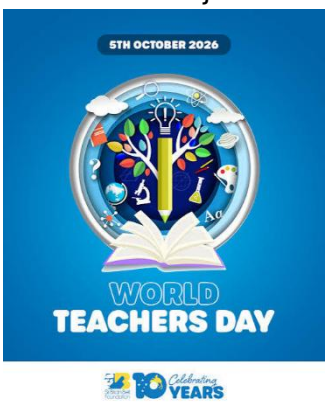
# Parent Newsletter – 5th October 2026

## Headteacher's message

As we move through another busy and exciting term, it has been wonderful to see children so engaged in their learning and making the most of every opportunity both inside and outside the classroom. Next week, we are delighted to welcome Olha Vladyka to our school team as a new Learning Support Assistant. We are sure that families will join us in making her feel very welcome as she settles into school life.




We also enjoyed celebrating World Teachers' Day, taking time to recognise and thank all of our staff for the care, dedication and enthusiasm they bring to supporting our children each day. Our school is fortunate to have such a committed team who work tirelessly to create the best possible opportunities for every child to thrive.

This week, our Year 5 children head off on their residential visit, an experience that always provides wonderful opportunities for building confidence, independence and lasting memories. We wish them a fantastic time and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return. I would also like to thank the staff who are accompanying the trip and giving up time away from their own families to make this opportunity possible for our children. Their commitment and dedication are greatly appreciated

## Construction Update

It's wonderful to be able to say that the end is finally in sight for our renovation project. Last week, Badger Class moved back into their newly refurbished area, and this week our temporary outdoor learning spaces will be removed. Over the coming week we will begin moving back into all remaining areas of the school, and after half term Greendales will be completely offsite. Thank you to everyone for your patience and support throughout the building works. We are very much looking forward to enjoying our fully completed school together. Please be aware that certain areas may be cordoned off at short notice to keep the safety of the children our top priority. This will only be for short periods but especially with the removal of the outdoor classrooms, there may be some disruption to your normal walking routes to access the classrooms.

## Assembly Themes

This term, our assembly themes have begun by revisiting our school values of Respect, Resilience and Curiosity, helping children reflect on how they can demonstrate these every day. We have also explored National Poetry Day and World Teachers' Day. Our next assemblies look at the importance of friendships, and celebrate Harvest, encouraging children to think about gratitude, community and helping others.

## PSHE Curriculum

This year, a new PSHE curriculum has been introduced, with an update on some topics being taught. Children will now also learn about online safety, grief and bereavement and personal safety.

Each half term, we will send out which topics your child will be learning, with a brief overview. This half term in PSHE, we are focusing on 'My Healthy Self', looking at emotions and healthy choices.

If you have any questions or concerns, or you feel that talking to staff may help us understand any specific situations, we are always here to listen.

Please also find a link to the Kapow Parent Zone, where you will find information and guidance linked to the PSHE curriculum: https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/rse-pshe/curriculum/rse-pshe-parent-information/

## Governor News

A huge thank you to Abi Legg for her dedication and commitment during her time as Chair over the last few years. We are delighted that Ali Dudman has stepped up to join the team as Co-Chair alongside Abi. We look forward to this strong partnership working together to continue to drive and support the school and our wider community.

## Uniform

A polite reminder to all families to please clearly name all uniform, coats, water bottles and lunchboxes. We often collect a large number of items left behind at lunchtime and throughout the school day, but without names it is very difficult to return them to their owners. A quick label can save a lot of time and help ensure lost items are reunited with your child as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

## Year 2 Enjoy Gruffalo's Granny Launch

Year 2 had a wonderful time watching the launch of *Gruffalo's Granny* and exploring the story's characters and illustrations. Inspired by what they saw, the children used their creativity to design and create their own fantastic pictures, showcasing their artistic talents and imagination. We were very impressed by their enthusiasm and the high quality of their work!

## Year 4 Science investigations

Year 4 have been busy investigating and separating materials as part of their science learning. Through a range of practical activities, the children explored different methods of separating mixtures, including sieving, filtering and using magnets. They showed great curiosity and teamwork as they made predictions, carried out experiments and discussed their findings like real scientists!

## Grounds Day

Don't forget our grounds day coming up! We need many hands to paint sheds, cut branches, clear paths, build mud kitchens and much more! If you have any access to equipment or resources to help us please do get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you there! Sunday 18th October 9:30-12:00pm.

## Headteacher Awards

Marley H Tom L Ethan H Theo K Farley P
Isabela G Jonnie P Marley H Jasmine D

## House Points

**Ackender - 627**

**Bushy Leaze - 636**

**Chawton - 684**

**Amery - 645**

## INSET Days

The INSET days for this academic year are as follows:

**2nd November 2026** (Staff training with Hampshire advisors on Writing)

**4th December 2026** (Staff training with Pupil Progress Meetings as a focus)

**5th July 2027** (Staff development day on Transititons and the new year)

## Dates for the Diary

7th - 9th Oct - Year 5 to New Barn

14th Oct - Individual School Photos

15th Oct - Parents Evening 3:40 - 5:30pm

20th Oct - Parents Evening 3:40 - 7pm

22nd Oct - Year 5 Bing Sing @ Eggars

23rd Oct - Year 3 and 4 Harvest Festival at the Church

**26th - 30th Oct - HALF TERM**

**2nd Nov - INSET DAY - Writing focus**

4th Nov - 6th November - Year 6 Bikeability

6th Nov - Year 5 Class Assembly

10th Nov - New to Year R tours at 9:30am

13th November - Wolf Class Assembly

16th - 20th Nov Anti-Bullying Week / Assessment week

18th Nov - New to Year R tours at 9:30am

20th Nov - Eagle Class Assembly

26th Nov - New to Year R Tours at 9.30am

**4th Dec - INSET DAY - Pupil Progress Meetings**

5th Dec (Saturday) New to Year R Stay and Play event (further details to follow)

8th Dec - Year R Nativity to Parents

9th Dec - Year R Nativity to Parents

10th Dec - Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

11th Dec - Year 2 Class Assembly

18th Dec - Carols Around the Tree @2pm

**19th Dec 3rd Jan - Christmas Holidays**

## Have your say on cycling in Alton

*Help shape a local project that makes cycling more accessible, inclusive and enjoyable for everyone.*

*Together we can create a cycling project that works for Alton.*

*A few minutes of your time can make a big difference!*

*Complete our short survey for the chance to win a*
**£75**
**One4All voucher**

**Your feedback will help us plan activities that meet the needs of your local community.**

**Scan the QR code to fill-in our feedback survey or follow the link: https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/sustrans/active-alton**

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**School Age Immunisation Service - Parent Newsletter**

**Annual Flu Vaccination Programme**

All children are eligible to receive the flu vaccine. Parents and carers are sent a link to the online consent form between September and November, ahead of the school vaccination session.

The vaccine is usually given as a nasal spray. For children who cannot have the nasal spray due to medical or religious reasons, a porcine-free injectable vaccine is available. Details about how to request this are included on the electronic consent form.

**Why should I get my child vaccinated?** Flu is a highly infectious illness that children can catch and spread easily. For many children, flu can be very unpleasant and may lead to complications such as ear infections, bronchitis, or pneumonia. In some cases, it can result in serious illness requiring hospital treatment.

Vaccinating your child not only helps protect them from flu but also reduces the spread of the virus to others who may be more vulnerable to serious illness, including babies, pregnant women, older adults, and those with long-term health conditions.

**What if my child misses their school vaccination session?** If you provide consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine and they are absent on the day of the school session, you will automatically receive an email inviting you to book an appointment at a local community clinic, ensuring your child still has the opportunity to be vaccinated.

It's not too late to complete the consent form. Even if your child's school vaccination session has already taken place, submitting a form now will allow you to book an appointment at a local community clinic.

For contact details and further information about the School Aged Immunisation Service and the vaccination programmes offered, please visit:

https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/collections/school-age-immunisation-service/

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## Raising Resilient Children
## Online course

### Mondays 28 September - 19 October

### 7pm - 9pm

FREE - Eligibility criteria applies
This is an online course using Microsoft Teams. Participants will be required to use Microsoft Teams.
Booking is essential, please visit https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957

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## Positive Parenting
## Online course

### Mondays 2 November - 30 November

### 7:30pm - 9pm

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FREE* course for parents this Autumn Term. Courses can be applied for on our online shop: https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/equipping-parents-and-carers-to-support-childr ...

# Starting school in September 2027

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2027, they can start school in September 2027

Applications open for Hampshire residents on **1 November 2026**

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS **FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2027** DON'T MISS IT!

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