources to help develop their understanding and confidence.
In English, the children have been learning how to extend their sentences using the conjunctions *with*, *that*, and *and*. They've enjoyed experimenting with ways to make their writing more detailed and interesting.
Our Christmas preparations are underway! The children have started learning the songs for our Christmas celebration. We expect you'll be hearing some familiar tunes around the house over the next few weeks!
During our computing lessons, the children have enjoyed using iPads to take photographs of objects and each other. Over the next few weeks, we'll be thinking more about what makes a 'good' photo .


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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

Our new units of work are now in full swing in Year 3! In Dance, we continued to tell the story of Dreamgiver through movement and have begun to think carefully about the dynamics of our actions, as well as how we can use each other's movements to bring the story to life. In Geography, we've been learning all about the United Kingdom, Great Britain, and the British Isles—the children should now be able to tell you the difference between them! In Science, we investigated reflective and non-reflective materials and discovered why the moon appears to give off its own light, even though it doesn't really shine itself. Finally, in Spanish, the children have been practising their counting skills and can now count confidently to ten—¡excelente trabajo!

This week in Year 4, the children have been working hard across all areas of the curriculum. In maths, we have been focusing on the 7 and 9 times tables and their corresponding division facts, helping the children gain a stronger understanding of times tables and how they can be represented. In PE, the children have continued developing their skills in swimming, hockey, and football. In history, we have introduced our new topic on the Ancient Maya. The children explored a timeline of other ancient civilisations to see where the Mayans fit in and used their geographical skills to locate where the Maya lived. In science, we began our topic on digestion, starting with the teeth. The children learnt about how teeth are the first step in the digestion process and how to take care of them to keep them healthy.



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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

This week, Year 5 have been building their confidence with multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, and 1,000 in maths. In English, we've begun an exciting new unit on writing recounts, inspired by our class text *Secrets of a Sun King*. This gripping story ties in perfectly with our history topic on pharaohs and life in ancient Egypt, sparking lots of curiosity and discussion. In Spanish, the children have been learning how to describe people's facial features, adding new vocabulary to their growing language skills. It's been a fantastic week of learning across all subjects!

Year 6 were honoured to be able to take part in the remembrance service at Emsworth Recreation Ground this week. The children paid their respects and represented the school beautifully. It was also lovely to be joined by some of their parents who also came to pay their respects. This week we have learned about the significance of the poppy as a symbol and also read and created poems about remembrance. On Monday, we read and discussed the poem *In Flanders Fields*, which was read out at the service. When we returned to school, the children practised reading the poem aloud and will be recording themselves over the course of next week in order to create their own remembrance videos. We are looking forward to sharing these with you once they are finished. We were very proud of the children for recognising the importance of the poem and for the respectful way they conducted themselves during the service at the park.
Also this week, the Year 6 children learnt more about the work of artist Ifeoma Anyaeji and had a go at creating their own plarn (plastic yarn) which they made from recycled plastic bags. They made their plarn by plaiting strips of plastic together then tying them to create bracelets. It was great to see them take such care when plaiting their plarn and many of them were keen to bring their bracelets home to share with you.

Year 2 Ball Skills Festival

A group of our Year 2 children had the wonderful opportunity to take part in a Ball Skills Festival held at Horndean College this week. The event included a variety of fun and engaging activities designed to develop such skills as throwing, catching, dribbling and teamwork. The children thoroughly enjoyed the morning and showed great enthusiasm and progress throughout the festival. It was fantastic to see their confidence grow as they worked together and tried new challenges. Well done to all our Year 2 participants!

Sports Lead
Delyth Jones

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EPSA Update

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday, 19th December, all pupils are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers, t-shirts, or dresses to school.

To help refresh your festive wardrobe, EPSA will be hosting a Christmas jumper and second-hand uniform sale. To make this possible, we need your donations! Please send all items to the school office or place them in the yellow clothes bin.

Sale details

Wednesday, 3rd December

3:15 pm

Christmas market donations

We are continuing to collect items for the Christmas market. Here's a reminder of what you can donate:

- Wrapping paper and gift tags

- Empty, clean glass jars

- Sweets such as Celebrations, Heroes, or similar to fill the jars

- Toiletries (individual items or gift sets)

- Candles or incense sticks

Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity. Together, let's make this Christmas Market an unforgettable event for everyone!



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