



Wednesday 1st October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ospreys Class

Ospreys have had a wonderful start to the year. The class have particularly enjoyed their science unit: the human circulatory system. The class have made blood, to be able to understand what different components blood is made of, using Cheerios, marshmallows, raisins, oil and tomato sauce. They also learnt how nutrients are absorbed into the bloodstream with the help of bananas and a pair of tights! They are now finishing the unit with an investigation into the relationship between exercise and our heart rates. The class are also learning the violin and, after only three lessons, they are starting to sound tuneful. The Christmas concert should be a treat!



Y2/3/4 Cross Country

Yesterday, 5 of our pupils represented the school at the Swanmore Cross-Country Meet, participating against other local schools. Sienna, Silver, Elsie Rose, Harry and Eddie travelled to Swanmore College after school (thank you parents!) and competed in differing length races. Miss Marshall said that they all tried their hardest, completed their runs and cheered each other on brilliantly! Well done to all of them!

We also have the following two sporting events coming up shortly:

Tuesday 7th October - Years 5 and 6 cross country at Swanmore College, from 3.30-5pm.

Tuesday 21st October - Years 4, 5 and 6 girls football at Swanmore College, from 3.30-5pm

Please email adminoffice@hambledon.hants.sch.uk if your child is interested in taking part. Thank you.

Kingfishers Class

Kingfishers have had a very exciting start to their Great Fire of London topic. They were taken back to 1666 and put to work. They were bakers, where they helped to make rock cakes, carpenters, quill writers, apothecarists and rat catchers. We have also investigated our history box, where we looked at what people used to wear and how they used to fight fires, and learnt a little about the key people involved in the Great Fire of London.



Great Athletes - PE kit required

On Tuesday 14th October we have the fabulous Luke Delahunty visiting our school. Luke is an Invictus Games competitor (after suffering a life changing injury) and will be here to encourage the children to be active and inspire them to overcome challenges and follow their dreams. All pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit before attending a motivational assembly and Q&A session. Not only will the visit connect the pupils with an extraordinary athlete role model but will also help to raise money for new sports equipment that will improve levels of physical activity in our school!

You can sponsor your child by visiting: <https://sportal.greatathletes.org/events/landing>. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to go directly to the online sponsorship page. A sponsorship form with more information will sent home via your child this week. Please help us raise as much money as we can!

Staffing Update

A warm welcome to Mrs Jackson who has joined the Hambledon Team and will be working in Kingfishers Class. She's made a brilliant start and we are very lucky to have her join our team!

Parent Workshops

It was lovely to see so many parents attend our Phonics & Reading workshop. Thank you to Mrs Styles and Miss Marshall for sharing useful tips and advice on encouraging your child to read, how our phonics scheme works and highlighting the importance of your child reading every day. The resources will be available on the website on our Parents Helping at Home page.

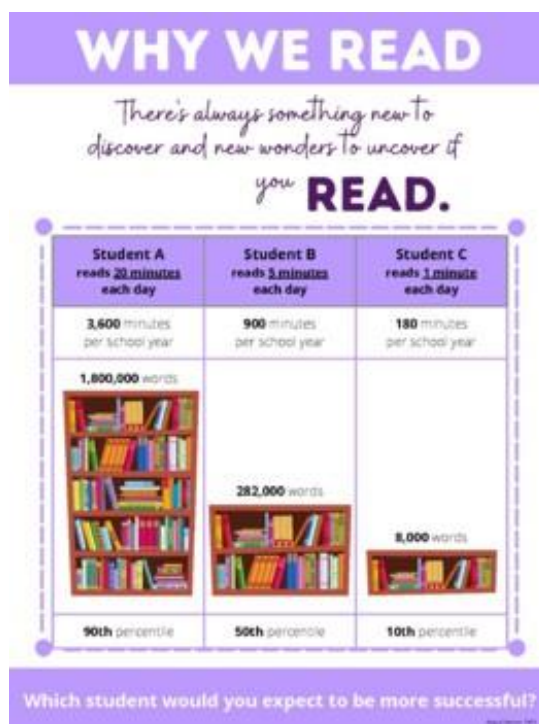
A reminder that our Maths Parent Workshop will be held in school hall on Friday November 21st, 2025 and is available parents and carers of all pupils from Year R-6.



Attendance

At Hambledon Primary School, we recognise the importance of regular school attendance in ensuring that all children can fully participate in their learning and achieve their potential. We are committed to working with families, external agencies, and the wider community to address any barriers to attendance and ensure that every pupil is supported in achieving consistent, high-quality education. It is proven that good attendance (attendance of 95% or greater) is linked to higher outcomes at KS2 and GCSE levels but there is also proven information linking the impact of attendance on life chances and future lifetime earnings.

I am pleased to say that we are in line with the Local Authority attendance levels, at 97.2%, and above National which is 96.1%. As we start to approach the winter season, please remember that children can still come to school with coughs and colds and more information can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> along with the attached poster outline which illnesses require children to stay at home for and which ones do not.



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Flu Vaccinations If you haven't yet signed your child up for the flu vaccine, which will be administered here on Monday October 6th, please do so - see below information on how to book your child:-
Click the link below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: SH115902

Session date: 06/10/25

Link to website: [Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)

Census Day Reminder

Thursday October 2nd is our Autumn Census Day - this is a day that determines our school budget given from the government and is largely determined by number of pupils on roll and how many of our Year R-2 pupils and any Year 3-6 Free School Meal pupils have a school lunch on the Census Day. These lunches are free for those pupils. If you are not sure if your child will like a school lunch, PLEASE order one for them to try a small amount/practice just going up to get one and they are more than welcome to bring a packed lunch as 'back-up'. The school food will not get wasted! If all eligible pupils have a school lunch, it can make a difference of literally thousands of pounds to our school budget which is money to be spent on ALL pupils, it is not ring-fenced in any way.

The menu will be:

Chicken Burger

Veggie Burger

Tomato Pasta

Cheese Panini

Ham Sandwich

We will be offering our lucky plate competition where children who have a school lunch could possibly receive a lucky plate which in turn means a prize! Thank you so much for your support - it would be wonderful if we could get 100% of our Year R,1,2 and Pupil Premium Year 3-6 pupils ordering a meal.

Hambledon Greening

Just a reminder about the 'Future Energy Landscapes' workshop in the village hall on Thursday 23rd October starting at 7pm. The focus is on exploring possible sustainable energy solutions for the village. All are welcome - it would be great to have you there. You can sign up in advance here: <https://esd.energy/events/future-energy-landscapes>. Free admission and plenty of refreshments available. I will send further reminders but we have limited spaces so best to sign up now!

Camel Race Night

Please find attached flyer which will be held at Denmead All Saints Church Hall in aid of Rowans Hospice.

Year R 2026-2027

The application window for children entering Year R in September 2026 opens on November 1st, 2025. I will be holding a series of parent tours to show prospective parents and pupils around. Please see the attached flyer for more information and do share with anyone you know with school-age children.

Secondary School

If your child is in Year 6, secondary school applications open on 8th September and close on 31st October 2025. More information can be found on the Hampshire Admissions page. Oaklands have passed on information about an upcoming open morning: *Year 6 pupils and parents can come and discover Oaklands! Our Open Morning on 7th October is the perfect opportunity to tour the school, see lessons in action and hear what makes Oaklands unique from our Head of School, Mrs Bonnington.*

To register, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1746912124189?aff=oddtcreator>

Best wishes,

A. Corr

Ms Adrienne Corr, Headteacher

Key Dates Autumn 2025-2026

These will be added to so please check the bottom of the newsletter regularly!

Thursday October 2nd - School Census Day.

Monday October 6th - Grandparents Read With Me 8:50am-9:20am. Other family members can attend. Come in at drop-off with your child/grandchild.

Monday October 6th - Flu vaccinations

Tuesday October 7th - Cross Country for Years 5/6 at Swanmore College. 3:30-5:00pm.

Monday October 13th - Whole School PSHE Workshops for pupils

Tuesday October 14th - Whole School Olympic Athlete Workshops for pupils - PE kit required

Monday October 20th - Whole School Diwali Workshop - PE kit required.

Monday October 20th - Parents Evening for all year groups

Tuesday October 21st - Parents Evening for Ospreys

Wednesday October 22nd - Parents Evening for Owls

Thursday October 23rd - Parents Evening for Robins and Kingfishers

Friday October 24th - Harvest Service at the Church at 9:15am. All families can join. Foodbank donations to come in to school.

More information will come about Christmas events, but I know calendars get busy so wanted to let you know about key dates

Thursday November 13th - Maths With Me, 8:50 - 9:20am - parents and carers invited to come in and join in with some maths activities

Friday November 14th - Children in Need. More info to follow

Thursday November 20th - School Photographs (portrait)

Friday November 21st - Maths Parent Workshop, 9:00-9:30am

Monday December 8th - Rock Steady concert @2:30pm for parents of pupils enrolled.

Monday December 15th - Robins and Kingfishers Nativity in the Church @2pm

Tuesday December 16th - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday December 16th - Violin Concert for Ospreys Parents @ 1:20pm

Wednesday December 17th - Robins and Kingfishers Nativity in the Church @ 9:30am

Thursday December 18th - Owls and Ospreys Carol Concert in the Church @ 9:15am

Friday December 19th - Whole School Trip to the pantomime

INSET Days for 2025/2026

Monday November 3rd, 2025

Monday February 23rd, 2026

Friday June 26th, 2026

Monday June 29th, 2026

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