



Newsletter

MAY 2026

INFANTS SCHOOL

This term seems to be flying by already. We're busy as always at the Infants. Year 1 are working hard in their Phonics lessons with the Phonics Screening Check happening a few weeks into the next term. We're really proud of how well they're all doing! We'll be sending additional information to parents regarding this in due course.

Year 2 children have been enjoying more time outdoors with the weather improving and have been doing a great job at developing our school grounds, particularly our wildlife garden.

Our Acorn children have been loving their balanceability sessions over the last few weeks. They've been making great progress and are much more confident on the bikes now.

Reception are continuing to flourish and we're seeing more and more examples of children beginning to meet end of year milestones.

Reception to Year 2 had an assembly from a local police officer at the start of this week focusing on Online Safety. The children were reminded to ensure that they aren't interacting with any strangers online.

Miss Wright

JUNIOR SCHOOL

In the coming weeks, we have several exciting trips and residential for the Junior School pupils. The varied purposes of these trips all contribute to curriculum enrichment as well as pupils' personal development in terms of teamwork skills, independence and the opportunity to have memorable experiences.

The Year 4 trip to Oakwood allows pupils to have a taster of adventurous activities, while the Year 5 residential to Beaulieu not only provides practical geography fieldwork opportunities but also the chance to develop independence and responsibility while experiencing life on a New Forest farm. Looking after the lambs, chickens and other animals is wonderful!

I consider the River Dart trip to be the best Year 6 residential that I have ever had experience of – truly the gold standard. The combination of the opportunities offered by the wonderful setting (e.g. rock climbing on real rocks and caving in real caves), along with the skill and care of the River Dart staff mean that this trip is such a memorable highlight of children's education.

I wish all the pupils the very best for whatever trips they are going on this term. Have a great time!

Mrs Hurst

Year 6 SATS

Well done to all of Year 6 who this week have taken their SATs tests. These are the statutory tests taken by Year 6 pupils across the country. They have completed tests in Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling, Reading and Maths. The children have shown great resilience, hard work and we are sure that they will have done themselves proud.

Under 11 Boys Football

This week the Under 11 Boys will be playing their cup final in Chalfont St. Peter. We are extremely grateful to the Churchouse family for providing new football kits for the boys – the team will look fantastic as well as play brilliantly. Good luck to the team!



First Aid

Over the last couple of weeks, teachers at both schools have been updating their first aid skills through sessions with Sammy (mum of Harry, Audrey and Johnny) of Happy Hearts First Aid <http://www.happyheartsfirstaid.com/>. The training included CPR, choking and anaphylaxis. Thank you to Sammy for the fantastic sessions.



As part of International Women's Day in February, Audrey helped her mum, Sammy, run a "Mums and Daughter's first aid session" focused on building calm confidence in young girls in a gentle and supportive way. This event raised £100, which they were so pleased to donate to

Kindness In Bucks.

Following on from this, they attended one of Kindness in Buck's baby basket making workshops to see first-hand how the money raised was being used. Audrey got stuck in helping to put together baskets for families in need, which made the whole experience feel very real and meaningful for her – a lovely way to see the impact of kindness and community in action.

Eco Council support No Mow May

The Eco Council at the juniors have been busy gardening this term as we aim to increase the biodiversity of the site. We have tidied up and deadheaded bulbs and will soon be planting annuals to help attract pollinators. As part of this, we have designated an area of the site to No Mow May – hoping that leaving some patches of grass to grow longer will allow flowers to bloom for bees and butterflies.



Eco Council – Infant School

The Eco Council have been busy focusing on their main goals this term: improving the litter problem, improving biodiversity and working towards our renewable energy goal! They have carried out 3 litter picks, improved the wildlife garden with wildflower areas, and planned another fundraiser for next term for solar panels! We hope it won't be long until we see some flowers for the pollinators!



Balanceability

This half term, the children in Acorn Pre-School have started their Level 1 six-week Balanceability course. As well as benefiting from practising balance and cycling skills, the children have been learning to follow instructions and have enjoyed taking part in the different group activities.



We are really proud of how well the children are participating in their sessions, and it is lovely to see their excitement on the day it is their group's turn. We can see them growing in confidence each week as they try new skills, begin to lift their feet, and attempt

gliding on the balance bikes. This week, the children had to navigate an obstacle course which included a "Wiggly Weaver", weaving in and out of cones, a roundabout where they had to wait their turn to join the flow of traffic, and finally steering carefully through a narrow path of cones. All the children tried really hard and did very well.



Year 1

This half term, Year 1 have really enjoyed their trip into Farnham Common. We went into the orchard and did some tallies for science. We also used our maps skills and what we have been learning in Geography to identify key human features of the high street. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help as it was much appreciated.



Year 2

The children had a fantastic Geography Field Trip to Burnham Beeches. The children were really engaged in their learning and had a fantastic time using compasses and showing off their mapping skills! Here are some photos from their micro-journey activity they made for an ant – we're sure you will agree they are incredibly detailed and creative. Well done Year 2! Thank you parent volunteers who made the day possible!



Junior School House Run

On 28th April, the Junior School House Run took place on the sportsfield in slightly chilly weather but at least it was dry! This year, there were separate events for boys and girls in each year group. Each race was well-paced and all the children showed determination and resilience in completing the course. Thank you to the members of JAWS running club for coming along to present the medals to the top three in each race. Points were added together for all those competing and the winning house was York. Fancy dress certificates were also presented to those dressed as dinosaurs, sharks, sumo wrestlers and the like. Well done to everyone who took part.

	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place
Year 3 Girls	Natasha	CJ	Maddy
Year 3 Boys	Jasper	Paddy	George
Year 4 Girls	Calli	Sophie	Connie
Year 4 Boys	Teddy	Jacob	Reggie
Year 5 Girls	Sophie	Faustine	Olivia
Year 5 Boys	Oscar	Johnny	James C
Year 6 Girls	Farah	Alexis	Ella C
Year 6 Boys	John	Arun	Lewis



Gladiator Visit

We were lucky enough to welcome Steel, BBC Gladiator, to the Junior School earlier this term. He kept everyone engaged during his interactive assembly, covering exercise, diet and hydration. He even convinced Mrs Lindsay to do a handstand in front of everyone.

Although, that didn't take too much persuasion.

Each class had the opportunity to spend some time with Steel and ask him some questions.

The school was buzzing for the whole day.



Year 3 Burnham Beaches

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Burnham Beaches, where they explored the local area and learned all about its fascinating history and geology. The children were guided by park rangers Jordan and Josh, who shared lots of interesting facts and answered everyone's questions along the way.

One of the highlights of the visit was seeing the old quarry, where the children became real explorers as they searched for pieces of quartz. Everyone enjoyed hunting for the sparkling stones and discovering more about the rocks found in the area.

The trip was a wonderful opportunity for Year 3 to learn outdoors, work together, and experience nature first-hand. A big thank you to Jordan and Josh for making the day so enjoyable and memorable!

Skateboarding

Years 3 and 4 recently took part in an exciting skateboarding workshop, run by the amazing Alex, where the children had the opportunity to learn new skills and build on techniques they had already practised.

Throughout the session, the children showed great determination and confidence as they practised balancing, steering and improving their tricks. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging each other and celebrating their achievements.

The workshop was a fantastic experience, and the children thoroughly enjoyed challenging themselves while having lots of fun trying something different!

Football

On Thursday 7th May we hosted a Year 4 Mixed Football Festival where 6 local schools came, and we put in 2 teams ourselves so everyone school played 7 games in total. One of the main rules was that you had to have 3 girls and 3 boys on the field at all times, so it was inclusive. The other important one was to have fun. The coach of each squad had to pick one player who got a small trophy for the Positive Player Award. It was a great afternoon of football and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thank you to Mrs Bailey and Mr Linhares who led our teams. *D Masters*