



Weekly Newsletter

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Homework

Reading: To read at home every day.

Spelling: Weekly Super Scoder activity.

Times Tables Frenzy: Complete and return to your teacher weekly.

Attendance

It is really important for the children to be in every day. Should you need support with attendance, then please contact Sarah Atkins at School.

Attendance figures for this week:

Class	Attendance	Lates
Jenner	99.2%	1
Nightingale	92.9%	5
Darwin	98.9%	2
Hawking	97.2%	3
Anning	96.5%	2
Peake	98.5%	0
Franklin	96.1%	2
Potter	93.1%	2

Please ensure the children are in school every day and ready to learn for 8:45am.

Letters Home

Please see the following correspondence attached to the covering email:

- Newton class visit to Alice Holt Forest
- Curriculum Overviews for Spring Term 2

Welcome back ...

We hope you had a great half term. It has been lovely seeing the children back in school this week and ready for a half term full of fun-packed learning.

We have lots of exciting trips and events to look forward to in the coming weeks! Year 6 begin their Bikeability Training next week and Newton class are off to Alice Holt to explore the forest and park. We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March and we are also looking forward to circus workshops and the Wonderdome Planetarium in school.

Keep an eye on the newsletter and your inbox for details sent home.

World Book Day

In preparation for World Book Day 2025, which we will celebrate in school on **Thursday 6th March**, we would like to inform you that we will be holding a whole school dress up day.

Children are welcome to come into school dressed up as their favourite character or bring a prop in to represent an element of a story.

During the school day, children will take part in a variety of 'book-themed' activities to promote a love of reading.



Upcoming Dates

Every Thursday morning 8:45am Joint HPIS & HPJS Coffee Morning @ the Family Hub in the Jun Sch.

Bikeability for Year 6	Mon 3 rd , Tues 4 th & Wed 5 th March
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March
Trip to Alice Holt – Newton	Wednesday 12 th March
Circus Workshop for Year 4	Thursday 27 th March
Wonderdome Planetarium for Year 5/6	Thursday 3 rd April

Last day of Spring term 2
First day of Summer term 1

Friday 4th April
Tuesday 22nd April

Inset Day
Last day of Summer term 2
Inset Day

Monday 30th June
Monday 21st July
Tuesday 22nd July



What's going on in the Coffee Mornings at
The Hub – March 2025

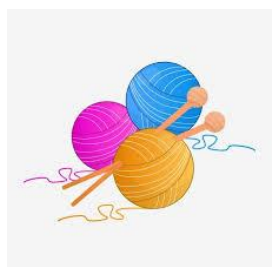
- 6th March – A bacon roll followed by a walk to the park
- 13th March – MHST to join the session
- 20th March – Learn How To Crochet
- 27th March - Crocheting



A plea from Mrs Atkins ...

The Hub would be grateful for any unwanted wool, crochet hooks or knitting needles that you may have spare. Please leave any of these items at reception.

Thank you for your support.





Simon Says Winter Newsletter



Bereavement Support For Young People

A Note from Chandra

As we begin 2025 and reflect back on last year's milestones, from moving to Broadlands in January 2024 to hosting a Volunteer Celebration, a residential stay at Fairthorne Manor, and incredible Fundraising events like our Saints Football Match, I am reminded that it's been a year of growth and progress. We've also welcomed 2 new trustees, many volunteers and families seeking support. It's been busy year, and one full of many emotions! The team and I wish you a wonderful start to 2025 and look forward to seeing you soon.

Families

Did you know that on our website we have activities to support grieving children and young people. At Simon Says, three core 'golden threads' guide everything we do, and all the activities at our support groups, are built around the following foundational elements:

- Memories and relocation
- Coping with big feelings
- Growing hope

[Find out more on our website](#)



Volunteers

A big cheer for volunteer fundraiser Stef Hunt, whose incredible efforts organising our annual Golf Day, quiz nights, and lots more, was chosen as a finalist for BBC Radio Solent's Make a Difference Award!

A huge thanks to our incredible Education Team of volunteers for their dedication in delivering training, hosting events, and developing our resources - your expertise and kindness are truly appreciated!

Want to join the team?

[Find out how you can Support the Charity](#)



Professionals

Simon Says Champion Schools

Our "Simon Says Champion Schools" initiative is growing, now involving 30 schools across Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton, including our first college and nursery, all committed to providing exceptional bereavement support.

Fundraising News

The Co-Op has been amazing this year, raising £3,553.55 as our Local Good Cause and awarding us a £5,000 prize draw! Not a member yet? Buy your [£1 share in Co-op](#), and support causes like ours!

Huge thanks to the **Hampshire Police Federation** and **RSM** for choosing Simon Says as their **Charity of the Year** in 2024. Their support had a huge impact and we are now looking for businesses to partner with us as their Charity of the Year for 2025 - [please get in touch if you can help!](#)

We also celebrated incredible solo fundraising efforts:

- Chris Fraser-Wade from ActiveMe 360 raised £673 on the Thames Path Walk.
- Beth Adams raised £625 by competing in the Brighton & Hove triathlon.
- James Beeson cycled from John O'Groats to Lands End, raising a remarkable £3,231.79.
- The children at KES Prep School raised £600 by 'breaking school rules' for a day.

We also received generous support from foundations:

The Chad Solomon Foundation, S.M.I.L.E., Exxon Mobil Fawley and TK Maxx.

Your support is vital to our work. If you have fundraising ideas,

[Rbhan](#), our **Head of Fundraising**, would love to hear from you.



Come and join our Team!

We are excited to offer an opportunity for you to make a real difference by joining our passionate and experienced team here at Simon Says as **Family Support Lead**.

[Head to the website to find out more!](#)

Get involved

We're now looking for businesses to partner with us as their **Charity of the Year** for 2025 - [please get in touch if you can help!](#)



Get in touch

We'd love to know what you'd like to see from Simon Says in 2025. Whether you're a Family, Corporate or Professional Supporter, Fundraiser, or Volunteer, share your thoughts with us at info@simonsays.org.uk



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Hampshire HAF Schemes

Good news: funding for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme has been announced for 2025!

Children from Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can access schemes across Hampshire during the Easter school holidays at no cost.

Schemes will be open for bookings in early March - visit the connect4communities website via the link below for guidance on how to register your child(ren) for their unique HAF booking code:

[HAF Programme Registration Guidance \(connect4communities\)](#)



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REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Starts 5th March to 9th April every Wednesday @ 7:30
All Saints Church Hall Catherington

Signposting

Please note from time to time we signpost families to local activities and clubs. Whilst we are selective in what we send out, this should not be seen as a recommendation or endorsement. We do not carry out the same checks for signposted activities as we would for those activities hosted with the school and parents should therefore satisfy themselves that they are happy with the organisation and their activity.