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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 28.3.24	Whole school	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	96.5	98	97	97	94	98	98	95
No of lates		0	2	3	0	1	2	2

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 – Arla
 Dolphins – Isabella
 Penguins – Hunter
 Seals – Leighton
 Sea Otters – Mia
 Seahorses – Isobel
 Turtles – Morgan
 Sharks – Evie



Photograph by Oscar and Evie

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 Logan Finley Clara Kayla-Lily

Dolphin – Chessy Theo

Penguin – Alicia Phoenix Bear

Seals – Ronni Nifemi Freddie Ozzy

Sea Otters – Charlie Frank Naylaa Demi Pearl Elias Raphael Tia Elias Coast Kevin Noah

Seahorses – Poppy C Daisy Abbie

Turtles – Cruz Harry Tallulah Vinnie Flossy Morgan Lily L

Sharks – Eshal Lenny Donovan Eliza Carter Jessie Lillie Seb Olly Freddie Lenny O Aaronas



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 28.3.24

Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory
364	214	372	308

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Information
2023-24		
Wednesday 24 th April	Lunchtime Curry provided by Anglo-Bangla	Details sent
Friday 26 th April	Non uniform day children can wear blue white or football kit to celebrate Portsmouth promotion to Championship	Asking for a £1 donation to school funds Event suggested by Year 6
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed to children
Tuesday 8 th May	Year R mobile farm in school	Year R parents aware
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
Thursday 23 rd May	Break the rules day	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
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May	Half Term	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	It's been wonderful having Pufferfish back in class this week. Our highlight of the week has been watching the chicks hatch. This has been fantastic opportunity to see the changes before our eyes. We have 10 chicks in total. Over this week we have held the chicks and spoken about the life cycle of a hen. We will continue to look after the chicks and make observations as they change.
Year 1	Dolphins have returned from their break with an amazing attitude. We have been looking at length and measurement in Maths. In English, we have been exploring the story of Little Red. We wrote a newspaper article about Little Red killing the Big Bad Wolf. With Miss Stacey, Dolphins have been looking at healthy foods in PSHE. We have started investigating the seasons in Geography and in Computing, we learned about typing on the keyboard. All in all, we have had a brilliant first week back. Well done Dolphins!
Year 2	Penguins have had an amazing first week back. We have begun looking at our new text 'Ocean meets sky', the children have thoroughly enjoyed this and can't wait to read the rest of it. We have been looking at number within 1000 and the children have been superstars during this unit, they had even asked that it was part of their homework! In music we listened to an old folk song (My Bonnie lies over the ocean) and looked at the noises you would hear at the seaside, we then used our voices and bodies to create those sounds. During computing this week, we listened to a few pieces of music and how it made us feel, this will help us when later in the unit we begin to create our own digital music using the computers.
Year 3	Year 3 have made a great start back after Easter with some fantastic writing in English where we have been creating letters to persuade using adverbs for cohesion. In Maths, we have continued with our Fractions learning, working on add and subtracting and finding fractions of amounts. We have begun our new Music topic about Jazz and syncopated rhythms as well as our French topic on different forms of transport. Next week, we will begin looking at plants in Science and drawing them in Art.

Year 4	Sea Otters have had an outstanding first week back! They have been incredibly engaged with our new class text 'Beowulf' by analysing the challenging language and focusing on its historical context (Vikings and Anglo-Saxons). Each and every one of them have shown resilience during our skill learning of possessive plurals (a very tricky skill!). In Maths, we have continued to focus on decimals where the children have shown great enthusiasm and perseverance. A very impressive first week of the summer term for Year 4!
Year 5	Year 5 have come back refreshed and have had a great start to the new term! In Science we have started to learn about life processes and Mrs Gren - ask us what this means! We have started to read Stormbreaker in our English lessons, which is keeping us on the edge of our seats! In Music we are learning about loops and have been experimenting with some body percussion. We have also starting to learn about angles and how to use protractors to measure them accurately.
Year 6	It has been brilliant to see the improvement in attendance of Year 6 as we near SATs. Over the next few weeks, we will be revisiting areas that we have identified through our gap analysis so it is extremely important - now more than ever - that your children are in so they do not miss anything that may help with their confidence when taking the tests. Every child has been given a maths.co.uk log in which we will be using for homework this half term too. In English and Reading, we have begun our new book 'Millions' and our first piece of writing for this will be a balanced argument about whether to give to charity or keep a large sum of money that is found (which is the basis of the book).
Senior Team Update	What a lovely week back! The sun has been shining and it has been fabulous to see the children enjoying playtimes on the grass, climbing on the trim trail, playing with the large parachute and just having a wonderful time. We have had so many lovely comments and feedback from you as parents over recent weeks which is always lovely to hear. They are always passed back to staff who work really hard. Please remember if you have any concerns or worries please do come and speak to us at your earliest convenience.

Library Books

We have about 400 missing – this is a huge cost to the school. Please can you check over the holidays and return any to the school so we can update our system. Moving forward if we do not have books returned we will have to ask for a contribution towards a replacement. We spend several thousand a year with Portsmouth Library Service to have high quality books and want to ensure all children have access to these.

Moving of rooms

At the end of this half term we will have moved classes for year R 1, 2 and 3 so we can start to set up our pre-school.

Year 3 will move to the cabins for the last half term. Year 2 will move to where year 3 currently is. Year 1 will move to where year 2 currently is and year R will move to where year 1 is. This will all happen in the last week of this half term. From next term all children will enter school via the main gates on Westover Road.

Gardening Club – appeal for compost

Now Spring is truly here, our gardening club are working super hard but are short of compost/soil. If anyone would like to donate some, please bring it into the Office.

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.

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)



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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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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.

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