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Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful



Commander Kindness



Lady Resilience



Captain Creativity



Doctor Resourcefulness

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our target is **96%** or more for attendance. We aim for every child to arrive on time to help them settle and make the best progress. This is also less disruptive for the other children already in class.

w/e 8.3.24	Whole school	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	94	87	93	94	96	92	95	95
No of lates	12	0	5	0	5	0	1	1

AWARDS

GOLD AWARD

One child is chosen each week from every class for upholding our school values of resilience, kindness, creativity and resourcefulness. Well done to last week's Gold Award Winners!



Pufferfish – Eden and Arlo

Dolphins – Chessy

Penguins – Hunter

Seals – Ozzy

Sea Otters – Freddie

Seahorses – Rafael

Turtles – Sokol

Sharks – Sebastian



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SILVER AWARD

We've seen lots of children this week who've popped in to share lovely work or good news! It's fantastic to see the work being shared from across all curriculum areas. Well done to everyone!



Pufferfish – Summer, Kayla-Lily, Mariana, Meira, Bea

Dolphin – Alisi, Arla-Belle, Heidi, Harry, Lilia

Penguin – Bear, Iustin, Delilah, Sofia, Alicia, Autumn, Kimberley, Amelia, Harper

Seals – Leo, Ted, Owen, Lydia B, Bella, Maddison, Ethan, Charlotte

Sea Otters – Coast, Jacob, Hugo, Charlie, Elias, Alfie, George, Noah, William, Freddie

Seahorses – Morgan, Remy, Abbie, Rafael, Ivie, Dexter

Turtles – Cruz, Harry, Alana, Flossy, Lenny, Morgan, Charlie

Sharks – Evie, Dottie, Jessie-B, Lillie, Riley, Seb



BRONZE AWARD

Children upholding our school rules and values and or putting effort into their learning receive house points. The table below shows how well house teams are doing. w/e 8.3.24

Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory
285	242	305	259

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Information
2023-24		
Tuesday 19 th March	Y6 and Y3 parents eve until 6.30	
Wednesday 20 th March	YR-Y6 Managing Worries Assembly General Anxiety Workshop for parents 2:30pm	Parents welcome
Thursday 21 st March	Y6 and Y3 parents eve until 5.30	
Friday 22 nd March	Non uniform day donate an egg for year 6 tombola at Easter parade	
Tuesday 26 th March	School Nurse Parent Clinic	Contact the school office to book an appointment
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 6 are organising Easter parade for year R-2 with Easter songs for Y3-6 and an egg tombola R-2 can bring in some Spring/Easter art work, bonnet etc that they have made to parade with	Parents welcome at 2.30 to watch the parade and hear singing – weather permitting
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 3 school trip to Testwood Lakes	Details sent
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday School closed to children	School closed to children for Easter Break
Monday 15 th April	School open to all children 8.30 start	
Thursday 9 th May	Class photos	
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 Sats week Children can book a breakfast from 8.00 each day	Details will be sent nearer the time
Tuesday 21 st May	PGL meeting – Yr6 parents	Details will be sent nearer the time

Friday 24 th May	INSET – additional Inset granted by Trust for all Trust schools	School closed to children
Friday 7 th June	INSET	School closed to children
Friday 14 th June	PTA Fathers Day shop	
Monday 17-Friday 21 June	Year 6 Residential	Details sent
Wednesday 10 th July	Year R 1 2 Sports Morning – weather permitting	Parents welcome to attend
Thursday 11 th July	Year 3 4 5 6 Sports Morning – weather permitting	Parents welcome to attend
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 end of school production 1.30 @ Admiral School	Details will be sent nearer the time
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 end of school production 5.00 @Admiral School	Details will be sent nearer the time
Tuesday 23 rd July	Year 6 West fest	
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term school finished at 3.10 as normal	

LEARNING UPDATE

Year R	Pufferfish have had a very busy week. We have been learning how to count in 2's and group objects. This week the butterfly from 'The very hungry caterpillar', left us a cookie recipe. Today we followed the instructions to make the cookies. Some of us could taste the apple, carrots and cinnamon.
Year 1	Dolphins class have had a fantastic week at school. They have worked exceptionally hard with their new learning journey in English 'The Sea Saw' by writing a lot of commanding sentences for the sea to take care of the bear. In Maths, they have been continuing to work on addition and subtraction to numbers within 20 and have learnt new vocabulary including 'greater than and less than'. In PE they have been learning to move like different animals in their dance unit. Lastly, in Science, they have learnt the difference between everyday objects and everyday materials.
Year 2	Penguins are working really really hard this term. We have started our new text 'Tadpole's Promise' and this week we have been able to recognise when to add an apostrophe for possession and just add an 's' for things that are plural. In maths we have begun looking at directional language for where things are placed and how to use them in instructing where to go. Science has begun to look at the food groups and importance of eating a balanced diet, we have also looked at the importance of exercise and even created our own fitness circuit.
Year 3	Year 3 have really enjoyed starting their new book in English, Flotsam (a wordless book). We have been looking at shells and pebbles etc under magnifying glasses. Mass and capacity has been our new topic in Maths. In

	<p>Science, we've been looking at different types of animal skeletons, whilst Geography has taken us through the three courses of a river. We are excited about our upcoming trip to see a river in action (hopefully not too many floods!!) We've been working hard to practise our times tables ready for our tests next week. Finally, in Computing, we've been exploring branching databases to organise different items.</p>
Year 4	<p>Year 4 have shown fantastic effort in their assessments this week. In English, they have been developing their knowledge of prepositions and expanded noun phrases in the build up to our narrative based on 'How to Train Your Dragon'. So far, the children have all demonstrated fantastic creativity. In Maths, they have consolidated their learning of fractions and begun their decimals unit. They have been using their knowledge of fractions to support them.</p>
Year 5	<p>We have been so impressed with the resilience Yr 5 have demonstrated this week across the board! From Maths and English assessments to learning about life in Ancient Greece, the class have applied themselves with great enthusiasm! As scientists, we are currently carrying out a rust investigation to try and discover the causes involved in this irreversible process. In Design Technology we have started to create our own designs of soft toys; some with a dried lavender stuffing to help us feel more relaxed and calm!</p>
Year 6	<p>Another Mock SATs week ticked off and wow have the children impressed us! Every single child has shone in their hard work and effort which has resulted in improved scores across the board. We are really looking forward to sharing their progress with you in parents' evening next week!</p> <p>In Maths we have completed our unit on algebra, getting stuck into some one and two-step equations. We will be moving onto shape next week, including position and direction.</p> <p>In English, we have had a SPaG focus guided by the results of the testing this week, the children have worked exceptionally hard in being reflective on their own gaps and are gaining a much clearer understanding of what they need to work on which is lovely to see!</p> <p>Finally, we enjoyed a lovely mini-game of cricket this week, in which all children worked together showing great sportsmanship, enabling us to have a class game whilst it stayed dry!</p>
Senior Team Update	<p>We had a visit from the Inclusion Officer from Hamwic on Monday who spent time talking to Mrs Leslie (our Inclusion Lead) visiting classrooms, looking at books and talking to children. It was a really successful visit commenting on the children's exemplary behaviour and attitudes and how well staff know their children and adapt learning to meet their individual needs. Mrs Leslie is also leading on our Mental Health work after becoming accredited as a Mental Health Practitioner. We are currently internally advertising for a child and family support worker to join Mrs Leslie in developing this further.</p>

Pre-School

Our admissions policy and expression of interest form has been sent to parents and advertised within the local community.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings are on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March for Years 3 and 6. Please book your appointment via the My Child At School App (MCAS) or contact the school office if you have any difficulties with this.

Easter Parade

Year R 1 2 will be parading around the playground showing off their Spring and Easter arts and crafts. This can be a hat/bonnet, an easter basket, some art work, decorated egg. Please can children bring this in on the morning of the parade. Year 6 will be singing as the parade takes place and then our younger children will sing a few songs. Parents and children can then purchase tombola tickets being run by our year 6 pupils.

Donations of games

If anyone has any age appropriate games that the children could have in the cabins at lunchtimes we would be grateful for any donations. The cabin provides children with an adult supported space if they choose not be on the playground. Thank you.

MHST – Mental health Support Team

Mrs Leslie has organised for the following assemblies through this mental health team:

YR-Y6 Managing Worries Assembly led by MHST Wednesday 20th March led by Mental Health Support Team.

General Anxiety Workshop for parents Wednesday 20th March 2.30pm led by Mental Health Support Team

PE Day reminder – Please ensure your child has a kit on these days otherwise they may not be able to join in for health and safety reasons.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dolphins (1)	Seals (3)	Sea Otters (4)	Dolphins (1)	Pufferfish (YR)
Sharks (6)	Penguins (2)	Seahorses (5)	Penguins (2)	Sharks (6)
Turtles (6)	Sea Otters (4)	Pufferfish (YR)	Turtles (6)	Seals (3)
	Seahorses (5)		Pufferfish (YR)	

Library Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sea otter (4)	Dolphin (1)	Penguin (2)	Pufferfish (R)	Sharks (6)
	Seahorses (5)		Turtles (6)	Seals (3)

Advice on winter bugs and keeping well

With temperatures dropping this month Clare Joy – an NHS school nurse working locally – explains in this short video some top tips on keeping winter bugs at bay and using the Healthier Together app for advice.

You can watch on the [Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS YouTube channel](#).

Download Healthier Together for advice with common childhood illnesses

It can sometimes be hard for parents to know the best way to help children recover from winter bugs. Healthier Together has been developed by local clinicians and gives simple advice on how to help them get better at home.

The app will also help you to spot the signs if it is something more serious and guide you to the right help. Visit [what0-18.nhs.uk](#), download from the App Store or get it on Google Play.

The UK Health Security Agency have also published helpful advice on [spotting the signs of when to keep children home](#). You can visit the [Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS winter wellness web page](#) for more advice on keeping warm and well this winter.

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We are the Portsmouth Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).

We provide free, confidential, impartial information, advice and support relating to special educational needs and disability (SEND), independently from education, health and care providers.

Our information, advice and support is delivered by independently trained Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) staff.



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WHO CAN WE HELP?

Our service is for people who live in Portsmouth (PO1 – PO6). If you don't live in Portsmouth we can put you in touch with your local SENDIASS.

We can provide information, advice and support to parents or carers of a child or young person (aged 0-25) with special educational needs and/or a disability and young people aged 16-25 who have a special educational needs and/or a disability. If your child has questions we can help them too.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

We will listen to your views and concerns and explain your options, rights and responsibilities. We can help you prepare for meetings, feel more confident to express your views and support you to resolve disagreements. If needed, we can support you to attend meetings too.

We can answer your questions about Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) and support you through a needs assessment or review.

We can provide information on your individual queries in relation to education, health, care and leisure services and direct you to other services that may be able to support your family.

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