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Dear Parents and carers,

Easter Service 1st April

This week children from Robins and Kingfishers led a wonderful Easter Service at the church. The children sang their hymns beautifully, accompanied by an organist, and we reflected on the importance of Easter. Pupils did an excellent job of confidently sharing readings about the Easter Story. Some pupils also volunteered to draw aspects of the world that worried them most and Revd. Thacker led prayers to help with worries, and thinking of others around the world.

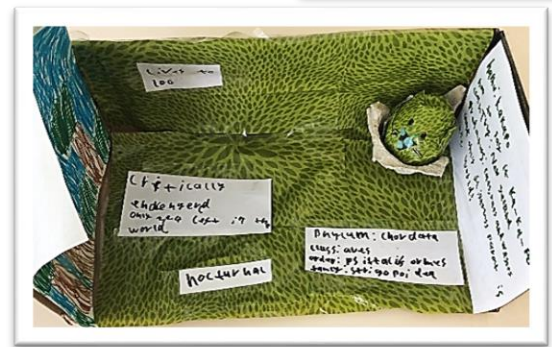


Sparrows – Henry P

Woodpeckers – Freddie T

Robins – Anhelina D

Kingfishers – Evah P-P



Easter Egg Art Competition 2025!

We have seen some fabulous eggs and have delighted in seeing them brighten up each class as we end the Spring term. As always, it was incredibly difficult to judge with so many beautiful and creative entries. It was super to hear the fascinating facts pupils found out about their endangered animal in a special celebration collective worship today. Well done to everyone who entered, you will all receive a special certificate.



The following pupils created the winning entries from each class:

Love Hope Justice



Last Few Spaces! Sports Xtra Easter HAF Scheme at Everest Academy

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will have the chance to attend an Easter Holiday Camp at Everest Academy from Monday 7th April 2025 through to Thursday 17th April (Weekdays only) 9am till 4pm.

Children that are eligible for free school meals can complete an online form through Hampshire County Council to book. More information and a link for booking can be found [HERE](#).

Reminders from the Office...

Parking

It is essential that at the end of the school day parents do **not** park in the zigzag lines outside our school and obstruct the school buses.

Pencil cases

Please may we ask that all children in KS2 have a named pencil case, **small enough to fit into a tray drawer and on their desk**. Some of the pencil cases are very large and children in lower KS2 need enough desk space to position their exercise books and other resources.

The following items would be helpful:
5 to 6 colouring pencils including primary colours.
Writing pencil
Rubber
Pencil sharpener canister
Small ruler
Glue stick

The Nest – 4 Days!

We are delighted to announce that we will now be running a Thursday session of our after school club 'The Nest' as well as the current days Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Booking is now available on Scopay under 'The Nest – Summer Term', (this will go back to 'The Nest' after Easter). Please start thinking now about booking in preparation for the next half term.

The application form for The Nest can be found [here](#)

After School Clubs Summer Term

SoccerSchools will be running a number of clubs for us next term and details of these, together with

how to register your child can be found at the link below.

www.soccerschools-uk.com/booking

PE Kit

Please make sure your child has a PE kit with them every day and every item should be named. The weather is cold and a number of children only have PE shorts in their kits. Pupils may wear plain, dark jogging bottoms outside in colder weather.

Attendance and punctuality

It was very close but well done to Kingfishers for having the best attendance this term!

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
Sparrows	95.14%
Woodpeckers	95.71%
Robins	96.11%
Kingfishers	96.2%

A reminder that all children should be in school ready for morning registration at 8:45am. The gates are open from 8:35am so children can be dropped off from then.

All pupil absence due to illness must be clearly accounted for by parents by phoning on the first and subsequent days of absence, no later than 9:30am.

Parents must request permission for any other absence, which needs to be approved by the headteacher. Please complete an absence request form which can be found on our website or from the school office. The form must be completed, signed, and returned to the school no later than 7 days prior to the intended absence.

Please name all items of school uniform

We have an enormous amount of uniform in the lost property box so please remember to name everything.

Infants School Meals Programme – Year R, I, 2 Parents

Hopefully you have all seen the letter that went out this week regarding Infants Free School Meals funding. Please do take an opportunity to read and consider donating; your support is greatly appreciated.

**Leader in Me (7 Habits)
Leadership Awards**

Matilda R Anhelina D George W
William M Finn H James P
Wilkie C Ayan R



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.

Isla H Verity A Layla P



Wishing everyone an enjoyable Easter break – we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for the Summer Term!

Best wishes,

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

7th to 18th April – Easter Holidays

21st April – Bank Holiday

22nd April – Back to School

24th April – Remaining Year R Height and Weight checks

2nd May – Woodpeckers Celebration of Learning

12th -15th May SATS week (year 6)

Wk. beg. 9th June Phonics check for Year 1 and year 2 retakes

12th July – PCSA Colour Run

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.