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Dear Parents and Carers,

Preston Candover Sports Day

Our school sports day was a fantastic celebration of effort, teamwork, and community spirit. It was wonderful to see children taking part enthusiastically in a wide range of events, cheering each other on and giving their very best throughout the day. It was lovely to welcome so many to watch their children participate and to join the picnic lunch on the school field afterwards. It was a great atmosphere and we received some lovely feedback about the day.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cooke, for her dedication in leading PE and for her superb organisation of PE. A special mention also goes to our Year 6 pupils who supported the KS1 events and modelled our school vision to, 'Encourage each other and each other build up so that all can thrive'. Well done!



Bags of Hope Project

Year 6 have recently enjoyed learning about the 'Bags of Hope' project, exploring the experiences of refugees and displaced people, and reflecting on how we can make others feel welcome in our wider community. Through writing, discussion and creativity, the children developed a deeper understanding of compassion, empathy and belonging. One pupil shared, "I chose to write a poem to express my views, which I am really proud of." – Sophie. Another reflected, "Donating the Paddington bear plush made me feel very positive that I could bring joy to another child. It encouraged me to be more selfless... and ensure that everyone feels that they belong." – Zahra. We are incredibly proud of the empathy and maturity shown by the pupils during this project.



Thank you to the P.S.C.A. for providing refreshments and running a great raffle afterwards. The hampers looked wonderful! Every penny of the funds raised will go towards funding resources that will enrich the children's experience at the school.

Love Hope Justice

Encourage each other and build each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:11)



Winchester Cathedral leavers Service

Our year 6 pupils attended a special service at the Cathedral last Friday.



Reflections from year 6...

'This visit has really inspired me to visit other spiritual places and to donate more to charity. I am really grateful for being chosen to go up with my poem on the luggage label and see it blessed'.

'The Winchester Cathedral visit was really inspiring as the worship leader invited other refugees into her home, which made me reflect on doing this in the future with my future family..

'I am grateful that I was able to represent our school by carrying the banner through the procession. This moment made me feel proud for being part of such a kind and amazing school.'

Wessex River Trust and Southern Water River Workshop

We were delighted to welcome the Wessex Rivers Trust into school recently to deliver an engaging "Source to Sea" workshop. The children explored how rivers are formed, how they connect across landscapes, and why they are so important to both people and wildlife. Following a rearrangement due to the weather, the children were then able to visit the river in Cheriton, where they had a fabulous time experiencing this learning first-hand and exploring our local environment.



KS2 Quad Kids

On 16th June, children from 7 schools across East Hampshire came together to take part in the Quad Kids athletics event, hosted at Eggars School. 8 children from Years 3 to 6 came along to represent our school, in this after-school event which was a great opportunity to develop, practice and challenge sport specific skills whilst enjoying friendly competition. The event included four athletic challenges: a 400m run, a 60m sprint, a howler throw, and a standing long jump. Every child participated in all four events, and demonstrated fantastic perseverance, and sportsmanship throughout

Area Sports Day

On Tuesday 9th June, 24 children from Years 3 to 6 represented our school at the annual after-school area sports event held at Perins. Each pupil took part in both track and field events, showing fantastic enthusiasm, determination, and perseverance. The event was filled with excitement from beginning to end, with every race, jump, and throw met with encouragement and support from all participating schools. What made the occasion particularly special was not only the commitment shown by our own children, but also the respect, kindness, and encouragement they extended to children from other schools. Their sportsmanship and positive attitude were recognised with a special award for outstanding sportsmanship. It was a truly memorable event and a real highlight of our sporting calendar.

The School Library

The school library will be closing for the summer holidays. Please ensure that all library books should be returned by the **7th July**.

If you are unable to find a borrowed book, please contact us.

Water Safety

As noted in our recent safeguarding newsletter, warmer weather brings increased risks around water, particularly for older children and teenagers near open water such as rivers, lakes and the sea. Children have been learning about water safety in school, and we encourage you to support this at home by talking through these important messages. Please remind them not to enter open water without supervision, to choose safe places to swim, and if they do get into difficulty, to *Float to Live* and call for help.

Awards and accreditations

Fairtrade Achiever Award

We are proud to share that our Fairtrade Achiever Award has been successfully renewed, recognising our continued commitment to promoting global citizenship, sustainability and trade justice across the school and beyond. The Award reflects how well Fairtrade is embedded in our learning, with pupils developing a strong understanding of how their choices can make a difference in the wider world.

Did you know that the Father's day gifts (School tea towels) are Fairtrade cotton? Thank you for your willingness to support Fairtrade.



School Games Mark

We are delighted to share our school has achieved the **Platinum School Games Mark**. We previously held Gold, a fantastic accomplishment in itself. This national award recognises our sustained commitment to high-quality PE, inclusive sport and keeping all children active. Platinum status is awarded to schools who consistently achieve Gold over a number of years, making this an especially proud milestone for our whole community. Well done to Mrs Cooke and to all the pupils who take part in the various sporting events that the school participates in.



Hill Head Beach Trip – Doves

Doves Class had a wonderful day at Hill Head Beach as part of their 'Brilliant Beaches' Geography unit. The children enjoyed exploring human and physical coastal features and investigating microhabitats such as rock pools, bringing their classroom learning to life. It was a fantastic day of hands-on learning, and all the children represented the school brilliantly.

Perins School Autumn Open Events

If you're starting to think ahead to secondary school, Perins School have shared their upcoming autumn open events:

Friday 18 September – Open Morning

Wednesday 23 September – Open Evening

Wednesday 14 October – Open Morning

If your child will be attending during the school day, please remember to complete an absence request form in advance.

Jewellery and Uniform

A reminder that only small stud earrings are allowed in school and must be removed or taped for PE. We only permit analogue watches in school and Smart watches should not be worn to school.

Tick aware

As families are spending more time outdoors in the warmer weather, please see the attached guidance on being tick aware:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1057949/Tick_awareness_A5_leaflet.pdf

Attendance

The School has a duty to encourage good attendance for all of our pupils.

There is a strong correlation between a child's attendance level and their achievement in school and beyond. Please help us by supporting your child to attend school on time and with the correct uniform and equipment. This is an important term in the year as the children will be applying their learning more independently so the teachers can assess what they have learned over the year.

As a reminder, please try to arrange routine appointments, such as dentist visits, outside of school hours.

If leave of absence is required, request forms are available on the website or from the school office, and should be submitted in advance. Please note that leave will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, including where non-routine medical appointments are necessary.

Thank you for your support.

Reminder: Inset Days

Please note the following INSET days, when school will be closed to pupils:

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Dates for your Diary

26th June – Winchester Cathedral Leavers Service

10th July – End of year reports

14th July – Class changeover afternoon

TBC – Perins Year 6 Induction Day

16th July – Perins production of Grease

17th – Year 6 Leavers assembly

21st July – Last day of summer term

22nd July – Inset Day – School Closed

23rd July – Summer Holidays

2025/26 Inset Days

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

A list of 2025-26 Hampshire and school dates, including holidays can be found on the school website.

Leader in Me (7 Habits)

Leadership Awards

Leo N	Finn CH	Matilda S
Caitlin H	Isla H	Leo N
Austin H	Mavis W	Gabriel P
Wilf W	Ella H	Charlie K
Anhelina D	Florence Le B	Matilda McC
Melanie W	Cody A	Tobiloba A
Evelina Z	CamilleP	Orla B
Sophie R	Tabitha L	Violet P
Jack W	Freddie M	



Living the Values Awards

Cressida G	Penelope M	Joseph W
Jocelyn R	Hermione AS	Alice R
James P	George W	Lily F
Hannah B		



Thank you for your kind messages last week as we kept the school open during the incredibly hot weather and thank you also to the whole team at school who helped to keep the children safe and well cared for.

Best wishes,

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

