



Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Evening Appointments

Appointments for the upcoming Parent Evening will be available to book from **Monday 26th January** via **Arbor**. Please ensure that you have access to your Arbor account in advance so that you are ready to book promptly.

We kindly ask that all parents book their appointments **within the booking window**, which will close on **5th February**. At the previous Parent Evening, a number of appointments were requested after the deadline, creating a significant additional administrative workload for both the school office and teaching staff. Booking within the stated window allows teachers sufficient time to prepare for meetings and helps ensure the process runs smoothly for everyone.

We would also like to remind parents to use the **designated Parent Evening dates**, which have been shared since September. On previous occasions, teachers received requests for meetings outside of these allocated times, often very close to the scheduled dates. As a school, we are committed to supporting the wellbeing of our staff. These dedicated evenings are carefully planned to allow teachers to balance family time alongside their professional responsibilities after the school day.

Year 5 Bikeability

We are pleased to share that our Year 5 Bikeability sessions started today. This national cycle training programme is designed to give children the skills and confidence they need to ride their bikes safely and responsibly on the roads.

During the training, children will learn essential road safety skills, including how to check their bikes are roadworthy, understand road signs and markings, signal clearly, and make safe decisions when riding near traffic. The sessions are practical, hands-on, and delivered by qualified Bikeability instructors.

Bikeability is an important part of helping children develop independence while staying safe. It also encourages healthy, active lifestyles and builds confidence that will benefit them both now and in the future.

Online Gaming, Communication, and Kindness

Online gaming is a popular and enjoyable way for many children to relax, socialise, and connect with their friends. Games that include chat or voice features allow children to communicate in real time, work as a team, and build shared experiences. However, we are also aware of some recent concerns where unkind language or disagreements during online gaming have begun to impact friendships offline.

When emotions run high, particularly during competitive games, children may say things they would not normally say face to face. Without visual cues such as body language or facial expressions, messages can be easily misunderstood, and small disagreements can quickly escalate into hurt feelings or conflict.

As adults, we play an important role in supporting children to navigate these situations positively. By role-modelling respectful language, calm problem-solving, and kindness in our own interactions, we help children learn how to manage conflict in a healthy way. Talking openly with children about how words can affect others, both online and offline, encourages empathy and self-awareness.

It is helpful to remind children that:

- Everyone deserves to be spoken to with respect, even during games.
- Taking a break or muting a conversation is okay if emotions are running high.
- Disagreements can be resolved without blame, insults, or exclusion.
- Seeking adult support is a positive step if a situation feels upsetting or difficult.

By working together and reinforcing positive communication, we can help ensure that online gaming remains a fun and safe experience, and that friendships are protected and strengthened rather than harmed. Encouraging kindness, understanding, and respectful language will support children in developing lifelong skills for resolving conflict in a positive and thoughtful manner.

A Reminder about Handwashing

We would like to ask for your continued support in reminding children about the importance of regular and thorough handwashing. We have spent time in school reminding the children and have shared age-appropriate videos and discussions to reinforce good hygiene habits.

However, these messages are most effective when children hear the same guidance both at school and at home. Regular handwashing is one of the simplest and most effective ways to help prevent the spread of illness, keeping everyone fit, healthy, and able to attend school consistently.

Please continue to encourage your child to wash their hands:

- When arriving home
- Before eating
- After using the toilet
- After coughing, sneezing, or blowing their nose

By working together and sharing consistent messages, we can help children develop lifelong healthy habits and support good attendance for all. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping to keep our school community well.

Student Spotlight.

After successfully winning both the **Southampton Cup** and the **Regional Cup**, Charlie and Majd's **Junior Premier League** football team qualified for the **National Tournament**, which was held at **England's training ground, St George's Park**.

Although they did not win on the day, it was an incredible experience for the boys. In recognition of their achievement, they were presented with a **trophy and medals** for being **Regional Champions**.

Recycling Challenge for January

Each month, Eco Committee will set a recycling challenge that the whole school can join in. This month, we are asking you to send in any empty plastic sweet tubs by January 31st.

By recycling these empty tubs, we are helping to take plastic out of landfill so that it can be reused to make other plastic products such as outdoor furniture and watering cans. Money raised from recycling is for the charity Macmillan Cancer Support.

Currently in the lead, our recycling champions 4T have collected the most tubs. Hot on their heels are 5T. But there is still time to send in those empty tubs.

Get them into your class eco rep ASAP!

Which class will be top of our Green League?



Excess rainfall has made it difficult for the gardeners to get started in the veg patch this month, so we have enjoyed a few welly walks, have checked on the tree saplings and have been filling up the bird feeders in time for next week's Big Bird Watch.

Mrs Murphy



We wish our families a lovely (hopefully not wet) weekend.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Wootten'.

Miss Wootten

School Values Assembly – Well Done.

Daniel
Adam
Ollie
Joel
Ollie
Eleanor
William
Mia-Rose
Georgie
Charlotte
Mekhi
Scarlett
Forrest
Olive
Elijah
Evelyn
Reuben



Mrs Wildey's Magic Words

Happy Friday, and what I think may be the 67th of January?

OK, Mrs Wildey is going to defend this month again....just hear me out.

Yes, January can feel long, dark, and cold (it is 236 days long - or at least feels that way) but, what if we flipped some of that negative thinking around?

Psychology informs us that our thoughts impact our emotions, and in turn, our emotions influence our behaviour (this is the premise of CBT), so, let's just ponder that.

What about, when we catch ourselves grumbling about the dark or the chill, we remind ourselves of the small joys around us. Spring will be here soon enough, in the meantime, there's beauty and peace in this slower rhythm - let's celebrate the light in the dark and the warmth in the cold.

Mrs Wildey

.....and of course, there is always cheese!

This Week Attendance Figures



Please work in [partnership](#) with us to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

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| Year 3 | 96.6% |
| Year 4 | 92.76% |
| Year 5 | 94.51% |
| Year 6 | 94.25 % |



- **Highlighted means it has been added since the original contact and is a new date/event**
- **Highlighted means there has been a change of date from the original date set.**

Dates for the diary

| JANUARY 2026 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 | Event/Activity |
|----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|--|
| Friday 23rd - Thursday 29th | | | ✓ | | Year 5 Bikeability |
| Monday 26 th January | | ✓ | | | Times Table Workshop 9am and 2:30 pm. |
| Tuesday 27 th January | | ✓ | | | 4D Class assembly to parents (10:20 -10:45) Please wait near the year 4/6 gate. |
| FEBRUARY 2026 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 | Event/Activity |
| Tuesday 3rd February | | ✓ | | | 4P Class assembly to parents (10:20 -10:45) Please wait near the year 4/6 gate. |
| Wednesday 4th February | ✓ | | | | Year 3 Beaulieu trip. |
| Friday 6th February | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Progress Report Tracker sent home. |
| Monday 9th February | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Whole School REF day - old clothes to be worn to school. |
| Tuesday 10th February | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Parent communication: Parent Evening Consultations (3:30 - 6:30) - 1 appointment per child |
| Thursday 12th February | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Parent communication: Parent Evening Consultations (3:30 - 6:30) - 1 appointment per child |
| Monday 16th - Friday 20 February | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | HALF TERM |
| Monday 23rd February | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | INSET DAY |
| Tuesday 24th February | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Return to school for children. |

| MARCH 2026 | | | | | |
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| Monday 2nd- Friday 6th March | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | World Book Week |
| Tuesday 3rd March | ✓ | | | | 3A Class assembly to parents (10:20 - 10:45) Please wait near the year 4/6 gate. |
| Thursday 5th March | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | World Book Day - Dress up day |
| Tuesday 10th - Tuesday 17th March | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Visiting Book Fair |
| Tuesday 10 th March | ✓ | | | | Year 3W Class assembly to parents (10:20 - 10:45) |
| Thursday 12th March | | ✓ | | | Avon Tyrrell Parent Meeting Kit list meeting |
| Week beginning 16th March | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Last week for school led clubs |
| Tuesday 17th March | | ✓ | | | Drop off Medicines for Avon Tyrrell 8:30 - 9:00 |
| Tuesday 17 th March | ✓ | | | | Year 3H Class assembly to parents (10:20 -10:45) |
| Wednesday 18th March | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Open Showcase Afternoon: Whole school curriculum showcase (2.30-3.00pm). Please wait near the year 4/6 gate. |
| Monday 23rd March | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Music Showcase (Keyboard, Violin, Cello, Brass) 9:30- 10:30. Please wait near the year 4/6 gate. |
| Tuesday 24th March | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | SCHOOL DISCO (Yr 3 & 4: 4.30 -5.45) (Yr 5 & 6: 6:00 – 7.15) |
| Wednesday 25th March | ✓ | | | | Year 3 WWII Evacuee Dress up Day |
| Thursday 26th March | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Music Showcase (Guitar, Woodwind, Percussion) 9:30- 10:30. Please wait near the year 4/6 gate |

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| Friday 27th March | | | | | R2Beat concert - parents invited 2:30 |
| Friday 27th March | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | END OF TERM - normal finishing time. |
| Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | EASTER HOLIDAYS |

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