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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 9.2.24	Whole school	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	94	97	90	92	95	97	96	91
No of lates	20	0	7	5	2	0	1	5

AWARDS

GOLD AWARD 5 Feb 24

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 – Tyler and Summer

Dolphins – Gabby

Penguins – Thomas

Seals – Charlotte

Turtles – Isobelle

Sharks – Lenny and Lillie



GOLD AWARD 19 Feb 24

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 – Rosie
Dolphins – Mysha
Penguins – Ralph
Turtles – Aaliyah
Sharks - Riley



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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 – Finley Arthur Spencer Mariana Parker Theo / Arthur Arlo Matilda Sara Etta Arla Finley

Dolphins – Lilia Aayah Teddy Henry Rayyan Aayah Willow Theo George Jackson Arthur Sophia

Penguin – Bear

Seals – Leo Nifemi Lana Avana Maddison Jasmine Ray Ted Arabella / Lana Leighton Ray Hudson

Sea Otters – Flo Suzanna jetson Alfie W Syra Hugo Tia Niamh / William Hugo Jetson Raphael
Maisie

Seahorses – Dexter Morgan Harry Poppy C Abbie Sophia Ivie Hallie Lexi Ronny / Remy Daisy
Ronny Abbie

Turtles – Lenny Isobelle / Skylar Cruz Blossom Sienna Elliott Sokol Ashna Isobel

Sharks – Lillie S Donovan Aronas Clemence Jessi-B Lillie James Karson Eliza Cece Riley Eshal Evie
Dottie Olly

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 9.2.24

Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory
235	176	226	255

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Information
2023-24		
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	Sam Copeland author Visiting Years 3,4,5 and 6	See below for details
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	
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 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	<p>This week in Pufferfish we started our new book 'Mouse finds a seed'. This story has prompted our thinking of what plants and people need to be able to grow. A key word in our story was 'patience'. Not only do we need patience for things to grow, we also need patience with each other.</p> <p>On Wednesday Mrs Dorricott came into class to work with us. Together we planted sunflower seeds. We now need lots of patience whilst we wait for them to grow.</p>
Year 1	<p>The children in Dolphin class have continued to work hard since the start of the second part of term. They have been working on adverbs in English and are currently writing a sequence of the main events of their new book</p>

	<p>'Stanley's Stick'. In maths they have been learning about numbers to 50, they have been working on counting in their tens to 50 and they have been looking at place value within numbers to 50. In Science they all became scientists and they did an investigation to find out which paper towel was the best at absorbing a small puddle of water. In RE they have been introduced to the word welcome and what it means and the children gave some great answers on how you would welcome someone.</p>
Year 2	<p>Penguins have had an amazing first week back from half term. We have begun to look at our new text in English, 'The Owl and the Pussy-cat'. We have looked at using apostrophes to shorten words and use them in the style of a letter from one character to the other. In Maths we have been looking at money and what the value of each coin is worth, today we looked at how much change we'd get from a £1 coin when shopping for items. This week, computing has looked at counting data and using them in a tally, we have also begun inputting data collected in class based on our favourite colour.</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the term. We've started our new topic in Geography and learned a new song about the water cycle. We've finished perimeter in Maths. In English, we've been learning about The Mystery of Harris Burdick - ask your children! Miss Harman has been in to teach French, Music, PE and PSHE, which the children have loved.</p>
Year 4	<p>Creativity has been at the forefront for Sea Otters this week! Based on our class read, 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons', they have each chosen a fruit/plant in which they have researched. They have been looking for facts in preparation for their next piece of writing. But these fruits/plants are not normal, oh no, they each hold a unique feature...a mythical creature that they grow into! Each and every one of them have unleashed their creative sides to come up with fantastic ideas and exciting adjectives to describe both their fruit/plant and mythical creature!</p>
Year 5	<p>The Seahorses have begun reading their new text FARTHER. It's an intriguing tale about an inventor and his son and encompasses the themes of loss, flight and creation. Children have been very analytical when looking at the front cover and have come up with some amazing inferences and predictions. In Maths we have begun to read, write and use numbers with up to 2 decimal places – using the vocabulary of hundredths and thousandths.</p>
Year 6	<p>First week back and it's been a busy one! Having completed our unit on measure, we have now begun to look at ratio introducing new mathematical language to look at the relationships between numbers. In English, the children have been immersed in our new text, The London Eye Mystery, by going on a virtual trip to visit the London Eye. The children have then written poems based on the scenic views we experienced whilst there. The protagonist of this book is a boy named Ted who has ASD</p>

	(Autism Spectrum Disorder) and this has been a key part of the text so far which the children have been able to discuss very sensitively.
Senior Team Update	<p>We had a visit from the Standard Advisors in Hamwic this week who were really impressed with the culture of the school, the behaviour of the children and positive attitudes to learning. They liked our use of data to fine tune provision for pupils and can see a rising trend in attainment and attendance data. They spent time in classes and looking through books. We are working on a new website also – if there is something on our current one that you feel is missing please let us know as we want it to be useful for you.</p> <p>Under news and events/news on the website we have updated some of the behaviour policy and have added some examples of reflections we do with children and a sample powerpoint we use to tackle an issue of discriminating language use. We have various powerpoints to use to help re-educate children.</p>

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!

Parental Responsibility

It is your parental right to discuss and know your child's attendance. Any adults with parental rights over your child(ren) will mean that they will be provided with information around your child's attendance.

Should you receive communication on your child's attendance this will be received by both parents, unless the office has been contacted and there is a legal reason as to why, this will ensure that those with parental responsibility of your children are knowledgeable of their current situation.

Should you require further support and guidance around this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will put you in touch with a member of our attendance team.

KS2 Sam Copeland Author Visit Thursday 29th February

Recommended by the Schools Library Services, Sam is a fantastic, published writer of popular titles including *Greta and the Ghost Hunters* and *The Underpants of Chaos*. He will be in school on the afternoon of Thursday 29th February to talk to Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils about becoming a writer. Children will have the opportunity to purchase their own signed copy of a Sam Copeland book if they so wish. They will be sold at the discounted price of £7 by the Hayling Island Book Shop. Please send in your child with the exact amount of money in an envelope with the words 'Author Visit' and your child's name clearly written on it.

World Book Day 7th March

A reminder that this year, we will have a traditional World Book Day character dress up. Children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. Please do not feel you need to spend money on a costume, as the day is designed to celebrate the love of books – not to put pressure on families. If children would prefer to come in in non-school uniform, please feel free to do this.

During the day, children will be taking part in a variety of activities, organised by our school librarians, including: creating book reviews for our library, using our art skills to reproduce some of our favourite book covers and creating our own pop-up books. On the day, all children will receive their £1 book token which can be either exchanged for one of this year's World Book Day titles or put towards the cost of another book of their choice.

Pre-School 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.

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:

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

Book Character Spoons KS1 and EYFS

To tie in with our World Book Day Celebrations on Thursday 7th March, we are inviting pupils in Pufferfish, Dolphins and Penguins Classes to create their own wooden spoon characters based upon a book they have enjoyed reading (see some ideas below).

A winning spoon design from each class will be picked by our school librarians and all entries will be displayed in our school library and photographed for our newsletter. Winners from each class will receive an exciting World Book Day prize.

Please use an old wooden spoon if you have one – different shapes and sizes will look even better! As a school we will have a small collection of spoons available from the school office next week, if you are unable to source one yourself.

We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations!



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) Sharks (6) Turtles (6)	Seals (3) Penguins (2) Sea Otters (4) Seahorses (5)	Sea Otters (4) Seahorses (5) Pufferfish (YR)	Dolphins (1) Penguins (2) Turtles (6) Pufferfish (YR)	Pufferfish (YR) Sharks (6) Seals (3)

Library Days

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

INFORMATION

Classes available for boys and girls aged 3 upwards in Tap, Modern, Ballet, Jazz, Musical theatre, Contemporary, Hip hop, strength/stretch, ballet coaching.

We also offer optional performance opportunities and festivals

Please contact us for more information and to arrange a free trial
Kellysheenschoolofdance@hotmail.co.uk
 07919 915531

Drayton United Church Hall
 Station Road, PO6 1PA

These classes are offered by an outside agency and are run at Westover Community Centre. Please contact Kelly Sheen directly if you are interested.



WHO ARE WE?

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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Monday – Friday
9am – 5pm

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