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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
19.1.24								
%	93	93	97	90	95	91	88	94
No of lates	29	0	7	6	4	2	5	5

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 – Patsy
 Dolphins – Willow
 Penguins – Jessica
 Seals – Ethan
 Sea Otters – Alfie
 Seahorses – Dexter
 Sharks – Toby
 Turtles – Lenny



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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 – Arthur Eden Sara Matilda Etta Arlo
Dolphins – Youstina Arthur Lilia Teddy Mysha Chessy Henry Charlie Aayah
Seals – Ozzy Charlotte Lydia Avana Charlotte Owen Bella
Sea Otters – Hugo Mia Frank
Seahorses – Morgan Owen Remy
Turtles – Sienna S Alana Flossy Reuben Aashna Sokol Harry Tallulah Jack



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 19.1.24



Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory
260	271	291	270

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Information
2023-24		
Tuesday 9 th Jan until Easter	Year 5 swimming each Tuesday	Details sent
Tuesday 30 th January	School Nurse Parent Clinic	Contact the school office to book an appointment
Wednesday 31 st January	2:40 Year 5 Exit Point	Parents welcome
Friday 2 nd February	2.40 Year 1 and 2 Exit point	Parents welcome
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
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-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	
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	<p>This week Pufferfish have been making fairy potions. We used; lemons, limes, vinegar, flour, fairy dust, paint and strawberry crystals. Some of our potions exploded like volcanoes. The children were so excited to see what would happen when they combined their ingredients. I wonder what will happen next week?</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
Year 1	<p>The children in dolphin have worked very hard this week. In English they have finished writing their independent write and they have all shown a creative side in their work as they have used lots of adjectives to describe their aliens. In Maths they have been working with their own clock resource to make the times that show o'clock and half past and have shown a resilient side when making the times on their clock. In PSHE the class have talked about who they would talk to if they were ever feeling nervous or worried and gave some great explanations during the discussion time.</p>
Year 2	<p>Penguin class just keeps showing us how amazing they can be. This week in English we have started reading our new book 'The Minpins' which the children are thoroughly enjoying. They have been writing descriptions for different characters and settings, these were lovely to read. In our Maths lessons we have continued looking at fractions and begun writing them and matching them to the correct representation. Computing this week has looked at predicting where our paper bots will go and testing our algorithms out to see if they were correct.</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 have had another great week. In English, we have started to write our persuasive letter from Moses to pharaoh to let the Hebrews go free. In History, we have learnt about the fascinating subject of mummification. In Art, we have prepared paper to make zines containing hieroglyphs. In Maths, we have been investigating multiplying two digit numbers by one digit numbers. In French, we have been ordering number words up to 12. Why don't you test your children to see if they can remember them? In Computing we have been making our sprites move on scratch. You can set up a free account at Scratch.mit.edu with a parent email account. The highlight of the week was surely a visit from Miss Harman; we had lots of discussion time and played a good game of Bang Bang.</p>

Year 4	<p>This week, the children in Year 4 have become news reporters. In our English lessons, they have been practising the skills of a newspaper reporter in preparation for their independent writes. In Maths, they have continued to be their most resilient selves when solving division problems, including both 2-digit and 3-digit numbers. It has been fantastic to see them support each other in lessons this week when faced with challenging problems.</p>
Year 5	<p>Year 5 have really demonstrated our school value of resilience this week. In English, we have seen the impact of going back through our writing and editing it to make it as effective as possible. In maths, we have found dealing with mixed numbers and improper fractions a bit tricky – but we have persevered. In swimming, all groups massively increased their skill and confidence; even becoming quicker at getting changed! Both Mr Upfield and Mrs Rutter have been really impressed with the kindness that many children are actively showing to each other. Keep it up Seahorses!</p> <p>We are really looking forward to inviting parents and carers to our Exit Point next Wednesday at 2:40pm, where we will be letting the children become the teachers and teaching assistants to teach the grown ups what we have been learning in maths. We hope to see you there.</p> <p>To support our Geography learning about mountains, if your child has visited a mountain could they please bring in a photograph for our display.</p>
Year 6	<p>What a week - another round of Mock SATs done! The children have worked incredibly hard to apply all of their knowledge and improve their progress - results so far are looking promising. We will be sending the papers home with the children in the next week so that you will be able to go through with them at home.</p> <p>During the lesson time outside of the Mocks, we have continued in our reading of Coraline. The children are eager to find out what happens next and are all growing in confidence when reading aloud to the class - we even have had some children take on character roles! It is lovely to see their love of reading growing. In Maths we have been looking at Area and Perimeter, looking at rectilinear shapes and triangles. We will be furthering this next week by looking at volume of 3D shapes.</p>
Senior Team Update	<p>We have been having extended staff meetings to include our teaching assistants as we strengthen our Maths curriculum. Mr Anderson as Maths Lead has been delivering these and they have been well received. The senior team have been looking at reflections as part of our behaviour policy and making some tweaks to enable us to have restorative discussions with pupils who have made the wrong choices to help them be more successful. When this is all finalised we will send some information to our parents.</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!

Help Teach Portsmouth thank a school superhero

Do you know someone in our school who has gone above for you and your family? Teach Portsmouth want parents, carers and colleagues to thank their school superheroes as part of a new initiative to recognise those who make a difference every day.

All you need to do is visit the [Teach Portsmouth website](#) and complete an online form to send your special message. Messages will be shared with the school alongside other goodies in June 2024.

Help us make someone's year by thanking them. Visit www.teachportsmouth.co.uk/thankyou and share a special message today!

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.

Small World Toy Request

If you have any unwanted small world toys (see list below) at home and would like to donate them to the school, we would be very grateful. We will be using these within sand play therapy sessions. This is a therapeutic approach used for children who have experienced a traumatic event. Please hand these to the office for the attention of Mrs Leslie.

Items can include:

- small plastic/wooden animals
- dolls house furniture
- miniature people
- miniature scenery (trees/plants)

- miniature vehicles
- miniature character toys (peppa/bluey)

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)			

Old PE Kit Request

If you have any old PE kits that are still useable, we would be grateful for the donation to use for spare PE kits. Please ensure any items are cleaned and hand these into the school office.

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Every Saturday morning 10:30-11:55am
£3.50 per child

WILDCATS (GIRLS ONLY)
Our exclusive Wildcats session offers a fun and engaging environment for all girls in the Portsmouth area wanting to take their first steps in football. Sessions aim to inspire participants to engage with football, meet new friends, develop fundamental football skills. Opportunities to progress into our girls only travel teams are available.
Every Saturday morning 9-10am
£3.50 per child

FUN AND FUTURES (4-12 YEAR OLDS)
Your son or daughter's footballing journey starts here with our fun themed football sessions. These are tailored to players with all abilities delivered by our expert coaches.
Every Saturday morning 10-12pm
£7.50 per child

TEAM SSA

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

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