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NEWSLETTER: Friday 27th February 2026





It has been a lovely, busy week in school and the children have been working incredibly hard. A particular highlight was Year 4's trip to the Winchester Science Centre, where they had a fantastic time exploring, investigating and bringing their learning to life. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who gave their time to support the visit - we really do appreciate your help in making these opportunities possible for the children.

The weather has certainly been changeable recently, with a mix of sunshine and drizzle. Please can we remind parents to ensure children have jumpers and rainproof coats in school each day so that they can still get outside for fresh air and play, even when the weather is a little damp.

Many children have been asking when the school field will reopen. Unfortunately, after so much recent rain, the ground is still extremely muddy and would quickly become damaged if used. We will continue to keep this under review and will reopen the field as soon as conditions improve.

Before half term, the children completed the *Appreciate* unit in our My Happy Minds programme. The parent newsletter linked to this unit is being sent out with this newsletter. This half term, the children will begin learning about the concept of *Relate*. Parents are reminded that you can download the My Happy Minds app to explore and reinforce this learning at home.

Finally, a reminder that it is World Book Day next Thursday. Information has already been shared, but details are also attached again with this newsletter. As part of the celebrations, the EPSA will be holding a *Wonky Bar Sale* to raise funds for the school. If you missed the original communication, there is a poster displayed on the main office door with further information.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. See you bright and early on Monday morning.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Mitchell

Headteacher

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Celebrating the Children

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Class	Name	Reason
Badgers	Atharv Nirudi	Atharv, you consistently demonstrate our school values. You always try your best and persevere in everything you do, well done!
Hedgehogs	Kira Neave	Kira, you really do demonstrate all of our school values. You are kind to others, have a positive attitude and always try your best. You are a star!
Squirrels	Harmony Moore	Harmony, you have made wonderful progress with your writing and are showing growing independence. We are very proud of you!
Rabbits	Teodora Gutu	Teodora, you have been working so hard with your learning recently and we are so proud of the progress you have made, especially in reading. Well done you superstar!
Puffins	Luna-Jane Treagus	Luna-Jane, you have been working hard, smiling in every lesson and making an outstanding effort in your learning. Fantastic!
Penguins	Everley Merry	Everley, we are so proud of the way you are engaging in your learning. You have made wonderful progress in your writing. Well done for being a superstar!
Lions	Isla Bramble	Isla, you always persevere and give your best. You have been very successful and made excellent progress with your descriptive writing. Well done!
Tigers	Milana Harris	Milana, you are a wonderful role model. You are always ready to learn, try your best and show great determination in achieving your English target – well done!
Kangaroos	Oscar Menzies	Oscar, you are such a wonderful asset to our class. You listen intently, are always eager to share your ideas and have such a passion for learning. Well done, you superstar!
Koalas	Susan Stocker	Susan, we are so proud of the perseverance you have shown in your learning this week. Your excitement and enthusiasm at the science centre were fantastic to see!
Owls	Archer Woods	Archer, you are consistently kind, resilient and hardworking. No challenge is too much for you, showing an inspirational attitude to learning. Well done!
Otters	Poppy Linnington	Poppy, you have demonstrated an incredible effort in maths and you are making excellent progress this term. Keep it up!
Flamingos	Poppy Rambridge	Poppy, we have loved watching your confidence grow this year. You are working so hard and we are all very proud of you, well done!
Toucans	Penny Babb	Penny, you have such a positive attitude to your learning and work really hard. This is why you are making such fantastic progress. Well done and keep it up!

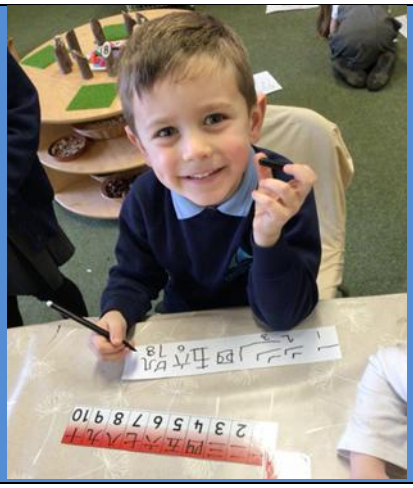
Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Attendance Award	Penguins – 100%	For achieving the highest % of attendance this week!
Star Class Award	Owls	The Star Class Award is presented to the class who have shown the most respect for their learning environment this week. They have looked after their belongings and kept both their classrooms and their cloakrooms clean and tidy for everyone.
Headteacher's Award	The recipient of the Headteacher's award is unwell	

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Early Years (EYFS)

As part of our curriculum, we love helping the children learn about, and appreciate, celebrations from different cultures around the world.

On Friday, we had lots of fun celebrating Chinese New Year – the Year of the Horse! The classroom was full of excitement as we enjoyed a variety of hands-on activities throughout the day. We took part in dancing, made bright red money wallets with gold coins inside, created beautiful blossom prints, and crafted colourful paper dragons. The children also had the chance to taste prawn crackers with dips, which was a big hit!

It was a wonderful day of learning, creativity and celebration, and the children showed great enthusiasm in all of the activities.





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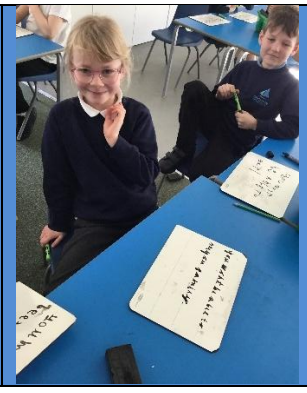
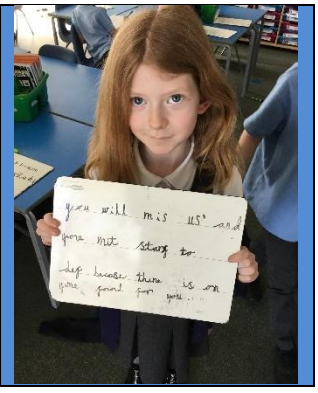


Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

This week in Year 1, we were excited to begin our new topic, *On the Move*! We started by reading and sequencing the story **The Way Back Home**, and the children thoroughly enjoyed retelling the story as well as describing and creating their own imaginative aliens. In Maths, the children have been demonstrating a fantastic understanding of number bonds to 10 and using this knowledge to help them find number bonds to 20, we have been so impressed with their confidence and strong number knowledge. During Explore Time, it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in our new topic, with space stations, space car parks and even space cafés being built! Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at parents' evening next week.

In Year 2, we have begun our exciting new topic all about *Deserts*. As part of this, we are reading the lovely story ***Meerkat Mail*.** The children have been thinking carefully about Sunny the meerkat and whether he should leave his mob or stay with his family. We explored his thoughts and feelings by creating a conscience alley, where the children dramatised different viewpoints and gave Sunny advice. It was wonderful to see such thoughtful ideas and confident speaking!
In maths, we have started learning about division. We began by sharing counters equally into groups to help us understand the concept in a practical way. The children then moved on to recording division sentences and representing their learning in a more abstract way. They have shown great determination as they build their confidence with this new skill.
In PE, we have launched our new Yoga topic. The children went on a safari adventure and practised a range of animal-inspired poses. It was a fun and calming session, and the class did brilliantly with their balance, focus and stretching!



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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

We have had a great first week back in Year 3 and a couple of sunny days have really helped to lift everyone's spirits!
In science, we began our new topic on magnetism and spent our first lesson experimenting with magnets. The children explored how magnets work and learned the key vocabulary attraction and repulsion.
In English, we started our new learning journey based around the book **Oliver and the Seawigs**. The children are thoroughly enjoying the story and have loved thinking carefully about the characteristics and personalities of the main characters.
In PE, Tigers had a very successful first swimming session and showed excellent effort and enthusiasm. Meanwhile, Lions enjoyed their rhythmic gymnastics lesson, working on coordination and movement sequences.
It has been a fantastic start to the term and we are looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

Year 4 have had a fantastic and very busy week, including an exciting trip to the Winchester Science Centre. The children loved the planetarium, the interactive sound exploration area, optical illusion rooms, NASA astronaut suits and science arcade games. A highlight was the states of matter workshop, where they made slime! We were incredibly proud of their curiosity, thoughtful questions and excellent behaviour throughout the day.
In English, we have begun our new text, ***The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad***, following Jabir's journey to the House of Wisdom in Baghdad and the many trials and tribulations he faces along the way.
In maths, we have started our fractions unit, focusing on understanding the whole and exploring mixed numbers.
In science, we had a very noisy first lesson on sound and how sound waves work. We tested our own vocal chords by manipulating pitch and volume and debated the question, "If a tree fell in a forest, would it make a sound?" We were very impressed with their philosophical thinking!
A brilliant start to the half term, well done Koalas and Kangaroos.



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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

Year 5 have had a fantastic week of learning! In maths, the children have been deepening their understanding of equivalent fractions and decimals, using visual models and problem-solving to make connections between the two. In English, they have been working hard on writing detailed and engaging biographies of **Ernest Shackleton**, drawing on their research to describe his remarkable adventures. In Spanish, the class have enjoyed lively discussions about their favourite foods, learning new vocabulary to talk about different dishes and flavours. Meanwhile, in music, Year 5 have been exploring how colour can be expressed through sound, experimenting with musical elements to create mood and atmosphere. It's been a wonderfully creative and productive week!

It has been wonderful to welcome the Year 6 children back this week. They have settled back into the routines quickly and it has been great to see them all enjoying being back. In maths, some of the children have been learning about area and perimeter while others have begun looking at volume. We are also continuing to practise arithmetic every lesson and are pleased to see the fantastic progress the children are making.
In English, we have begun reading **My Secret War Diary**. This is always a popular text and is often selected by children as their leaving gift at the end of Year 6. The children have spent time identifying vocabulary that they will be able to use in their own writing as well as looking at the features of diaries.
This week, we also had our first session with Havant Hockey Club during PE. The children were all given mouthguards which they will need for each session so please can you make sure they remember to bring these in before Tuesday.

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EPSA Update

🍫📚 World Book Day Special – Wonky Bar Fundraiser! 📚🍫

On **World Book Day,** our school is bringing a little bit of magic inspired by **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** to life!

🍫 **What's Happening?**

On **World Book Day, Thursday 5th March,** the children will have the chance to purchase a **delicious Wonky chocolate bar** for £2.50**. Or pre-order now.**

But these aren't just ordinary chocolate bars…

✨ **Some bars contain a Gold Ticket!** ✨

If you're lucky enough to find one inside your wrapper, you'll win a special prize!

🎁 **Gold Ticket Prizes**

We have some fantastic prizes up for grabs, including

- Bring a friend for a board game with Mrs Mitchell
- Extra 15 minutes playtime for your class
- Extra trim trail session for the class
- Help Mr May with a job
- Do the register for a week
- Non-school uniform day for the class
- Crazy hair day for the class for a day
- Choose a movie for a class movie afternoon (we supply popcorn)
- Sit in the teacher's chair for a lesson
- Bring a friend to help in the office
- 15 inspirational magnetic bookmarks

🌟🌟 **Will you be one of our Gold Ticket Winners?** 🌟🌟

Hand all winning gold tickets into the office to claim your prize!

🗓️ **Event Details**

- **Date:** World Book Day Thurs 5th March
- **Where:** Preorder on https://www.pta-events.co.uk/epsa - ticket sales open now or buy after school at tables in the playground and outside the office
- **Price per bar:** £2.50

Dairy free options available but must be preordered and collected at the selling tables after school.

All other preorders will be handed out via the teachers at the end of the school day on World Book Day.

👕👕 Also on the day we will also be hosting a second-hand school uniform sale and a snacks table selling crisps and sweets 🍖🍖

All uniform donations gratefully received- please place in the yellow bin near the music room/after school club pickup.

Thank you!

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