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Dear Parents and carers,

We can hardly believe how fast this last term has flown by and that we are once again at the end of another school year! And what a year it has been...

Pupil Achievement

A big well done to our pupils who did brilliantly in the SATs. Pupil outcomes are once again above national and local authority levels for expected and for greater depth. More importantly, the pupils have made wonderful progress from their starting points academically and personally.

End of year pupil report comments

Thank you for your comments about your child's end of year report. We do read your comments and you are encouraged to speak to the class teachers or myself if you have any questions or concerns next term.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to fill in our survey, we will be reviewing the feedback shortly.

Class Changeover

We had a lovely afternoon last Monday with all pupils moving to their new classes with their teachers. We were also joined by our new year R children as well as some new faces in other year groups!

Attendance

Congratulations to Kingfishers class for having the best attendance this term!

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
Sparrows	97.01%
Woodpeckers	94.84%
Robins	96.39%
Kingfishers	97.21%

A special mention to the pupils that maintained 100% attendance across the whole year:

Lily F

Anna L

Florence LB

Well done!

School trip to the outdoor learning space and wildflower meadow

Earlier this month the children all got to take a special walk to the space that has been given for sole use by the school by the Sainsbury family. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting to explore the wildlife habitat.

"When we were walking up to our outdoor classroom I realised how lucky we are and it was so much fun just to explore and look around. I am really excited to go back up there and see the beautiful scenery and nature." Poppy, Year 5

"Watching the flowers in the breeze is like they are saying hello to us and welcoming us to their community." Gabs, Year 1



NSPCC Workshop

Over the past 2 weeks, the children have taken part in lots of learning about the "Speak Out, Stay Safe" initiative from the NSPCC. They have established who their 'safe adults' are and the

Love Hope Justice



importance of speaking out if they are feeling unsafe or sad. Years 2, 5 and 6 took part in workshops which helped them learn the Childline phone number and how to use the website.



World Refugee day 20th June 2025

Kingfishers, Robins and Woodpeckers took part in an online live assembly for World Refugee Day! We listened to speakers who were refugees from various countries around the globe including Ukraine and South Sudan. They spoke about some of the hardships they face as refugees such as lack of clean water, sanitation and potential dangers of unstable living. The speakers pointed out that we all have some commonalities like our favourite football teams! 2 of the speakers spoke about their story of leaving Kenya to escape dangerous living conditions and also the lack of educational opportunities. Following the assembly we spoke about our school values of love (thankfulness) and hope (joy and trust) for the opportunities and life afforded to us. This allowed us to reflect on our mirror moments we had whilst listening:

"I'm very grateful that I'm safe and have a happy time at school learning lots of things in a fun way!"
Violet P, Year 3

We spoke about any potential 'candle moments' we may have throughout the day based on what we had heard such as "Is the safest place for any child always with their family, not matter where they live?" and "How can we contribute to making for a fairer future for these people who have no other choice but to flee?"

Open Morning Take One Picture Exhibition

We were delighted to welcome parents in to our open morning to view the children's National Gallery Take One Picture exhibition and to see a tour of the school. We had a fabulous exhibition of clay, printing, painting, sketches and writing all based on the painting 'A Regatta on the Grand Canal' by Canaletto.



Robins Trip to Butser Farm

Robins class had an unforgettable trip to Butser Ancient Farm as part of their Viking topic on Thursday 26th June. The children explored life in the past by taking part in various archaeological hands-on activities and learning how the Vikings lived and worked. The day was both exciting and educational, helping children understand Viking life in a fun and memorable way.

Sparrows Trip to Hawk Conservancy

Sparrows had an amazing day out at the Hawk Conservancy on the 26th June. They took part in an "Introduction to owls" workshop where they got to meet a tawny owl and also learned about different species of owls and the habitats they can be found in. After that they watched the very impressive "Wings of Africa" flying display with the classes' favourite bird being the snake stomping secretary bird!



"It was the first time I have been to the Hawk Conservancy and now I want to take my family so that they can enjoy it too." *Max, Year 1*

Quad Kids Athletics Event

On July 1st, children from six schools across East Hampshire came together for an exciting Quad Kids athletics event, hosted at Eggar's School. 7 children from Year 5/6 and 5 from year 3/ 4 came along to represent our school, in this after-school event focused on doing your best, learning new skills, and 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, Year 3/4 team achieved 3rd place, while our Year 5/6 team came an impressive 2nd place. All of the children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, resilience, perseverance, and a positive attitude throughout the event. It was a wonderful way to celebrate a year full of sporting opportunities and achievements.

Sports Cup Award

We were delighted to see Yellow House win the Sports Cup this year – congratulations!



Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral

Year 6 pupils attended Winchester Cathedral for a special leaver's service recently. They also took part in an amazing calligraphy course, where they learned how the Winchester bible was written. One of the other things they did was going into the crypt and seeing the iconic Antony Gormley statue. They also listened to the Bishop, who did an unforgettable speech about how astonishing our world is and how lucky we are to be on it. *Freddie W*



Clemmie C: "I liked having lunch in the gardens by the river. I loved looking around the cathedral!"

Charlotte C: "It was very special hearing everyone's voices echoing in the cathedral!"

Annie R: "It was so nice to be there together, it was absolutely incredible, and I really enjoyed it!"

Reminders from the Office...

SoccerSchools Summer Camp!

Please see attached a poster from SoccerSchools with more information on their football and multi-sport summer camps.

Sports Xtra

Please see the below link to register for holiday activities, as seen in a previous email, for those registered to receive free school meals.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities/register>

Pencil Cases September

We find the children take great pride and learn from taking responsibility for their own belongings and it supports them in being prepared. The school provides pencils and handwriting writing pens and will always have spare stationery.

For September we ask that all children in Year 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.

Uniform

Please ensure that **all school uniform is named**, including, bags, outdoor coats and any water bottles that are brought into school. Please name the items, even if they have been handed down or donated to you. It is very confusing for children when they see another name in their uniform.

Stubbington Payments Year 5 & 6

A reminder that payments for Stubbington are now overdue. Please ensure that all payments are made as soon as possible.

Colour Run

A massive thank you to Tracey, the PCSA team and all parents who organised and supported this year's fun filled Festival of Colour! It was lovely to see the children having so much fun. And, they took great delight in 'gooping' their teachers Mrs Cooke and Mr Aston.



Leavers play and assembly

The leavers' assembly on Friday was incredibly moving, joyous and it was a privilege to witness how the children have grown in confidence and flourished. They really are ready for the next stage in their journey and the world!



Year 6 Leavers' Gift

This year the school has been gifted a lovely bird themed outdoor wall clock and plaque (and batteries!) by our Year 6 Leavers. A big thank you to the children and parents. We look forward to enjoying this used in school for a long time.



Care and Courtesy Award

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



Leader in Me (7 Habits) Leadership Awards

Geordie D Max B Gabs P
Elodie SB Matilda S Melanie W
James P



A big well done to Clemmie C for receiving a Headteacher award for leading a fantastic whole school warm up and to Olivia W and Freddie W for receiving fastest sprint certificates.

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.

Nathan P Hannah B Isla H
Harrison A Alfie H Rae H
Jocelyn R James DW Mavis W
Layla P Freddy F Wilf W
Joseph W Max W Fife E
Hermione AS Jonty A Annie R
Olivia W Joe V Anhelina D
Violet S



Good luck to all our Year 6 children. We will miss you greatly and wish you all the very best at secondary school. Remember that you have everything you need to succeed so enjoy life and help to make the world a better place.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer holiday with your families and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 4th September.

Best wishes,

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

21st July – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

22nd July – INSET DAY

3rd Sept – INSET DAY

4th Sept – Back to School

2025/26 Inset Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

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