Thursday September 3rd, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year and a welcome to the Hambledon community for our new starters! Our new Robins will be starting tomorrow morning and Mrs Bolton and Mrs Walker have been busy visiting them at home over the last few days. In addition to our new pupils starting in Year R, I'd like to say a big welcome to Fred, who has joined Year 2, and Miss Doran, who will be working Wed-Fri in the School Office.

Lunches and Snacks

A reminder please that we are a nut-free and rice-free school (this includes rice, rice cakes, rice krispie squares etc) – we have people in school who are severely allergic to these foods, including through air-borne exposure. Thank you for your cooperation in helping ensure everyone is safe.

There has been a change to the usual menu as our freezer failed over the summer – a replacement will be secured as soon as possible and then we will be back up and running with our usual menu. Thank you for your patience while this is being sorted.

Playtime – Robins and Kingfishers are provided with a snack at playtime (fresh fruit or veg). Owls and Ospreys can bring in a snack if they wish, but this needs to also be fresh fruit or vegetables. If you send in a snack pot, please make sure it is labelled as we are always left with unnamed ones that have to go in the bin ☹.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs are up and running! There are spaces available still and can be booked through contacting ActiveMe 360 at ActiveMe 360's Hambledon booking page
The clubs that will be running this term are:
Monday – Dodgeball or Art
Tuesday – KS2 Football or Fun With Food (cold cooking)
Wednesday – Basketball or Science/Nature
Thursday – KS1 Football or Construction
Friday – Hockey or Global Explorers

Each club is £48 for the half term and runs from the end of the school day until 4:30pm and includes a light snack.

If you have any questions, please contact ActiveMe 360 via email or telephone - Hello@activeme360.com | 02382 511 844.

Wrap Around Care

Our Wrap Around Care is also provided by ActiveMe 360 and includes both a Breakfast Club (7:30-8:40am, £8 a session) and an Extended Day Club (4:30pm – 5:30pm, £7 a session).These can be booked on an 'as you need' basis by visiting ActiveMe 360's Hambledon booking page or contacting ActiveMe 360 at Hello@activeme360.com or 02382 511 844.

How Will I Know What My Child is Learning?

You will be receiving information about what your child will be learning over the Autumn Term shortly through our Curriculum Leaflets. As well, there will be a 'Meet the Teacher' session where you will find out more about learning, timetables, expectations and routines and how you can support these at home. Please see our Key Dates for these sessions. Please drop your child off at the back playground as usual and then make your way to the Office to wait while we register the children.

P.E.

Children will continue to come in dressed in their P.E. uniforms on their P.E. days. Please ensure they are in correct P.E. uniform which can be found at https://www.hambledon.hants.sch.uk/uniform/. These days may change throughout the year due to specialist provision and we will keep you informed of any changes. P.E. will start the week beginning Monday September 8th, 2026.

Robins (Years R) – Thursdays
Kingfishers (Years 1 & 2) – Thursdays and Fridays
Owls (Years 3 & 4) – Tuesdays and Fridays
Ospreys (Years 5 & 6) – Mondays and Tuesdays

Parking

We have a small number of permits available for those that need to make use of the Church Car Park. It is not automatically renewed from last year nor available to Year R children unless there is a specific reason (see below). Please contact the Office should you require more information regarding these. They are given out to those requiring a closer drop-off/collection point to school for medical or physical reasons. We have a very limited number so please only apply for a permit if you feel your children or whoever is collecting them cannot manage the short walk from the village. If the need is a medical one, please provide evidence supporting this. We can also give permits for limited periods should you require.

A reminder that you must arrive by 8:30am and wait to leave until 8:55am and must arrive by 3pm and leave by 3:25pm and to enter and exit slowly. This is to avoid cars meeting on the single lane. The Church Wardens regularly monitor the use of the car park and will ask anyone without a permit to turn around. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

How do I contact my child's teacher?

Please contact your child's teacher in the first instance should you have any questions/should any issues arise. Teachers are available for a quick chat at the end of most school days when they see the children off in the playground. If it is something that can be emailed in, please send an email via the School Office on adminoffice@hambledon.hants.sch.uk If you would like a face-to-face meeting that will take longer, please arrange a mutually convenient time. Meeting with your child's teacher in the morning is often not possible as they are setting up for the day and talking through lessons with their class teams.

If your child has SEND and you need to contact Mrs Angio, this can be done via sendco@hambledon.hants.sch.uk or through the School Office on the above email.

Contact Details

Please make sure your contact details are up-to-date with the School Office.

Schools Library – Summer Reading Challenge

A reminder that if you signed up for the reading challenge, the challenge finishes on Saturday 12th September and we would be grateful if you could encourage your pupils to visit the library to finish the challenge and collect their medal and certificate.

School Council, House Captains and Vice Captains

Mrs Angio and your child's class teacher will be speaking with them about the roles of School Council and House Captains/Vice-Captains next week. If this is something your child is interested in, they will need to write their speech, explaining why they would like to be the class representative, and have it in school first thing on Monday 21st September. These will be read out by the class teacher (without names) and voted on by the class. Our School Council is made up of representatives from Years 1-6 and Years 5 and 6s are also eligible to become

House Captains (Yr6s) and Vice-Captains (Yr5s) and should do the same – write a speech explaining why they would like to be a Captain or Vice-Captain and why they would be good at it. These will get read out by a teacher and the members of each house will vote to decide.

Hambledon Hilly - Race Day – September 19th, 2026

Please read the attached poster for further information about the Annual Hambledon Hilly event. It is always a fun event – either to run or to spectate and the Friends will be selling drinks before and after, helping to raise money for the school. Thank you to those families who are volunteering at this event!

Secondary School

Applications for children transferring to secondary school in September 2027 will open on **7 September 2026**.

Applications can be submitted online or parents can request a paper application form in exceptional circumstances by emailing admissions.team@hants.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is **31 October 2026**.

Please read the below guidance from Hampshire Admissions:

- Name three schools on your application to maximise your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.
- Submit your application on-time, before the 31 October deadline.
- Use the County Council's school catchment area finder to check the catchment school for your address
- Read the school's admission policies to find out how many places are available and what criteria will be used to allocate places if the school is oversubscribed.
- Think about how your child will get to school. See travel to school to help plan your journey and find out if you are eligible for help with transport. You must name your catchment school(s) if you have one, as a preference if you wish to apply for travel assistance.

End Of Day Arrangements

Please remember to write a message in your child's class book (found in the Office) if your child will be going home with any different. This includes playdates and if leaving with other members of the school community.

If you would like to give general pick-up arrangements, please email in a list of names who you give permission for and we will add this to the fronts of the class books. If your child is in Ospreys and has permission to walk to the village, please also email in stating this.

Best wishes,

A. Corr

Ms Adrienne Corr
Headteacher

Key Dates Autumn 1 2026-2027

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

September
Thursday 10th – Friends Bake Sale and Uniform Sale on the playground at pick-up
Tuesday 15th – Meet the Teachers – Kingfishers (Y1/2) 9:00-9:20am
Wednesday 16th – Meet the Teachers – Ospreys (Y5/6) 9:00-9:20am
Thursday 17th – Meet the Teachers – Owls (Y3/4) 9:00-9:20am
Friday 18th – Curriculum Leaflets sent out
Wednesday 23rd – Kingfishers trip to the Church for bell-ringing
Monday 28th – Non-Uniform Day and Bake Sale for Cystic Fibrosis Charity
October
Monday 5th – Read with Me (parents or other family members can come in to share stories with the children) 8:40-9:00am

Monday 12th – INSET
Tuesday 13th – SCARF (PSHE) Workshops for all pupils
Thursday 15th – Harvest Festival (in the church) at 9:15am (tbc)
Monday 19th – Whole School Parents Eve
Tuesday 20th – Robins and Kingfishers Parents Eve
Wednesday 21st – Owls and Ospreys Parents Eve
Saturday 24th – Sunday November 1st – Half Term

INSET Days for 2026/2027
Tuesday September 1st, 2026
Monday October 12th, 2026
Monday January 4th, 2027
Monday February 22nd, 2027
Monday June 7th, 2027

Start of Term for Year R: Friday September 4th, 2026.

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

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