



Headteacher Newsletter

11th September 2026

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Key Dates:

16 th & 17 th September – Year 1&2 meet the teacher 3.15pm	2 nd October – Harvest Festival
22 nd September – Flu immunisations	6 th October – Individual school photos
22 nd September – Year R meet the teacher 3.15pm	19 th and 20 th October – Parents Evenings

Communications this week:

Flu Vaccinations	Y1 Welcome Meeting Handout
Y2 Junior School Tours	Parent/Governor Vacancy
YR PE Days	

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a fantastic first full week at school and loved the Year R children joining us! They are settling in so well and adapting to the many new routines, I'm sure they will all sleep well! The staff are so impressed with how well they have settled into new routines.

Thank you for supporting your children with their 'All About Me' over the summer. The children have loved sharing with their class things that are special to them and it's been a great way for children and teachers to get to know one another better.

Attached to this newsletter is our annual dates and events, there will be plenty more to come to put in your diaries but this gives you a broad overview of dates that are in the calendar so far.

Year 1 & 2 parents & carers will have received an introduction information handout today, giving you a wide range of information, if you have any questions please see the class teacher after school or email the admin office.

Classroom welcome sessions

We are welcoming you into your child's classroom after school at 3.15pm, where you will get a chance to meet the teacher, see the classroom and hear about class/year group key messages. If you need time to speak with your child's new class teacher individually, please arrange this at another time as the teacher will not have time to speak to everyone individually in this session. The timings and days for these sessions are as follows:

Year 2: Wednesday 16th September 3.15pm-3.30pm

Year 1: Thursday 17th September 3.15pm-3.30pm

Year R: Tuesday 22nd September 3.15pm-3.30pm

Annual Dates - Christmas Performances

I know many of you will want to be able to book time off work to be able to watch your child's Christmas performance. We have put in our Christmas performance dates as below:

Monday 14th December: 9.30am Year 2, 2.00pm Year 1

Tuesday 15th December: 9.30am Year 1, 2.00pm Year R

Wednesday 16th December: 9.30am Year R, 2.00pm Year 2

Parking and No Right Turn

Please can we remind everyone to be considerate when parking and dropping off/picking up children. It does get very congested so please be mindful of others and do not stop or pull up in front of barriers/school. Please do not park in disabled or taxi bays unless you are entitled to use them, as this helps ensure these spaces remain available for those who need them. There is a no right turn onto Hiltingbury Road at the drop off and pick up times, please adhere to this to keep pupils, families and the crossing patrol safe.

Arbor – Reporting your Child's Absence

We are pleased to let parents and carers know that you can now report your child's absence directly through the **Arbor Parent App**.

How to Report an Absence in Arbor

1. Open the **Arbor Parent App**.
2. Select your child.
3. Tap **Attendance**.
4. Select **Report Absence**.
5. Choose the reason for the absence.
6. Add any relevant details and submit.

Absences should be reported **on the day of the absence only**.

- Please provide as much information as possible regarding the reason for the absence.
- The absence request will be reviewed by the school and attendance codes applied in line with Department for Education guidance.
- This feature must not be used to request planned absences, holidays, or other leave of absence in advance. Requests for term-time leave or other exceptional circumstances should continue to be made directly to the school using the appropriate absence request form.

Kitchen Heroes

The kids are back to school and we're back to our regular routines. To save yourself time (and money!) why not take 10 minutes to make a meal plan for the week ahead? There's lots of information online to help you get started, including [ready made plans to suit your diet and budget](#). Did you know you can earn Green Points with [Hampshire Kitchen Heroes](#) for meal planning? This free app rewards you when you take action to make your food go further and the user with the most Green Points wins a day out at one of the following Hampshire attractions:

- [Sir Harold Hillier Arboretum and Gardens](#)
- [Runways End Outdoor Centre](#)
- [Calshot Activities Centre](#)
- [Staunton Farm](#)
- [Tile Barn Outdoor Centre](#)
- [Manor Farm](#)

Sign up for free at: hampshirekitchenheroes.co.uk

ParentKind

We have had this through from ParentKind regarding a number of free parent workshops. If you are interested please follow the link to the webinars page for booking [Parent webinars | Parentkind](#)

Hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Kind Regards

Phillippa Longman

