



Headteacher Newsletter 14th February 2025

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Key Dates:	
14 th February – last day of term	28 th February – Hiltingbury Hub for parents on anxiety 9am
W/B 17 th February- Half term	6 th March – World Book Day dress up
24 th February – first day of term	5 th - 10 th March – Book Fair
25 th February – Thinking Day	W/B 10 th March – Holi celebrations

Communications this week:	
Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Vacancies	
World Thinking Day	
Before School Club Survey	

Dear Parents & Carers,

A great final week of the half term, it is wonderful to see the children's continued progress and enthusiasm for learning. The children have absolutely loved 'Make the Rules Day' today and there has been plenty of excitement across school! The children are particularly looking forward to their discos with the teachers dancing!

In my assembly we continued thinking about how we could be at our 'brain best' for learning and play. We focussed on being comfortable physically and meeting our sensory needs. We explored what this meant and how we can ensure these needs are met to be at our 'brain best'. We talked about being warm enough, having enough sleep, ensuring we weren't hungry amongst a range of other needs.

We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 24th February.

Little Wandle

There is some great information including videos for parents on the Little Wandle website to help support your child's reading at home. Please follow this link to access these and find out more: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabSupportForPhonics>

Parking on Double Yellows

Please can we remind all parents that you must not be parking on the double yellow lines along the road out onto Hiltingbury Road. This poses a big risk to children and the safety of all. We have alerted the parish council to ensure they can monitor this.

Science and Engineering Day

Discover the Amazing at Science and Engineering Day this March! Run in parallel with British Science Week, The University of Southampton's free family-friendly event, Science and Engineering Day, returns this March offering a fantastic opportunity to dive into the world of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). Families will be able to explore hands-on activities, workshops, talks, exhibits and laboratory tours presented by students, researchers, and local community groups. This year it will be at Highfield and Boldrewood Campuses on Saturday 15th March 2025. There is a competition to win a prize for those who travel sustainably to the event. Free tickets can be booked through the festival website: www.sotsef.co.uk from Friday 14th February. Please see the flyer attached for further info. <https://www.sotsef.co.uk/>

Thinking Day - 25th February

It is World Thinking Day later this month. As lots of our children participate in Rainbows, Brownies, Squirrels and Beavers we would like to celebrate this day in school on Tuesday, 25th

February. If your child is a member we would love them to come to school in their uniforms on this day, if they wish to do so.

Message from the School Kitchens

It has become difficult for the kitchen staff with children choosing a meal option that they don't like and then children trying to swap this choice when being served. Whilst the kitchen tries to accommodate this if more and more children do this they then run out of the meal choices needed. This is even more important for the children with allergies as their choice is more limited. The kitchen staff kindly ask if you can look at the menu with your child so that they can make an informed choice of something they will hopefully like each morning.

Keepers Kitchen

Cali - Cherry Class	Heidi - Beech Class	Sienna - Spruce Class
William - Plum Class	Felix - Chestnut Class	Wyatt - Holly Class
Lexi-May - Apple Class	Jesse - Hazel Class	Hugo H-R - Cedar Class

I had a wonderful time celebrating with our children that were chosen for Keepers Kitchen this half term. I was so proud of how they always remember our three rules of being Safe, Kind and Ready, displaying these behaviours day in, day out.

Learners of the Week:

Evie Hazel	Teddy Apple	Alfie Cherry Yilin Plum Hayden Beech Freddie Hazel Georgia Holly Arthur Cedar Addison Spruce	Zayan Cherry Sophia Chestnut Rohan Spruce	Hazel Apple Hana Plum Max Holly	Mollie Beech Oliver Chestnut Raiyan Cedar

Make the Rules Day in Pictures!





Enjoy half term!

Kind Regards
Phillippa Longman



Governor Update

The Governing body welcomes Sophie, Christina and Darren as our new co-opted governors whose experience will complement the diverse set of skills we have among the body and we look forward to their contribution to the school in this academic year and beyond. We are also excited that the school is in a good position this academic year with a full intake of students in Reception year despite the lower birth rate of the area impacting other schools. This is a testimony to the school's achievements and efforts in the learning journey of our children. Moreover, financially, the school is fortunate to have the funds to revamp the outdoor areas of Year R and KS1 providing a better, more enriching and safer environment for the children which we expect to commence this summer.

On the curriculum front, we had a very positive Hampshire visit to the school with a focus on the Maths teaching, reiterating the school effort by the Headteacher and the wonderful staff to continue improving our levels at each year. We look forward to supporting the school this academic year and would like to thank the parents for their continuous engagement with the school while we all work on **learning, caring and achieving together**.

Mohamed Fata

Co-chair of Governing Body