



Friday 27th February, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

### National Year of Reading and Sponsored Read

A massive well done to you all on your Sponsored Read! Everyone did so well and between us we raised a massive £991.26 in free books for the school library. What a brilliant achievement! Your book choices came home with you yesterday and we hope you enjoy them!

As you know this is the Year of Reading, and next week is World Book Day! Reading brings a massive range of profound and wide-ranging benefits that can have a lifelong positive impact on children's lives. Check out [The benefits of reading | BookTrust](#) to find out more!

We're building on our existing momentum to help our children to grow their love of reading by inviting Briony, our Usborne Partner into school on Tuesday 10th March for our school book fair. She'll be showing the children a wide range of exciting books during the day, and families will be invited in after school to make any purchases (bring your World Book Day voucher to put towards the cost!). More information to follow next week!

### Letter from our new Chair of Governors

I am pleased to announce that we have a new Chair of Governors. Marishelle Butler was voted it at our last Governors Meeting and brings her wealth of Governor Body experience and detailed knowledge of the school and its community to the role. This is an exciting new chapter for our Board - please do read the attached letter to find out more information.

### Owls

Owls have had a super start to the Spring term where they have explored the topics of Purim and The Romans using a variety of resources that were lent to us in our recent RE and History study discovery boxes.



Owls really enjoyed taking part in the recent whole school Reading Challenge and had a fantastic time reading with and listening to Kingfishers Class as well as completing paired sessions and a silent reading challenge in their own classroom.



Owls have loved learning the recorder this term in our Music lessons and cannot wait for you all to come and listen to us play nearer to the end of term.

#### Safeguarding and Online Safety

ParentKind is a very useful website full of information on how to support your child/ren. Please visit <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/online-safety-toolkit> for further information.

#### Message from Petersfield Open Air Pool

Petersfield Open Air Pool is a charity-run pool with a long history of supporting and encouraging children to be confident swimmers. Our spring group lessons for children of all abilities from age 4 upwards begin at the end of April and booking opens at the beginning of March. As a charity the money we charge swimmers is directly spent on running the pool for the local community.

Please see the attached leaflets for further information

Many thanks,

Nicci Shepherd  
Petersfield Open Air Swimming Pool  
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01730 265143 [www.petersfieldpool.org](http://www.petersfieldpool.org)

Best wishes,

*A. Carr*

Ms Adrienne Carr  
Headteacher

### Key Dates Spring 2025-2026

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 - 5:00pm - 6:30pm  
Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> - World 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  
Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> - Owls trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace

**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

#### INSET Days for 2026/2027

Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
Monday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2027  
Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2027  
Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2027

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