



## Headteacher Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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Key Dates:	
W/B 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Half term	6 <sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Florence Nightingale dress up day
3 <sup>rd</sup> November - INSET day	W/B 10 <sup>th</sup> November-anti bullying week (power for good)
4 <sup>th</sup> November – first day of term	11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> November-open day tours prospective parents
5 <sup>th</sup> November – online Mental Health Support team workshop for parents on behaviour	14 <sup>th</sup> November-children in need and school disco

Communications this week:	
NHS Digital Hub	After School Club Collections
Y1 History Topic	HJS- RP Consultation
HPCN	Y2 Florence Nightingale Workshop
Household Support Fund	

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had such a fantastic creative week with arts week! Children have experienced workshops with artists, drumming, Bollywood dancing, stop frame animation and an author/illustrator. It has been a wonderful week, I have really enjoyed going around school seeing everyone so engaged in a range of creative learning linked to 'colours of the world'.

Thank you to so many of you for engaging with parents evening, joint partnership working with you is so important to us and benefits your child/ren. We hope you found it useful to hear how your child is settling, their strengths and next steps. If any of you were unable to make it and would like to meet with the class teacher please let them know. A massive thank you to the staff for their dedication and late night working this week, they deserve a well-earned rest this half term!

The HSPTA are hosting our spooks and sparks event after half term on the 6<sup>th</sup> November - remember to get your tickets for what is expected to be an amazing laser show this year! Next week is half term and we have an INSET day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November so we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We wish you all a wonderful half term.

### Arts & Humanities Day

Explore human experience at Arts and Humanities Day 8<sup>th</sup> November!

Arts and Humanities day is the University of Southampton's free family-friendly annual celebration of the Humanities and Arts. Families will be able to explore hands-on activities, workshops, talks, and exhibits presented by students, researchers, local community groups and artists. This year they will be at the Southampton Cultural Quarter on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025, in collaboration with the University of Southampton's branch of the ESRC Festival of Social Science, John Hansard Gallery, SeaCity Museum and Southampton Central Children's Library. From recreating prehistoric cave art, to adventuring through immersive virtual reality rhythms, and creating leafy crafts inspired by autumnal Leaf Thief book Storytime, there really is something for everyone to explore. There's even a competition to win 4 tickets to a family show at Turner Sims Southampton for those who travel sustainably to the event. Free tickets can be booked through the festival website: [southamptonartshumfest.co.uk/artshumday](https://southamptonartshumfest.co.uk/artshumday)

### How Could you Travel to School? Drawing Competition

A reminder that the 'How could you travel to school?' drawing competition closes soon – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

Children can win one of the lovely prizes that encourage exploring nature and getting outside. The competition is for Hampshire primary pupils.

This year they are asking children how their active journey to school makes them feel:

- Perhaps the exercise means they feel alert, energised and ready to start the day?
- Maybe because of all the things they see and hear such as flowers, trees and birds, they feel happy?

- Having time to talk and have fun with family and/or friends on the journey may make them feel relaxed?
- Jumping in puddles on a wet day may make them feel alive?
- They may feel proud knowing their travel choice helps protect the environment, reduces noise and air pollution?

The competition details can be found on page 16 of the 2025/26 edition of How could you travel to school? booklet.

This could be a lovely half term activity!

### Open Day Tours

We have two more tour dates for prospective new parents September 2026. If you know anyone who is looking for a school space next year please encourage them to visit our website and book onto one of our tours on the following dates:

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am**

### HPCN November Get Togethers

You will have received a flyer today about the Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN) Get Togethers throughout November. These sessions are a great opportunity for parent carers of children and young people with SEND to connect, share experiences, and access support. Keep an eye on their website for details of upcoming dates and venues. They are also excited to share that their Mystery Visits Programme is starting this half term, with a second round coming soon.

### Keepers Kitchen

I have been really proud of all children this half term. Teacher choose one child in their class who has always followed the school rules and shown kindness towards others. I enjoyed sharing a drink and snack with them to celebrate!

<b>Apple - Ekamjot</b>	<b>Beech - Lottie</b>	<b>Holly - Jack</b>
<b>Plum - Josh</b>	<b>Hazel - Erin</b>	<b>Cedar - Mila</b>
<b>Cherry - Casper</b>	<b>Chestnut - Quinn F</b>	<b>Spruce - Noah</b>



## Arts Week in Action!





Have a great half term!

Kind Regards

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