Wednesday October 7th, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support over this last week – both with Census Day and with the fantastic turn out we had with our Read with Me event on Monday morning. We hold these regularly throughout the year so please keep an eye on the Key Dates below. We change the day/part of day so as to catch as many of you as we can but please know that grandparents etc are also welcome if your work commitments mean you are unable to attend. For our three oldest classes, there will be themed activities while in Robins it is a general shared start for you to partake in.

Welcome to Moira and her family, who have joined Kingfishers Class as of last week! It has been lovely to see her peers welcoming her and I know that the rest of the community will do the same.

Parents Evenings

Our Autumn Parent Evenings are ready to be booked via the website. You should have received an email inviting you to book – please check your junk/clutter folder for messages sent from Juniper Education. Monday October 19th has bookings available for all classes, with a further evening on Tuesday October 20th for Robins and Kingfishers and Wednesday October 21st for Owls and Ospreys. If you have having trouble accessing the booking, please do let us know however, we are unable to book in slots for parents so please do not ring the office asking us to do this.

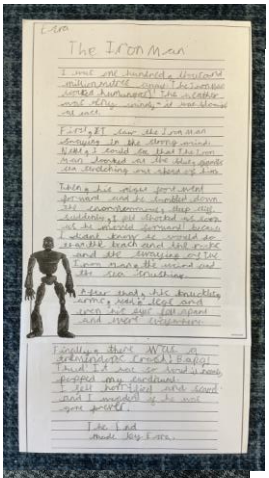


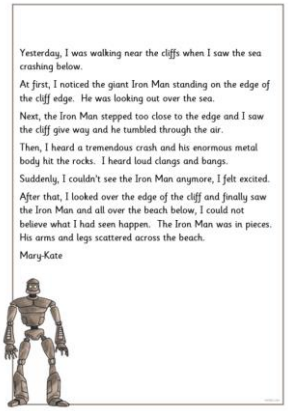
Robins Class News - Autumn Term

The children have settled really well into Robins Class. They have got to grips with the morning routines, coming in with smiles and beginning to say good morning to the adults in the room. They are becoming independent with getting themselves ready and to our together space.
Choosing lunches can take time, but some children come in with a clear idea about what they would like.
We have started our phonics programme, learning the first few sounds and their actions. These will have come home with them for them to share and practise with you.
Reading books are being shared in school and we are lucky to have our Chair of Governors, Mrs Butler, who will be coming in to read with them on a Monday afternoon. We have also started our visits to our school library where we can look at and, soon, choose books to bring home.
This week we started our 'Mastering Number' programme, during which the children are developing a deep understanding of Spatial Reasoning and small numbers.
We have been enjoying developing our learning in our outside environment whilst the weather has been so good, enjoying sand and water play, our outdoor kitchen (apologies for any muddy children coming home), jigsaws, painting, creating obstacle courses and using our observation skills and imaginations.
We are looking forward to performing our song for you at the Harvest Service at the end of the term!

Owls Class News – Autumn Term

I have been super proud at how well all of the Owls have settled into this academic year.
We started the term creating our 'Aspirational Owls' wall and making a googly-eye creature display for the classroom. The children have enjoyed their TTRS journeys and I have also begun to discuss 'heat maps' especially with Year 3 children, as they show the times tables on which they need to be working – if you would like to know how to help your child at home, please get in touch.
Our main English text this term has been The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and the children have truly embraced all of the tasks that we have undertaken. Recently, we have planned, written, edited and published a 'first-person' recount of the opening chapter (these are on display in the classroom if you would like to come and see your child's) and our recent work on writing a diary excerpt, when The Iron Man disturbed the family's picnic that they were having on top of the hill, were fantastic.





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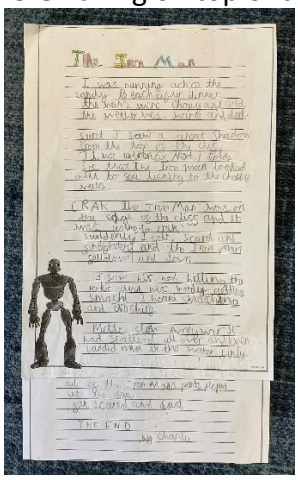
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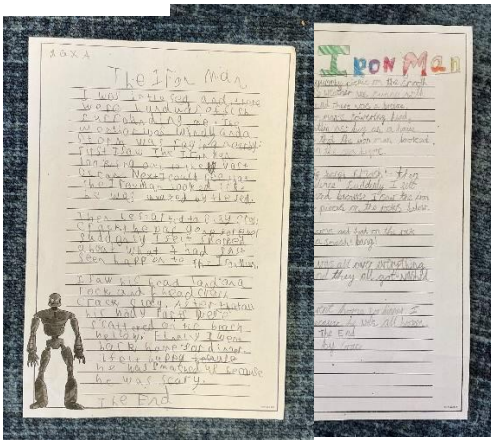
Then, I heard a tremendous crash and his enormous metal body hit the rocks. I heard loud clangs and bangs.

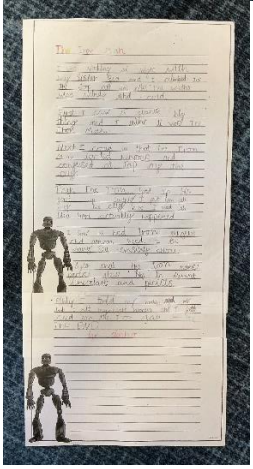
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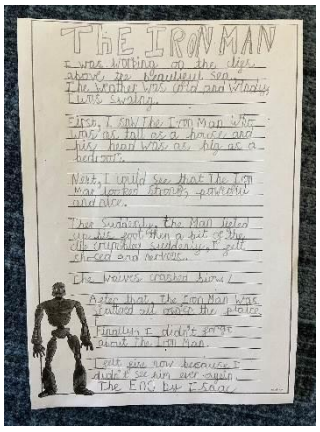
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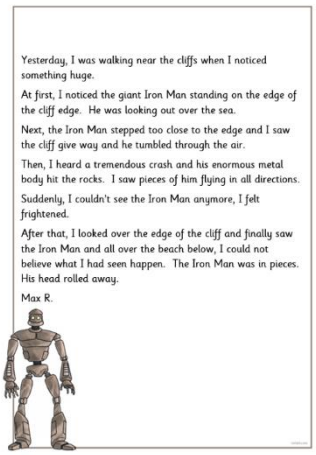
Mary-Kate











Yesterday, I was walking near the cliffs when I noticed something huge.

At first, I noticed the giant Iron Man standing on the edge of the cliff edge. He was looking out over the sea.

Next, the Iron Man stepped too close to the edge and I saw the cliff give way and he tumbled through the air.

Then, I heard a tremendous crash and his enormous metal body hit the rocks. I saw pieces of him flying in all directions.

Suddenly, I couldn't see the Iron Man anymore, I felt frightened.

After that, I looked over the edge of the cliff and finally saw the Iron Man and all over the beach below, I could not believe what I had seen happen. The Iron Man was in pieces. His head rolled away.

Max R.

I am really pleased that the Owls have once again accepted the challenge of earning their 'pen licence' and I am constantly monitoring their progress in all subject areas. Well done to all those who have earnt their pen again or for the first time – more certificates will be given out in our upcoming Celebration Assembly on Friday, so keep working hard, because it could be you this week!
Thank you for all those who came to my 'Meet the Teacher' earlier this term and to 'Read with me' this week, it was lovely to see your children enthralled in their storybooks with you. Reading is such an important skill as it is the gateway to accessing so much of our world and it is fabulous to see how many of the Owls' Reading records contain more than 3 weekly reads written and signed for – House Points are given on a Thursday, however, please send in reading records every day.
Mrs Latter

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is taking place next Thursday. We will once again be collecting food for the Beacon Food Bank so, if you are able to, please send your child in with non-perishable items. The Food Bank has made me aware that they are in need of the following items: coffee and tea, pasta sauces, rice, sugar

(500g), cereals, soup, tinned meat, tune, tinned vegetables of fruit, baked beans, custard, rice puddings, bottles of squash, biscuits, jam or marmalade, meals in a tin/bag.
Each class has been working hard on producing work to share with you. We will be aiming for a 9:15am start and it lasts for approximately 45 minutes. I will try to get over with some signs to reserves the pews we need for the children, but just in case you beat me over, please leave the pews from the first pillar forward free as Robins and Kingfishers will be sitting there.

Staffing News

We are delighted to share the happy news that Mrs Orr (Kingfishers Class) is expecting a baby in April 2027! We know that our whole school community will join us in congratulating Mr and Mrs Orr and wishing them every happiness as they prepare for this exciting new chapter. We appreciate that parents may have questions about staffing arrangements for Kingfishers Class. At this stage, Mr and Mrs Orr are still considering plans for maternity leave. Once decisions have been made and arrangements are confirmed, we will communicate these with parents as soon as possible. Please be assured that we will plan carefully to ensure continuity of learning and a smooth transition for the children. We will provide further updates when more information becomes available.

Online Safety

Following on from my previous newsletter, please see the attached leaflet on 'What Parents Need to Know about Roblox.' I know that many of our pupils enjoy playing on Roblox and it is important that you, and they, understand how to do so safely.

Year R Admission

I started our first Year R 2027 tours this week and it was lovely to show our first batch of families around - both some current ones and some new ones. For those of you with siblings due to start school in September 2027, the application window opens in November 1st, 2026 and you can apply by visiting Hampshire Admissions. Tours are available and dates and times are published on our website.

Secondary School

A reminder for our Year 6 parents. Secondary School Applications are now open and the deadline is 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 and a reminder that Monday October 12th is an INSET day,

A. Corr

Ms Adrienne Corr
Headteacher

Key Dates Autumn Term 2026-2027

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

October:

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
Monday 19th – Whole School Parents Eve (bookings open on October 7th)
Tuesday 20th – Robins and Kingfishers Parents Eve (bookings open on October 7th)
Wednesday 21st – Owls and Ospreys Parents Eve (bookings open on October 7th)
Saturday 24th – Sunday November 1st – Half Term

November:

Monday 2nd – flu vaccines. Please ensure you either consent/refuse using the link in previous communications

Friday 13th – Children in Need Day. More info to follow once the School Council have planned activities.
Wednesday 18th - Maths with Me @ morning drop-off (8:40-9:10am). Come and join your child in maths activities (Year 1-6) or a shared start to the day (Year R).
Thursday 19th – Portrait school photos
Friday 20th & Monday 23rd – Bikeability for Years 5 & 6

December:

Friday 4th – Non-School Uniform and Bake Sale for Cystic Fibrosis
Monday 7th – Rocksteady & Southern Music Project Concert for parents of participating pupils @ 2:15pm.
Friday 11th – Friends Christmas Shop
Monday 14th – Robins and Kingfishers Nativity @ 9:30am in the Church
Tuesday 15th – Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day (fundraising for Save the Children)
Tuesday 15th – Listen to Me concert for Owls Class parents
Wednesday 16th – Robins and Kingfishers @ 9:30am in the Church
Thursday 17th – Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
Friday 18th - Owls and Ospreys Carol Concert @ 9:15am in the Church
Friday 18th – 3:15pm finish for Christmas Holidays. Spring Term starts on Tuesday January 5th, 2027

<u>INSET Days for 2026/2027</u>
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 .

<u>P.E. Days 2026/2027</u>
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