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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 1.3.24	Whole school	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	97	99	96	98	97	96	97	96
No of lates	19	0	9	4	2	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!



Dolphins – Florence

Penguins – Woody

Seals – Savana

Sea Otters – Hope

Seahorses – Poppy

Turtles – Aashna

Sharks – Kyle



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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 – Spencer, Jude, Hattie, Patsy, Parker, Arla

Penguin – Abel J, Hunter

Seals – Primrose, Ted, Arla-Belle, Ray, Isla

Sea Otters – Freddie, Harry, Frank, Syra,

Seahorses – Ivie, Corey, Harrison

Turtles – Jack, Rafi, Vinnie, Roman, Isabelle, George, Aaliyah, Lily L

Sharks – Evie, Oscar, Jessie-b, Toby, Cece, Eliza, Lenny, Olly, Dottie, Riley, Carter,
Donovan, Karson, 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 23.2.24

Mary Rose	Spinnaker	Warrior	Victory
194	161	188	175

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Information
2023-24		
Monday 11 th March	Under 10 football league at Goals	Parents aware if it involves their child
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 5.30	
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	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 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 had a wonderful day on Thursday for world book day. We created our own puppets to perform a puppet show to our friends. We enjoyed a few stop, drop and reads throughout the day. We also wrote our very own book reviews. These will be displayed in the library for all to see. Our tennis skills are really progressing. We are now able to hit back the ball our friend throws to us.
Year 1	Dolphins class have had another busy week and have all worked hard. They have been writing their own narrative based on the version 'Stanley's Stick'. In maths they have moved on to addition and subtraction within 20 and have been looking at comparing numbers using the vocabulary of 'compare, fewer, more and difference'. In RE they have been continuing to work on the word 'Welcome' and have drawn how Christians could welcome Jesus. In PSHE they have been doing work on rights and respect and have been discussing how to keep the environment safe around the school. They all did themselves proud yesterday as they all participated in different activities for World Book day led by the Year 6 team.
Year 2	Penguins have had another fantastic week. We have begun looking at 2D and 3D shapes in math's and recognising their properties. We have now written our independent write in English based on the text 'The Owl and the Pussy-cat', they have done so well and should be able to tell you their diary entries as one of the characters. Music this week has looked at how

	<p>the music makes us feel and we have been using our imagination and voices to think of noises we could hear in space.</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 have had another fabulous week. We have been writing our own narratives in English, creating action and tension. In Maths, we have been looking at equivalent fractions. Ask your children what is equivalent to a half! In Geography, we made rivers and learned what confluences and tributaries are. In Science, we labelled the bones in a skeleton. For World Book Day, we had so many wonderful costumes so well done Seals. We listened to a new story, wrote book reviews and made book marks.</p> <p>Awesome week Seals!</p>
Year 4	<p>Year 4 really impressed on World Book Day! The whole school was talking about Willy Wonka and his Oompa Loompas! It was lovely to share a day together to celebrate a love of reading and all things books!</p> <p>Sea Otters have continued to show resilience in their fractions and have written some very informative non-chronological reports. We have started to read 'How to Train Your Dragon' and look forward to writing a narrative as one of the novices!</p>
Year 5	<p>This week year 5 have been putting their fine motor skills to good use whilst trying to learn a blanket stitch to use in our Design Technology.</p> <p>We have continued to learn about properties in science, exploring irreversible changes. The class have also been trying to apply parenthesis (brackets, dashes and commas) whilst writing letters in role as a character from our English book FARThER by Grahame Baker Smith.</p>
Year 6	<p>This week in Year 6 we have been busy consolidating our skills in preparation for the next lot of mock SATs. We have covered inverse operations, apostrophes for possession and also the use of standard and non-standard English.</p> <p>In Maths, we have started our unit on algebra, a new concept for all children. We have been pleasantly surprised with the children's attitudes to some of the challenging concepts covered so far - hopefully this will continue into next week!</p> <p>In English this week, the children have been writing a persuasive text all based around the London Eye. It has been lovely to see the children put their own mark on these by choosing the form they write in, whether this be a letter to the head teacher or a leaflet to the general public!</p>
Senior Team Update	<p>Staff have been working with other schools moderating children's writing. We have had good feedback from moderators about our accurate judgements which supports the teachers planning. Mrs Hayward and Mrs Hattersley have been looking at preschools to help us set up our provision from September 24.</p>

Librarians

A big thank you to our librarians (Flossy, Lily, Lilia, Blossom, Charlie, Tallulah) for organizing such a fun World Book Day.

Thank you to the children who decorated a wooden spoon they were amazing and will be on display in our library.

**PTA**

Thank you to our team of volunteers for organising the Mothers Day Shop. The children loved spending their money and choosing gifts.

Pre-School

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

Playtime skipping

Skipping is proving popular and Mr Upfield has set up some challenges which the pupils are leading. Great fun being had all round.

**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.

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

Healthy food at breaktimes – KS2

Please remember that should you want to provide your child with a snack at breaktime, it needs to be a healthy choice of either fruit, veg or a low sugar alternative. Biscuits, crisps, sandwiches or sausage rolls etc should be kept in lunch boxes as part of a balanced lunch. We have seen an increasing trend of children attempting to eat more unhealthier snacks at breaktime and are having to remind children what they are allowed to eat. Thank you for your support with this.

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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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.

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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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