



Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

### National Year of Reading and Sponsored Read

Next week marks our Sponsored Read event! The children have hopefully been busy collecting sponsors and will keep track of how many minutes they spend reading (or, for Robins, how many minutes they are read to). At the end of the week, the children can order (by writing their book choices on the sponsor sheet sent out earlier this week) books totalling 100% of the money they have raised and these books will be specifically for them to have at home. Of the total amount raised, the school will receive 60% to spend on books for the school. This is in addition to the 100% that your child will have to spend on their own books.

Additionally, I will award the class that reads the most minutes with a book voucher to spend on their class library (I will average the total time by the number of children in the class to account for differing class sizes!).

The National Year of Reading has organised a huge number of events over the course of the year, of which the school are planning to take part in many of. There are also tips and advice for how families can support a love of reading and more information can be found at <https://goallin.org.uk/get-involved/families/>.

### Friends Event - January 30<sup>th</sup> @3:15pm on the playground if dry, in hall if wet.

The Friends will be selling cakes along with second hand uniform and presents suitable for adults and children after school on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Please do come and support them as all fundraising money goes directly to supporting the school!

### Road Safety - Be Bright Be Seen

Wow! What a wonderfully bright way to start our week this week! The children looked fantastic and the Junior Road Safety Officers did a brilliant job at sharing why it is important to be visible when walking on or near roads. Well done to Edith, Eddie B, Trixie-Jane and Bella who were judged to be the brightest in their classes!

### Internet Safety - App to help children stay safe online

The BBC has a website and app called [Own It](#). The website helps children navigate their online lives, and the free smartphone app comes with a special keyboard which can intervene with help and support in the moments that children need it the most. It can be downloaded for free in the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

### Census Day - Thank You!

Thank you to all of your support with our School Census Day last week. It was lovely to see so many children enjoying their cooked meals. Congratulations to last week's Lucky Plate Prize winners -Millie, Grace, Oscar, Lacey, Bella, Tommy, Eddie B, Albert, Annabelle, Razaq, Scarlett and Tom C all received a lucky plate and were excited about their prize! For those that earned a non-school uniform voucher, these can be 'cashed in' on any day they choose. If they are due to do PE that day, please just ensure that their chosen outfit is appropriate.

### What will my child be learning this term?

Curriculum leaflets are now loaded onto our new website under the Classes section. These outline what your child will be covering over the term and key questions that will be answered through their learning. Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

### Baby News

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Styles who welcomed Milo to their family yesterday! Both Mrs Styles and Milo are doing well. I am sure you join me in wishing them all the best as they settled into their new family.

### Denmead Brownies Group

Please see the attached poster regarding information about a local Brownies Group.

### Spare Clothes

Please could we have any spare black or blue leggings or jogging bottoms from age 4 to 12 if anyone has any spare going. If your child has been lent some spare clothes over the course of the day, we very much appreciate these being washed and returned.

### Year R Resources Needed

After attending training this last week, Mrs Bolton is looking to further develop our Year R area. If anyone has an old microwave (clean), a flat mirror, small gardening tools, cotton buds, ink pads, baskets (natural material), or a low metal container with a lid that could be used for storing soil in (low enough for the Robins to reach into so not a dustbin), we would find good homes for them!

Best wishes,

*A. Corr*

Ms Adrienne Corr  
Headteacher

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

Friday February 6<sup>th</sup> - Break the Rules Day in aid of Cancer Research

Friday February 6<sup>th</sup> - 'Friends' Film Night

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