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Dear Parents and carers,

We have had more sunshine and blue skies recently which has certainly been welcome.

In case you haven't seen it, this year's Richard Dimbleby lecture was delivered by the former England football manager, Sir Gareth Southgate. During the lecture he explored the power of belief, unity and resilience. Inclusive leadership and the importance of good role models for young people were also a key theme.

A lot of what we do at school is about building character, resilience and supporting our pupils to learn that you can overcome obstacles if you keep trying.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0029315/the-richard-dimbleby-lecture-sir-gareth-southgate>

This month we have been gathering pupils' thoughts and perspectives on various aspects of school life. Aspects that they felt were strong were the difference that the school's values and the 7 leadership habits make in their day to day lives at school.

Easter Service 1st April

Next Tuesday, Robins and Kingfishers class will be leading an Easter Service at St Marys church. The Service will begin at 9.15am and parents of the pupils are warmly invited to attend.



Open the Book – Easter Story

This week, we were pleased to have the Open the Book team in again to deliver a whole school worship based on the Easter Story. The children enjoyed seeing the story acted out in an age-appropriate way and it provided us all with an opportunity to reflect on how the Easter story links with our school values, particularly Justice and

the idea of forgiveness which we have been exploring in our recent collective worships.



Sparrows-Year 1 and Woodpeckers Class pupils will be taking part in an Easter labyrinth, hearing and reflecting on parts of the story as part of their RE curriculum, Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Easter Egg Competition 2025

Please remember to bring in your Endangered Wildlife themed egg creations on Monday 31st March! They will all be on display in the classes and judged later in the week. Entry is free!



Handball Tournament

We are thrilled to share that on Tuesday 25th March our school team came in 2nd place out of 5 schools in the East Hampshire Handball Tournament at Eggars school! The squad was made up of 4 girls and 4 boys. Our team won 3 out of the 4 games played and came an amazing second in the whole tournament. It was a brilliant opportunity to take part in a new event and for the children to put into practice the skills they had been learning in their PE lessons over this half term.

Love Hope Justice



Woodpeckers trip to Gilbert White Study Centre

On Thursday 20th March, Woodpecker's class had an unforgettable trip to Gilbert White's Field Study Centre in Selborne, where we immersed ourselves in the world of famous explorers and naturalists. The children all had a wonderful time exploring ecosystems, studying animal behaviour, and even taking part in some further orienteering activities. Overall, it was a fantastic educational experience, and we would highly recommend visiting the museum and gardens with the whole family.

Kingfishers trip to The Anvil – Orchestra Unwrapped!

“On Wednesday 19th March 2025, Kingfisher class went on a memorable trip to the Anvil arts theatre in Basingstoke. Majestic pieces were played in such stunning ways. The song ‘Night on a Bare Mountain’ was a dramatic piece of music filled with horror and mystery, however Swan Lake suite was a graceful piece. We also had an opportunity to sing along to the song ‘I Hear You’ with the orchestra. We felt so calm when we heard this; it was so phenomenal to have this opportunity.”

By Poppy and Annie (Year 5 & 6)



Road Safety Awareness - JRSO

“JRSO leaders were in a meeting about all things road safety for example how lucky we are as a school to have our own crossing patrol. Rush hour is when most casualties happen and that drivers should not be on their phones. Forty percent of cyclists injuries is on the head. You should always wear a seatbelt; it is now the law in the UK and you should be 135cm if you are going to sit on a seat without a booster, any height under you should have a car seat or a booster. This has taught us to understand how safe you need to be.”

By Rupert, Eloise and Leo



Comic Relief

On this years Red Nose Day, Friday 21st March, the children all took part in a fun run around our school field decorated with red noses! Through £1 donations the school raised £50 for Comic Relief, thank you to those who donated.



National Skipping Day

On Friday 28th March, the play leaders involved the school in a range of different skipping activities during break time to celebrate National Skipping day. They introduced the children to different ways of skipping- forwards, backwards and cross skipping, carried out some skipping challenges – seeing how many skips the children could do in 1 minute and teaching the children some skipping rhymes. The children really enjoyed the activities and some staff even joined in to!

Reminders from the Office...

Jewellery

We only allow small studs to be worn at school and we would discourage children from wearing earrings on a day that they have PE or sports clubs. Some children have been wearing larger hooped earrings which is inappropriate for primary age children and we will ask that they be removed if necessary.

Hair

All long hair past shoulder length must be tied back at school, as per the school uniform guidelines on our school website. Please ensure that this is followed as we have had cases of headlice in the past.

The Nest

Thank you to those who took the time to fill out our short survey for The Nest before half term. We are delighted to announce that we will now be running a **Thursday session** of The Nest as well as our current days Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Please start thinking now about booking in preparation for the next half term.

The application form for The Nest can be found [here](#). Please allow enough time for the Office to process these application before next Friday as we will not be able to add new members over Easter.

Leader in Me (7 Habits)

Leadership Awards

Freddie T	Isla H	Nickoy L
Alex M	Tabby L	Charlotte C
Ivy G	Leila P	Rupert R
Eloise T	Sophie R	Poppy D
Max B	Arlowe G	Leo N
Harrison A	Joseph W	Caitlin H
Alfie H	Molly D	Fife E
Max W	Freddie M	Otilie A
Lara A-S	Freddie W	Freddy F
Kit G	Camilla G	



Living the Values Awards

Children who have been recognised for living the school values of Love, Hope and Justice by demonstrating virtues such as respect, service, compassion, kindness, courage, and fairness.



Violet P	Esme T	Anna L
Hannah B	Zahra B	Evah P-P
Caitlin H	Ella H	

Wishing all mums a really wonderful Mothering Sunday!



Best wishes,

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher



Free* Courses for Parents this Summer Term

Course	Location	Date	Time
Positive Parenting	Online	Tuesdays 22 April - 20 May	7:30pm - 9pm
Emergency First Aid	Alton Library	Saturday 26 April	9:45am - 4:45pm
Emergency First Aid	Tadley Library	Saturday 3 May	9:45am - 4:45pm
Emergency First Aid	Basingstoke Discovery Centre	Saturday 10 May	9:45am - 4:45pm
Raising Resilient Children	Online	Mondays 2 - 30 June	7:30pm - 9pm
Emergency First Aid	Andover Library	Wednesday 11 June	9:45am - 4:30pm
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Online	Tuesdays 17 June - 8 July	6:30pm - 9:15pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Bridgemary Library	Friday 20 June	9:15am - 4:30pm
Emergency First Aid	Waterlooville Library	Saturday 28 June	9:45am - 4:45pm

*Free tuition, some courses may have a certification or materials fee



To book a course please visit:

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries> or email: learninglibraries@hants.gov.uk to be added to a course waiting list

Dates for your Diary

31st March – Easter Egg Competition Deadline

1st April – Easter Service 9:15am at St Marys Church

3rd April – Kingfishers trip to Winchester Science Centre

7th to 18th April – Easter Holidays

21st April – Bank Holiday

22nd April – Back to School

24th April – Remaining Year R Height and Weight checks

2024/25 Inset Days

Friday 16th May 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

A list of 2024-25 Hampshire school dates, including holidays can be found on the school website.