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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support. It has been a truly rewarding year, highlighted by our pupils' outstanding academic progress and the glowing SIAMS Inspection report reflecting the transformative impact of our school.

Pupil Achievement

Huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils, who achieved excellent SATs results. Outcomes in Reading, Writing and Maths are **100%** and again well above Hampshire and National outcomes. We are so proud of the children for working hard and for their fantastic achievement!



Leavers play and assembly

The leavers' assembly on Friday was moving and uplifting as pupils looked back and to the future with Hope. It was a pleasure to see how much the children have matured. We listened to beautiful singing from the soloists and we loved the superb comic timing. They had the entire audience mesmerised, laughing or crying.

While we are sad to see our Year 6s leave they are ready to begin the next exciting stage of their journey.



Year 6 leavers gift

Thank you to year 6 parents and pupils for the Art installation, which will be placed near the entrance over the summer. It will look wonderful.

Care and Courtesy Award

Congratulations to Poppy in Year 6 who has been given this year's award for care and courtesy to others.

End of year pupil report comments

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback on your child's end-of-year report. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or with me when we return next term.

Class transitions

We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon last Monday as all pupils spent time in their new classes with their new teachers. We were also delighted to welcome our new Reception children to spend some time with us.

Doves Class trip to Hill Head Beach

Doves class recently went on our trip to explore Hill Head beach in Fareham. This was part of our Geography Unit 'Brilliant Beaches!'

"We had a fantastic time with our friends on our school trip to Hill Head Beach! We filled boxes with shells and other physical features we found on the beach – including sea water – to make our own rockpools (which are mini habitats!) We looked for our own sea life to put them in our rockpools!" – Lucia

"We had a treasure hunt where we had to find lots of different things. The challenge was, we had to find different objects from a list like "something curved" "something smooth" and "something rough". I found a shell that looked like an ice cream cone, it was rough and bumpy, just like an ice cream cone!" – Wilf

Love Hope Justice

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





Water Safety - Reminder

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.

Free School Meals

We would like to make you aware that the eligibility for Free School Meals is changing. Currently households who claim certain benefits and do not reach a yearly income threshold can claim Free School Meals for their child. This will be changing from September and the criteria is being expanded. If you think that you might be eligible, please use the eligibility checker on the link below:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

All children in KS1 currently receive free school meals which can cause some confusion. It is important that families still make a claim for income related Free School Meals as it means that the school can also receive some extra funding.

If you are at all unsure or would like some support in making an application, please contact the school office.

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

Jewellery-September

A reminder that only small stud earrings are allowed in school and must be removed or taped for PE. Younger children, especially in KS1 and lower KS2 struggle to manage earrings and we do not

recommend that they have ears pierced too early or wear earrings to school.

We only permit analogue watches in school. Smart watches should not be worn.

Pencil Cases - September

We encourage children to take responsibility for their own belongings, as it helps them develop independence, organisation and a sense of pride. The school provides pencils and handwriting pens, and spare stationery is always available if needed.

For September we ask that all children in Years 2-6 have a **small, named** pencil case, able to fit in their tray.

The following items (named) would be helpful:

- ☒ 2 writing pencils
- ☒ Rubber
- ☒ Pencil sharpener, canister
- ☒ Small ruler
- ☒ Glue stick
- ☒ 5 to 6 colouring pencils including primary colours.

After School Clubs Autumn Term

Our after-school clubs will return in the Autumn Term, offering children a variety of exciting opportunities to learn new skills, pursue their interests and have fun with friends. Further details and booking information have been sent via email and can be found on our [website](#).

Summer Reading Challenge – Read to the Beat

Why not take part in the Summer Reading Challenge this holiday? The challenge is a fantastic way to keep children reading over the summer while discovering new books and earning rewards along the way. Visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or speak to your local library to find out how to get involved.



Music Holiday Clubs

[Hampshire Music Education Hub](#) is running a range of fun summer activities, including musical theatre, band workshops and music production sessions. These courses offer a great opportunity for children to build confidence, creativity and musical skills.

Leader in Me (7 Habits) Leadership Awards

Billy S
Gabriel P
Tobi A

Thalia J
Max B
Caitlin H

Wilfred W
Sara S



Living the Values Awards

Jack D	Kit G	Zahra B
Evah P	Esme T	Molly D
Kehlani W	Gray H	Hannah B
Ottilie A	Esme T	Huxley H
Gray H	Cressida G	Joseph W
Nathan P	Max W	



I wish you all a wonderful, safe, and happy summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Best wishes,

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

2026/27 Inset Days

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 21st July 2027

A list of 2026-27 [Hampshire](#) and school dates, including holidays can be found on the school website.

