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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	Whole school	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
26.1.24								
%	94	99	92	93	94	90	96	94
No of lates	23	0	12	3	4	0	3	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 – Marnie

Dolphins – Dewey

Penguins – Harper

Seals – Faith

Sea Otters – Jacob

Seahorses – Sophia

Turtles – Harry



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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 –

Dolphins – Ryan Youstina Arla-Belle Arthur

Penguin – Dexter Amelia Ralph George Autumn Bear Delilah Alicia Abel Tom Olive

Seals – Xander Lydia Hudson Nifemi Dexter Lydia Arabella Ronni Freddie Savana Leighton

Sea Otters – Flo Zuzanna Jetson Alfie W Syra Hugo Tia Niamh

Seahorses – Rafael Daisy Corey Kiitan Abbie Taylan Lexi Dexter Morgan Abbie Harry Poppy C
Sophia

Turtles – Aashna Cruz Lily Jaeden Rafael Jack Lenny

Sharks – Karson Riley M Lilia Lenny Ruby Lilly S Dottie Jessie-B Lilia Oscar Freddie Kyle Oilly
Michaela Evie Eliza Clemence Eshal



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 26.1.24

Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory
209	231	228	230

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Information
2023-24		
Tuesday 9 th Jan until Easter	Year 5 swimming each Tuesday	Details sent
Monday 5- Wednesday 7 th February	Year 4 Residential Monday 5 th year 4 bowling and detective trail trip for those not on residential	Details sent
Monday 5 th February	2:40 Year 3 Exit point	Parents welcome
Tuesday 6 th February	2:00 Year R Exit Point 2:40 Year 6 exit point parents welcome to attend	Parents welcome
Thursday 8 th February	Wellbeing Assembly for pupils in YR-Y6 Wellbeing Workshop for parent YR-Y6 2.30pm	Parents welcome
Friday 9 th February	INSET	School closed to children
12-16 February	School closed for half term	School closed to children
Tuesday 20 th February	Parents evening year R,1,2,4 & 5 3.30-6.30	
Monday 26 th & Tuesday 27 th Scarf workshop for PSHE	Event in school organised by Miss Hathway (children only)	Details below
Wednesday 28 th February	Infant Voices Festival Years 1 and 2	Children only Information below
Wednesday 28 th February	Parents evening year R,1,2,4 & 5 3.30-6.30	Booking details coming

Thursday 29 th February	SATs information - Yr6 parents 3.30	
Monday 4 th March	Under 10 football league at Goals	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Children can dress up as favourite character or non uniform
Friday 8 th March	PTA Mothers day shop	
Monday 11 th March	Under 10 football league at Goals	
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th March	Mock SATs week for Year 6	
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	
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	Parents welcome at 2.30 to watch the parade and hear singing – weather permitting
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday School closed to children	School closed to children
Monday 15 th April	School open to all children 8.30 start	
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 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	This week Pufferfish have been reading the book 'Were going to find a lion'. This led to lots of discussions about where in the world we may find a lion. The children all wanted to see a real lion. From this, we decided to make a poster asking all lions to come to our zoo that we are making at school. I hope they don't all arrive at once.
Year 1	Dolphin class have worked exceptionally hard this week, They have been writing a lot of fantastic sentences within their new learning journey based on the book 'The Odd Egg'. This includes creating statements about what the birds think about the egg and writing some lovely noun phrases about the egg. In maths the children have been working on their new learning journey 'calculation strategies within 20' and have learnt how to use doubles to work out near doubles and have been looking at deriving facts from number bonds. In PE they have been learning how to dribble the ball. Finally, they have been learning lots of different sounds in Phonics and have been applying these to different words when spelling.
Year 2	Penguins have had another amazing week. This week in English we have looked at writing in both past and present tense and have written a postcard from the main character Little Billy to his Mummy telling her about the journey he has/had been on. We are now planning our independent write for next week where we are writing our own short narrative piece. In Maths we have started our new unit adding and subtracting two-digit numbers and will look next week at regrouping. During Computing we have been able to design our own map and will be testing different routes and algorithms using a beebot next week.
Year 3	Year 3 had another great week. We made zines this week with their "papyrus"; we will draw in them in Art next week. In Maths, we learned about multiplication and division with remainders, and we have started to look combinations and scaling. In English, we wrote and edited our letter to Pharoah from Moses with some amazing emotive language, rhetorical questions and modal verbs. Let's hope we have a great last week of this term next week.
Year 4	This week, Year 4 have worked extremely hard to find the perimeter of rectilinear shapes, regular polygons and irregular polygons. They have demonstrated their understanding of how to calculate these and have applied this to problem solving and reasoning. In the afternoons, they have

	<p>used their creativity and knowledge of Roman Britain to create some beautiful double page spreads.</p> <p>We are really excited for next week!</p>
Year 5	<p>What a wonderful time Year 5 had sharing our learning with parents and carers on Wednesday. We flipped the classroom upside down and had children being the Teachers and TAs and the adults becoming the students. The Seahorses have continued to show great effort in their writing and loved being able to publish our ghost stories – using handwriting that is neat, legible and joined.</p>
Year 6	<p>This week, Year 6 have been busy working on the missing components in both English and Maths after analysing their papers in the mock SATs last week.</p> <p>In English, we have revisited the different types of tenses, as well as the different clauses. The children have been fantastic at note taking and applying their new knowledge to improve their writing and SATs scores. In Maths, we have been looking at volume of cubes and cuboids, using formulae to work efficiently and the properties of 3D shapes to understand how this may differ.</p> <p>Next week (Tuesday 6th) will be our exit point, where we will be doing some group problem solving tasked based on our new topic in Maths - converting units of measure. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!</p> <p>Next half term</p> <p>Our next book for English/Reading is The London Eye Mystery - Based on children solving problems without the guidance of their parents. Synopsis: Ted and Kat want to find Salim, but their parents have no clue where he is, feel too stressed to be of much help, and try to prevent them from participating in the search. The siblings find a way around the adults and overcome their own tense relationship to solve the mystery and save their cousin. When Salim disappears, Ted and Kat at first blame themselves: He disappears while with them, and they fear he's gotten lost. Soon enough, though, they realize that he either ran away or was kidnapped.</p> <p>The book deals with many important issues including neuro-diversity, prejudices and racism and has been selected because it links closely with our whole-school PHSE learning this term, 'Rights and Responsibilities.' It also builds on the themes raised in last year's book 'Wonder' which the children absolutely loved. Whilst the book is age-appropriate for Year 6 students and on many recommended reading lists for 10 – 11 year olds, teachers and support staff will be extremely sensitive with how they introduce and discuss the issues it raises with students.</p>
Senior Team Update	<p>We took part in Portsmouth University Ofsted this week as we currently have 2 second year BEd students working within Year 6. The inspectors were very complimentary about our school and the work of our mentors,</p>

	<p>students and new teachers. Governors came into school for their 3rd meeting of the year where we looked at data to mark progress and shared learning from governor visits into school. We have continued to have pupil progress meetings with each teacher where we have looked at data, reviewed learning in books and agreed next steps.</p> <p>As a school we practised a lock down and fire drill this week following an assembly about keeping ourselves safe last week. Our children responded quickly and appropriately.</p>
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Polite Notice – Reminders

* Please refrain from parking on the yellow zig zags around school. They are there for everyone's safety and provide a safe area for children to cross the road. Your support is very much appreciated.

Infant Voices Festival

Over the coming weeks the children will be learning songs all about the ocean. These are being learnt as Year 1 and 2 have been invited to sing at Langstone Infants on 28th February in the afternoon. They will be singing with a number of other local schools and year groups. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children to demonstrate pride, work as a team and be creative!

PreSchool update

Just to let you know that the DFE have agreed to Westover opening its very own pre-school from September 2024. We are very excited and currently busy on admission policy and application forms. More details will be sent shortly so please wait before requesting places as we need to ensure we have systems in place to manage this.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings are on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 28th February for Years R,1,2,4 and 5. Please book your appointment via the My Child At School App (MCAS) or contact the school office if you have any difficulties with this.

Having fun at After School Club

This month in After School Club we talked about and made a list of things we would like to achieve this year for our New Years resolutions. We also made 'wish jars'. The children decorated their own wish jars and added notes of things they would like to have, things they would like to do, new experiences they would like to try and achievements they would like to aspire to over the course of the year. The children have played with the sand and used paint brushes to dig for dinosaur bones. We have enjoyed making our own healthy wraps for our meal using ham, cheese, cucumber, tomatoes and sweetcorn. We have also had fun getting outside when the weather has allowed for some fresh air and ball games. This month the children have loved making dens in the hall to snuggle in and watch a film at the end of the day.

You can book online – see website for details or call into the office

SCARF Workshop

On the 26th and 27th February, all year groups will have a workshop, tailored to their year group, about health and wellbeing. The workshops will be delivered by SCARF, who also deliver our PSHE and RSE learning. This will be a great opportunity for the children to learn about how they can look after themselves through different activities and conversation.

MHST – Mental health Support Team

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

Wellbeing Assembly for pupils in YR-Y6 Thursday 8th February led by Mental Health Support Team.

Wellbeing Workshop for parent YR-Y6 Thursday 8th February 2.30pm led by Mental Health Support 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)
	Seals (3)		Turtles (6)	
	Seahorses (5)			

Advice on winter bugs and keeping well**INFORMATION**

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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 07919 915531

Drayton United Church Hall
 Station Road, PO6 1PA

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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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