



Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a restful Christmas break and enjoyed time with family and friends. It is lovely to see all of the children again and see them settling back into class and enjoying their new topics.

Curriculum leaflets will be coming out shortly, as well as being posted on the website, so keep an eye out for these - they will explain further what your child will be learning about this term. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

In addition to welcoming all of our families back to school, I would like to extend a warm Hambleton welcome to Mrs Latter who has joined us as the class teacher in Owls Class. Mrs Styles has started her Maternity Leave slightly earlier than anticipated but the two met a number of times last term to ensure a smooth transition and Mrs Latter is a welcome addition to the team. We will be arranging a Meet the Teacher event for Owls Class over the next few weeks.

#### Census Day - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January is our school Spring Census Day. The number of Year R to 2 pupils and those who are in Years 3 to 6 and entitled to FSM who choose a school dinner on this day can make a HUGE difference to our school budget (think thousands of pounds!) - which can be spent on any area for all of our children. It would be wonderful if we could have 100% of our pupils affected to order a school dinner. Please see attached poster for Census Day Menu. For children who have an allergy-aware menu, Chartwells will be in touch with parents/carers direct about this.

Children are more than welcome to order a school dinner as a taster while also bringing a school lunch in as 'back up' - please just let us know if this is what they are doing so we know. All children ordering a school dinner will be eligible for our spot prizes including tea with Ms Corr, non-school uniform days or a lucky dip prize from Miss Corr's special stash!

#### Be Bright Be Seen - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Organised by our School Council, this is an event to raise awareness over road safety. The Junior Road Safety Officers, Annabelle, Trixie-Jane and Bernie in Ospreys, will be leading an assembly for all of our children along with our annual 'Be Bright, Be Seen Catwalk'. They are inviting all children to come in non-school uniform consisting of bright colours - the brighter and wackier, the better!

#### Break the Rules Day - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

We will once again be holding one of our 'Break the Rules' days where children, in exchange for donations can choose from a list of rules to break for the day. This year, we will be raising money for Cancer Research in memory of Mrs Waddon, a long-term supply teacher at Hambleton, who sadly passed away due to cancer late last year. The rules that can be broken are:

1. Wearing of home clothes
2. Wearing make-up, nail polish and/or funky hair
3. Bring a teddy to school
4. Bring sweets or chocolate for snack (please still NO NUTS!)
5. An afternoon of child-led activities
6. Squash in the water bottle (no fizzy drinks please)

The children will need to bring in £1 for each rule that they would like to break that day and hand these in to their class teacher.

### Gardening Resources needed please!

Mrs Jackson is working on various gardening projects and is looking for the following objects: Washed tin cans (no sharp edges please), standard 2L plastic bottles (i.e. soft drink bottles) with lids, pine cones, compost, old packets of seeds, old bulbs, rope, conkers, old CDs, garden string, bamboo canes, logs/tree stumps, paving slabs, bricks, wooden battens, huge wooden cable reels, plant tubs and pallets. If they are larger objects that you have, Mrs Jackson may be able to collect from your house if that is easier. Please let her know by emailing the office.

### New Website

A new year and a new website! Over the holidays our website has had a revamp - please do take a look. It is at the same site address <https://www.hambledon.hants.sch.uk/> and we have populated the website calendar with key dates through to the summer term.

### Reports

Your child's school report will be issued this term and will summarise how they are doing both with their personal development and their academic performance. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do contact your child's teacher.

### Year R 2026

Applications for children starting in Year R in September 2026 will **close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

### Hambledon Village Scout Group

Taster Session on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - please find attached flyer from Hampshire Scouts with more information.

Best wishes,

*A. Corr*

Ms Adrienne Corr  
Headteacher

### **Key Dates Spring 2025-2026**

Monday January 12<sup>th</sup> – Write with Me @ 8:40am  
Monday January 12<sup>th</sup> – Tour for prospective Year R parents @1:15pm  
Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup> – Census Day – Themed Pizza Day Menu  
Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup> – Year R September 2026 Admissions window closes  
Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> – Be Bright, Be Seen Day  
Friday February 6<sup>th</sup> – Break the Rules Day in aid of Cancer Research  
Friday February 6<sup>th</sup> – ‘Friends’ Film Night - more information to follow  
Monday February 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday February 20<sup>th</sup> – Half Term  
Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Inset Day  
Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Trip to Intech Centre  
Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> – PeCAN Assembly and Workshops to the Whole School  
Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Star Gazing Evening – more information to follow  
Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> – Work Book Day – Story telling workshops for the Whole School  
Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> – Art with Me @2:45pm – Dark Skies Gallery  
Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> – Red Nose Day  
Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2:15pm Southern Music Project and Rock Steady Concert to parents of those taking lessons  
Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> – 1:20pm Owls Recorder Concert to parents  
Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> – Annual Reports out to parents  
Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> – Easter Service at the Church @ 9:15am  
Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of the Spring Term

**Please note there will be a switch of PPA days the w/b March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please can Robins and Kingfishers wear their PE kits on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Owls and Ospreys on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.**

INSET Days for 2025/2026

Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Monday June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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This will be approved at the next Governors meeting (beginning of February) and will be shared once approved.

School Holiday dates can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays> .

P.E. Days

Robins (Years R) – Wednesdays

Kingfishers (Years 1 & 2) – Wednesdays and Fridays

Owls (Years 3 & 4) – Thursdays and Fridays

Ospreys (Years 5 & 6) – Mondays and Thursdays