



Wednesday 4th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

National Year of Reading and Sponsored Read

A reminder for children to bring in their written list of book requests and sponsorship money by **Friday 6th February**. Thank you for all the forms and monies received so far, your support is much appreciated.

How can we support children and young people to grow a love of reading?

The findings from the National Literacy Trust's 2025 report suggest a need to align reading with children and young people's personal interests and media habits in order to encourage a love of reading in their free time. Insights highlighted the following key motivators for those who took part in the survey:

- **Books tied to films or TV series.**
- **Books with visually appealing covers.**
- **The freedom to choose what they could read.**
- **Hearing recommendations from friends, family or teachers.**
- **Encouraging reading through a variety of formats.**
- **Consider using digital formats.**

This link provides lists for 50 recommended reads for each year group and is a brilliant place to find your child's next read! <https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/>

Kingfishers Class

Kingfishers very much enjoyed the sponsored read last week. We had a whole week of reading whenever possible, whether that be on our own, listening to an adult read to us or listening to stories from CD's and cassettes. We even paired up with Owls class to do a shared read. It was truly wonderful to see so many of them wanting to and enjoying reading together! In English we had the opportunity to write our own stories, based on our class book - Journey. We used our imaginations to decide what was through our own magical doors, the danger we may have faced and deciding how we escaped back to safety. In Art we have been practising our sewing skills ready to make our sails next week. We have been learning how to tie a knot, thread a needle and create a simple running stitch. We are all very excited to put our new skill to the test next week!

Ospreys Class

Ospreys have had a flying start to the new year. In History, they are studying Ancient Greeks; the pupils are full of questions and curiosity about Ancient Greek civilisation, and what legacy they left behind. Linked with this, we are reading Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief - they love the book!

Speaking of reading, Ospreys class took up the challenge of Ready, Steady Read with enthusiasm and many hours of reading were completed last week. Well done Ospreys! We are looking forward to finding out the total monies raised and what books we can purchase for the library.

Finally, Ospreys class are learning gymnastics this term, which means they have had full use of the equipment in the hall. They have loved challenging each other to shimmy up the pole and see who can get up the quickest!

Break the Rules Day - Friday 6th February

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.

Lunar New Year and Pancake Day

We will be celebrating Lunar New Year on **Thursday 12th February** and Pancake Day on **Friday 13th February** with special menus from Chartwells. Please see attached menus for more information. For Lunar New Year the choices shown on attached menu will be the Red and Green options. Tomato Pasta, Jacket Potatoes and Deli Menu will also be available as normal. The pancakes will be served as pudding, therefore normal lunch choices will stand that day. Week commencing 9th February will be Week 3 menu.

Internet Safety

Please see the attached poster on top tips for using and reviewing parental controls to help keep children safe online.

Owls Residential Trip - July 16th -17th, 2026

This July, Owls Class will have the opportunity to attend a 2-day, 1-night residential trip to The Sustainability Centre where they will take part in a number of environmentally based workshops. There will be a separate letter coming out shortly with further information. We will require deposits of approximately £20 to be paid by the end of March so please do start talking about the trip with your child now so you can make a decision early next half term. You can view initial information about the Centre and sample itineraries here:
<https://www.sustainability-centre.org/residentials.html>.

Best wishes,

A. Corr

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Key Dates Spring 2025-2026

Friday February 6th - Break the Rules Day in aid of Cancer Research

Friday February 6th - 'Friends' Film Night

Monday February 16th - Friday February 20th - Half Term

Monday February 23rd - Inset Day

Friday February 27th - Whole School Trip to Intech Centre

Monday March 2nd - PeCAN Assembly and Workshops to the Whole School

Monday March 2nd - Star Gazing Evening - more information to follow

Thursday March 5th - Work Book Day - Story telling workshops for the Whole School

Friday March 13th - Art with Me @2:45pm - Dark Skies Gallery

Friday March 20th - Red Nose Day

Monday March 23rd - 2:15pm Southern Music Project and Rock Steady Concert to parents of those taking lessons

Tuesday March 24th - 1:20pm Owls Recorder Concert to parents

Wednesday March 25th - Annual Reports out to parents

Friday March 27th - Easter Service at the Church @ 9:15am

Friday March 27th - Last Day of the Spring Term

Wednesday April 15th - Owls trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace, more information to follow.

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

INSET Days for 2025/2026

Monday February 23rd, 2026

Friday June 26th, 2026

Monday June 29th, 2026

INSET Days for 2026/2027

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