



Headteacher Newsletter 11th October 2024

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Key Dates:

Throughout October - Walktober	25 th October - last day of term
18 th & 21 st October - Open day tours for new entrants	4 th November - INSET Day
21 st & 22 nd October - Parents' evenings	7 th November - HSPTA Spooks and Sparks

Communications this week:

Y2 Spelling letter & grid	Seesaw Update
Collins Hub	Y2 Play Leaders Initiative
Nasal Flu Vaccination	

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our Year 1 children had a fantastic opportunity to learn some great balance bike skills this week with Bike it John, this has supported the children in also thinking about their active travel to school.

Next week is the first of our open mornings for prospective new parents, if you know anyone who is looking for a school space for September 2025 please encourage them to go onto our school website and book onto one of our open morning tours. We have filled many spaces with children out of catchment over recent years so please encourage them even if they do live out of catchment!

It was wonderful having our first celebration assembly of the year today. The timing of celebration assembly has moved from 2.45pm last year to 9am this year. When your child has been chosen as learner of the week you will receive an email inviting you the week before. Our Year R children are looking forward to joining us in these assemblies after half term.

Congratulations!

A massive congratulations to Anna (who many of you will know as Miss N) who got married a couple of weeks ago. She had a very special day with close family and friends. She will now be known to the children as Mrs Tavern! Mrs Tavern works as our HLTA covering a range of classes each week.

Walktober

I hope many of the children are continuing to want to engage in the Walktober challenge. Our school is taking part in international walk to school month by joining the Walktober challenge run by the My Journey Team at Hampshire County Council. We would like as many of our children, families and staff to travel actively and/or sustainably throughout October by walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting, using park and stride or public transport.

Great Coastal Birdwatch

It would be great if you would like to get involved in the **Great Coastal Birdwatch 2024**, taking place for two weeks, the week before and during half-term, 19 October to 3 November.

This annual citizen science project raises awareness of the wealth of birdlife on the Hampshire coastline. It helps children understand the challenges faced by seabirds that migrate thousands of miles to spend the winter on our shores.

Children can use a **colourful bird ID guide** to learn about local birds and to count how many different birds they see. Their bird count will make an important contribution to Great Coastal Birdwatch, now in its sixth year.

Visit the **Bird Aware Solent website** for:

- Downloadable **bird ID guides and counting sheets**
- Resources about **why the Solent is internationally important** for protected birds
- Resources on migration: **why birds migrate** and the astonishing journeys they travel to spend the winter on the Solent coastline
- Tips from our ranger team on **getting young people involved in birdwatching**.

Information from Hampshire Road Safety Team - Car Safety Guide

Please see information below about car seat safety and ensuring car seats are properly fitted and used appropriately. This is so important to ensure children are safe when travelling in a car.

The Road Safety Team are responsible for educating young people and their families on the importance of keeping safe when travelling in a vehicle. Part of this education includes ensuring young people are travelling with correct restraints. Are you aware that 37% of children are in the wrong type of seat for their age and/or height? The Road Safety Team would like to share this car restraint leaflet with you to ensure you know how to always keep your child(ren) safe – in the correct restraint. There are also hints and tips about choosing the right seat, transporting other people’s children and how to fit different types of car seat. To read this informative leaflet, please visit – [In car safety parent guide.](#)







Parents Evenings – 21st & 22nd October

Bookings for parents’ evenings are open now, please do go online and book a parents evening with your child’s class teacher. This is a chance to find out how they have settled into their new class and year group. If you are unable to make one of the dates please speak to your child’s class teacher and they will be able to arrange at another convenient time.

YR First Class Photos - Daily Echo Photo

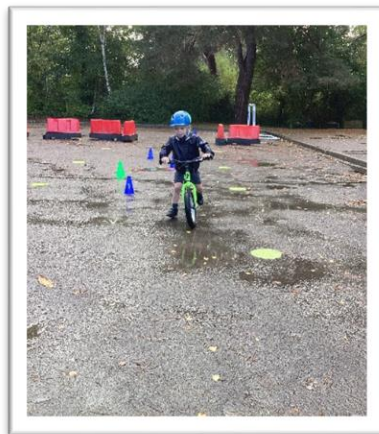
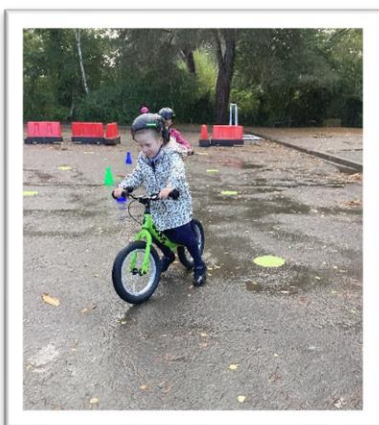
We have now been advised by the Daily Echo that the First Class Photographs will be appearing in the Daily Echo on Friday, 15th November – please make a note to buy a copy of the paper if you wish on this day.

Learners of the Week:

					
Moizza Spruce	Paige Beech Mila Chestnut Hugo Cedar	Remy Holly Max Spruce		Inar Beech Chiara Chestnut Logan Holly	Aisha Cedar

Balance Bike Sessions - Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic time with Bike it John learning some great balance bike skills. They dodged the showers and all had the opportunity to learn more about how to control their balance bike and ride safely. Thank you to parents for providing children’s helmets. A massive thank you to John for running these sessions over the three days.



Remember to book your Spooks and Sparks tickets through the HSPTA website!

Kind Regards

Phillippa Longman

