Wednesday 11th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Remembrance Day

The school took part in a whole school assembly to share the importance of Remembrance Day and why it is marked each year. They listened respectfully and asked insightful questions. We marked 11am with two minutes of silence, signalled by Mrs Bolton's playing of The Last Post and Reveille on the cornet. Again, the children showed respect and understanding of the significance of the event.



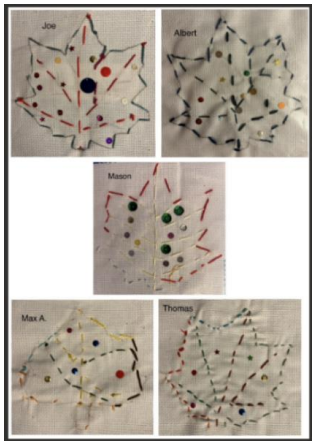
Rock Steady Music Lessons

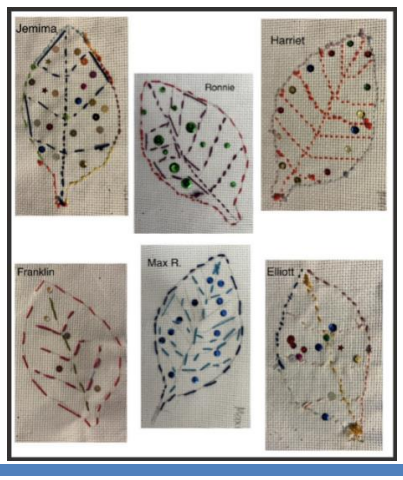
The whole school took part in a Rock Steady Music concert on Tuesday – including a teacher performance! They enjoyed learning about the different instruments on offer, hearing and seeing a professional musician play and, of course, watching the staff learn how to play the drums, keyboard and vocals 😊 Your child has received a leaflet from them with further information on the lessons and how to book so please check their book bags or contact Rocksteady on:
0330 113 0401 or by emailing schools@rocksteadymusicschool.com.

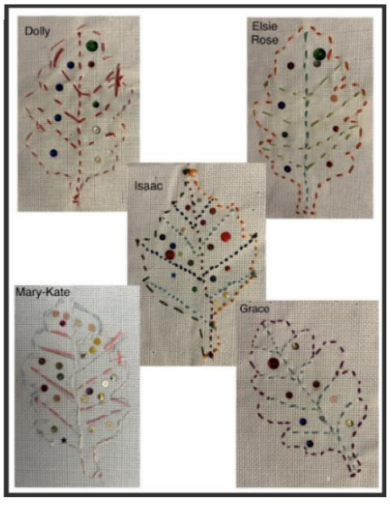


Owls Class News

Firstly, I am proud to share work from our Art lessons this term – some examples of which can be seen below. The children collected leaves from around the school grounds and carefully observed them to create detailed black and white sketches, using tone, light, and shadowing techniques. They then practised colour matching using a range of media before practising their sewing stitches. Using embroidery thread, metal wool needles, and a new material called 'aida', the children designed and created their own leaves, adding details such as veining and embellishments. They also evaluated their own work and that of their peers and are extremely pleased with their finished pieces.







Secondly, I am delighted that the children earned their first 'Class Honeycomb Reward' and were able to celebrate this fantastic achievement with a special crafty and junk modelling reward session; they have since chosen their own class challenge and are already working together to obtain their next reward.







Thirdly, I was super pleased that so many of the Owls received one of my sparkly Half Term Reading Ducks last Thursday morning. Thank you very much for continuing to support your children's reading development.

Finally, our weekly library visits have begun this week (the start date was delayed due to the Flu immunisations). Please only send your child's library book into school on Monday mornings if they would like to exchange it for a new one.

Robins Class News

The children have settled back into class, remembering the routines we had established last half term. Phonics continues with us finishing off phase 2 sounds with the introduction of some 'Tricky words.' Some of the children are now remembering all of these first sounds and are able to blend them to read our reading scheme phase 2 books. Mrs Butler, our Chair of Governors, continues to read with them on a Monday afternoon.

Reading books will be changed on a Monday if they have been read three times or more at home. House points will also be given. Our visits to the library will continue with the children now able to bring a library book home. These should be returned on a Thursday for us to change on Friday.

We have learnt about why we celebrate with fireworks on bonfire night and why we wear poppies for Remembrance. We have made little clay thumb pots which we have made into Diva lamps by painting and adding a battery powered tealight in celebration of Diwali.

The children enjoyed planting Narcissus bulbs with Mrs Platt using clear pots, water beads, gravel and water. We may have over done the water beads, but the children have had fun playing with the ones left over.

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us and look forward to performing our Nativity to you in December.

Parents Evenings - Kingfishers

Kingfishers rescheduled parents evening sessions will be held on Monday November 30th from 3:30pm-6:30pm and Friday December 4th from 9am – 12pm. Sessions will be available online to book with an email coming from Juniper Education. Please check spam and junk folders. Emails are sent to all email addresses provided on your registration forms but please let us know if you have any difficulties. Bookings will open from Thursday November 12th – Friday November 27th for the first session and Thursday November 12th – Wednesday December 2nd for the second session.

Year R Admission

For those of you with siblings due to start school in September 2027, the application window opened on November 1st, 2026 and you can apply by visiting Hampshire Admissions. Tours are available and dates and times are published on our website.

Mobile Phones

A reminder that children are not to bring smartphones to school at all and if they need to bring a mobile phone, it needs to be handed in to the office. If you need any signposting for non-smartphones, please do get in touch and I am happy to pass details on.

Online Safety

Please see the attached posters outlining how to set up parental controls on android and iphone devices.

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Ms Adrienne Corr
Headteacher

Key Dates Autumn Term 2026-2027

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

Friday 13th – Pjs/cosy clothes, star jumps and reading. Please see letter from Mrs Angio for Just Giving link to donate
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
Monday 30th – Kingfishers Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm

December:

Friday 4th – Non-School Uniform and Bake Sale for Cystic Fibrosis
Friday 4th – Kingfishers Parents Evening 9am-12pm
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 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