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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school. We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and feel rested and ready for a new term and 2026. The weather certainly contributed to an enjoyable start to the term for the children, who are hoping for more snow!



Important-Parking

Thank you for your help and support with the arrangements for school drop-off in the morning.

Please remember to keep the area opposite the village hall and car park free for buses to stop. We have still had some instances of people parking in the area next to the school railings which means that the school bus has been forced to drop off on the yellow zigzags. The zigzag markings by the drive should not be parked on in the morning or afternoon.



Attendance

The Spring term continues to be an important time in your child's learning. This is the time in which the previous term's learning is built upon, leading to increased mastery and independence. Whilst some absence cannot be avoided due to illness, it is important that you are supporting your child to be in school every day.

School Uniform

Children have returned to school looking smart and ready for the new term. We did have a great deal of lost property at the end of term which could not be returned to children as many items were not named. Please help by ensuring that all items of uniform, lunch boxes and water bottles are named so that they can be reunited with their owners. Name labels are best as pen washes off.



Tissues

As we are in the sniffles and sneezes time of year, we have found that pupils are using tissues at a great rate and we have used up our tissue budget for the year. We encourage the children to use and throw away in the bin as important hygiene practice. Please may we ask that each child brings in a box of tissues that is kept in class for use by the children during the year. Thank you for your support.

Sports Clubs Spring Term 2026

SoccerSchools will be running a number of clubs for us next term. Details of these, together with how to register your child, can be found at the link below.

www.soccerschools-uk.com/booking

MONDAY - Multisports	KS1 & KS2
TUESDAY – Football	KS2
TUESDAY – Gymnastics	KS1 & KS2

The Nest

We run our after school club, 'The Nest', Monday to Thursday from 3:10-4.10pm, 4.10-5.00pm, or for the entire session with the option of snacks in the second half. If you are new to this provision and are interested in signing your child up, we kindly ask that you complete a short E-form (available on our school website under *Extended Day Care* or through the link below) to register your interest. You will then be added to the Scopay page to be able to make bookings. [The Nest E-Booking Form](#)

Love Hope Justice

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



Important Year R Applications September 2026

Please be reminded that if you have a child due to start school in Reception in 2026 then the deadline for applications is midnight of 15th January 2026. Please click on the following link for information and to make an application online:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

Spring Diary Dates

Please check our website for the school's Spring diary dates, available under *News & Events/Important Dates*.

Leader in Me (7 Habits) Leadership Awards

Max B Gray H



Living the Values Awards

Children who have been recognised for living the school values of Love, Hope and Justice.

Sara S

Let's start the new year happier!

Please see attached the January happiness calendar with positive ideas to create a kinder, happier world.

9th January, Showcase of learning 2.40-3.00pm

This Friday parents are welcome to come along and see your child's chosen learning from the last term. Please note that one parent/carer may attend due to space in the classrooms. If your child usually takes the bus home on Fridays but you would like to collect them yourself on this day, please let the office know of this change on your way out.



Saints/Portsmouth South Coast Derby Sat 10th Jan 17:30. Free tickets...

Do you fancy an opportunity to go to St Mary's Stadium to watch women's Southampton vs. Portsmouth teams?



Southampton Football Club are offering free tickets to WSL2 South Coast Derby on Saturday 10th January. Please see the link below for the tickets.

<https://tickets.southamptonfc.com/selection/event/date?productId=10228827154685&advantageld=10229152560428>

An exciting way to start off 2026!

Best wishes,

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

9th January – Showcases of learning 2:40-3.00pm
15th January – Deadline for Year R 2026 applications
21st January – Year 5/6 Sports hall Athletics @ Perins
28th January – KS2 Cross Country @ Perins
10th February – Parent Consultation Evenings
12th February – Parent Consultation Evenings.
w/c 16th February – HALF TERM (School closed)

2025/26 Inset Days

Wednesday 22nd July 2026
+1 day TBC

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

Happier January 2026

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

7 Learn something new and share it with others

8 Say positive things to the people you meet today

9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)

10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime

12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat

13 Take a different route today and see what you notice

14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

16 Contribute positively to your local community

17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

18 Get back in contact with an old friend

19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge

21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

24 Take a small step towards an important goal

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

30 See how many people you can smile at today

31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

