Wednesday October 21st, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A HUGE thank you for all of the food donations brought in last week! The food bank volunteer who came to collect the food was very grateful for the quantity and the range of food and other household items brought in and said that it will go a long way to helping out families in need.

Year 5/6 Residential Meeting

Parents and carers of those in Ospreys class are invited to attend an information session on the Runways End trip taking place in July 2027. The information session will be held at 3.15pm on Friday November 6th. If your child would like to attend and you are not able to, please let us know and they may do so. Any materials given out during the session will be made available. The deadline for confirming your child's place is December 1st, 2026.

Music Lesson Availability

Both Drum with Alex (drum and guitar) and Rocksteady (learning to play an instrument as part of a band) have spaces available. If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument, please contact them using the below contacts to arrange for a taster session. These lessons are both pretty popular so take advantage while there are spaces available!

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

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

Logo competition

The School Council have planned a logo design competition for our new core values.

The values chosen are: Innovation Respect Resilience

We would like you to design some bold, colourful logos for these 3 values. You will need to think carefully about what each value might mean and what picture might represent the theme. The winning logos will be chosen by the School Council and will then be used on all school letters/ displays/ certificates.

There will be house points for everyone who enters and a golden ticket for the winning designs so that the winner is able to wear their own clothes on a day of their choosing.

Ospreys Class Update

It has been a busy half term and the class have earned a half term rest! They have really enjoyed completing their science project with independent research into our solar system's planets. They have also completed their history unit about Vikings; they particularly enjoyed pretending to be Viking raiders with our imaginary longship. Just a reminder that homework is set each week on EdShed: maths and spelling. If you or your child has any issues logging on, please contact the school and we can help. Also, the class have shown excellent responsibility at handing in their reading records, please encourage your children to keep up their reading during the holidays. Thank you for continued support and have a lovely holiday.

Village Events – please see below for upcoming village events

The village bonfire and fireworks night will be held in the usual place above the tennis court, on Saturday 7th November at 6pm. Be sure to arrive hungry and thirsty as there will be a (cash) bar and hotdogs available to purchase. Proceeds fund next year's event. Please let David know if you have any timber/wood that you would like to donate to the bonfire (d.tester105@btinternet.com).

Remembrance Parade & Service - Sunday 8th Nov 2026

Full details are still to be confirmed, but details are likely to follow last year's event i.e. parade from the Village Hall; service at the War Memorial at 10.45am; Remembrance Day service in the Church at 11.00am (led by Archdeacon Kathryn Percival); and refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall. The school takes part in this parade and if your child would like to join me for the parade, please meet me in the village hall carpark wearing school uniform.

Murder at the Mansion - Friday 13 November, Hambledon Village Hall, 7.15pm

Sit back, relax and watch the drama unfold as our talented actors bring the murder mystery to life. Your job is to follow the clues, spot the suspicious characters and have fun guessing whodunnit! No acting required — just a little detective work, plenty of laughs, drinks from the bar and a delicious paella dinner to enjoy along the way. Gather your friends, put on your detective hats and see if you can crack the case before anyone else! £25pp including glass of fizz on arrival & delicious paella. Raising funds to help Freddie & Jorgen, both past Hambledon pupils, attend the World Scout Jamboree & Project 27. To purchase tickets, contact: www.crepebritain.co.uk or 07877 130646.

Children's Saturday Morning Tennis Coaching - Coach Dougie, Ace on the Lawn Tennis Coaching

Parents/carers need to contact Doug directly in advance to book, and make payment directly to him, as per his terms and conditions. The PC continues to be responsible for the court itself, and there will be no change to the current subscription and booking systems for non-lesson use of the court. Please do spread the word.

Rosemary Foundation Christmas Market

The Rosemary Foundation Hospice at Home is a local charity based in Petersfield, providing specialist nurse-led care and support to adults with life-limiting illnesses in their own homes. They support families across a 15-mile radius, ensuring patients can remain where they feel most comfortable, surrounded by the people they love at the end of their life. Their dedicated nurses provide expert care, emotional support, counselling, and respite services, with nursing advice available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Every service they provide is completely free of charge to patients and their families. The foundation will be holding their annual Christmas Market, taking place on Sunday 15 November, 10.00am to 1.30pm, at Churcher's College.

School Dinner Menu

Thank you everyone for your patience with the changing menu while we awaited the delivery of the new freezer. This is now here and means we will be returning to the published menu after half term.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend our recent Parents Evenings. We will be in touch after half term to re-arrange Kingfisher appointments and thank you for understanding our need to postpone them. Thank you as well for bearing with us and the new system – I am working with Juniper Education to see why the system was not as smooth as it should be!

Year R Admission

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.

With best wishes for the half term,

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:

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

INSET Days for 2026/2027

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