Thursday September 3rd, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

After our first few weeks, we are certainly back in to the swing of things! House Captains and Vice Captains and School Councillors have all been elected this week and names will be announced on Friday during assembly. Thank you to all of the children who put themselves forward.

PE Date Change w/c October 5th only
Kingfishers and Owls will be on Tuesday, Robins and Ospreys will be on Thursday.

Meet The Teacher Meetings
Thank you to those of you that were able to make the recent 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. Curriculum leaflets and information from those meetings are now under the individual class pages on our website

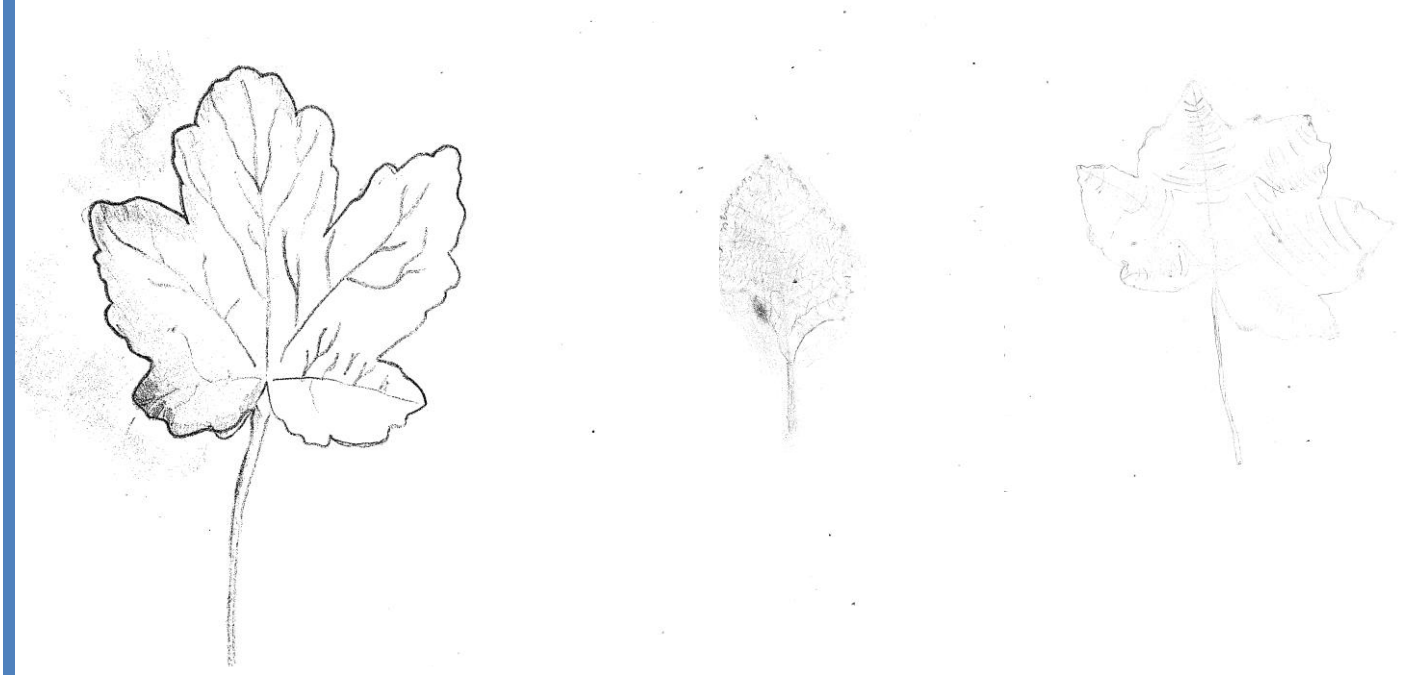
Kingfishers Class
Kingfishers have had a fantastic start to the year. We began our learning all about Mary Anning by being palaeontologists ourselves, searching for fossils in the sand, and have put our history heads on when looking through the history box, coming up with ideas for what each item was and what it was used for. We have also been learning about animals and their habitats in science. We have learnt what a habitat is, what habitats there are and what they provide for the animals that live there. In Art, we have been sketching leaves, learning how to put more detail into our drawings, and mixing primary colours to make secondary colours. We have also done leaf rubbing to show the different patterns the veins make on the leaves.







Ospreys Class
Ospreys class have settled so well into the Autumn term and I can't quite believe we are half way through the term! I am very proud of how the Osprey children have settled in: the Year 6's are showing that they are ready to take on the responsibility of being the top of the school, whilst the year 5's are demonstrating good learning behaviours. This term's artwork is to design and sew leaves; they have begun with some beautiful observational drawing of autumnal leaves.



Census Day

Thursday October 1st 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.

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! This is open for all pupils across the school that order a school lunch on the day.

The lunch choices on Thursday 1st October will be Fish Fingers and Chips, Pizza or Cheese Wrap. Pudding will be ice-cream.

Music Lessons

Drum with Alex drum and guitar lessons, Rocksteady and Southern Music Project music lessons have all restarted for this term. There are spaces available for a variety of instruments. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact:

Drum With Alex (drums and guitar): Email: support@drumwithalex.com
Website: www.drumwithalex.com

Rocksteady: 0330 113 0401 or by emailing schools@rocksteadymusicschool.com.

Southern Music Project (currently do piano, recorder, flute, trombone but do offer a wide range of instruments): www.southernmusicproject.co.uk

Online Safety

Please read the below excerpt from Ofcom's research in May 2026 (https://www.ofcom.org.uk/siteassets/resources/documents/online-safety/research-statistics-and-data/protecting-children/childrens-online-experiences-research-report.pdf?v=418198) for statistics on the most common sites that children have reported seeing harmful content:

Services where children are most likely to see harmful content Reflecting the popularity of services among children, those most likely to be mentioned by children as the source of harmful content were TikTok mentioned the most (53%), followed by YouTube (excluding YouTube Kids) (36%), Instagram (34%), Snapchat (31%), and Facebook (31%). Increases in recalled exposure were noted for both TikTok and Snapchat. Facebook was the only service where exposure to harmful content declined, although it remained in the top five. A quarter (25%) of children said they saw harmful content on Roblox, the same proportion that cited WhatsApp (25%). Self-reported exposure to the most harmful types of content – content children should be prevented from seeing, defined as PPC in the Act – was highest on TikTok (42%), followed by Instagram (26%), YouTube (25%) Facebook (23%) and Snapchat (18%). Exposure on TikTok rose (from 35% to 42%) but fell for YouTube (32% to 25%), Facebook (30% to 23%), and Facebook Messenger (12% to 8%) – it remained unchanged for Instagram and Snapchat.

From pupil conferencing and discussions, I know that many of our pupils have access to these apps and social media sites, despite age restrictions being for older than primary-ages pupils. If this is the case, please visit ParentKind's online page at https://www.parentkind.org.uk/online-safety-toolkit to read useful information, tips and strategies on helping to keep your child safe online.

Secondary School

A reminder for our Year 6 parents. Secondary School Applications are now open and the deadline in 31st October, 2026. Please submit online or parents can request a paper application form in exceptional circumstances by emailing admissions.team@hants.gov.uk.

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

Wednesday 23rd September– Kingfishers trip to the Church for bell-ringing

October

Thursday 1st – School Census Day
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
Wednesday 14th – Friends Film Night
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

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

P.E. Days 2026/2027

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