Weekly Newsletter 2025/26

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Dear Parents and Carers

Wow – what a jam-packed half term it has been! From exciting visits to themed assemblies, new facilities, and lots of learning, there's been something for everyone. There are lots of updates and information to share with you:

New caterers: We're thrilled to welcome Cleverchefs as our new caterers after the break. Even better, we've managed to reduce the cost of school meals to £2.80, making them more affordable for our families – a win-win! Don't forget to choose your meals on the app at home.

PCSO/Police: It was lovely to have PCSO Toms around school this week – the children really enjoyed meeting her and learning more about the role of the police in our community. Last week we also had an important assembly on hate crime led by PC Davies, who will be joining us for more themed assemblies throughout the year.

Swimming: After half term, the pop-up swimming pool returns! Thank you to everyone who has already completed the online consent forms.

PE Kit Days: PPA is on Thursdays, so children should come in their full PE kit on that **day only**. PE kit is not needed for any year group on any other day.

Outdoor Gym: We're also excited about our brand new outdoor gym – we can't wait to see the children using it during PPA sessions! Lots of equipment has recently been installed and is now ready to use.

Parents' Evening: It was fantastic to see so many of you at Parents' Evening – thank you for coming in to chat about how your children have settled into the new academic year. We especially appreciated the enthusiasm from Year 4 parents around supporting times tables practice ahead of the MTC check in June, and from Year 6 families keen to access extra resources and booster sessions.

Reading: A huge thank you to everyone supporting reading at home – it really does make a difference, especially for our readers who are still developing those early skills. The progress we've seen is amazing!

School Photographer Visit – Monday 3rd November: We're excited to let you know that the school photographer will be visiting on the **first Monday back after half term, 3rd November**, to take **individual photos of the children**. Please ensure your child is wearing the **correct school uniform** so they look their very best for their photo.

Tri-Golf Festival: Well done to the Year 3/4 children who represented Hart Plain Junior school at the Tri-Golf event at Horndean Technology College last Thursday. Their sportsmanship was exceptional and ... **we won the festival!** We are incredibly proud of them all. Thank you to Mr Doig and Mrs McCarthy for taking the children along.

Annual Flu Vaccinations: The children's nasal flu vaccinations are now due. Please click the link below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. You will need to input the School Code below to complete the form. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session: **School Code: SH116244 - Session date: 20/11/25**
Link to website: Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids

Bikeability: Unfortunately, due to the electricity issues and the emergency closure last week the final session of Bikeability for our Year 6 pupils had to be cancelled. We are hoping this will be re-scheduled and have been given a provisional date of 5th December 2025. This will be confirmed by Hampshire Outdoors nearer the time.

Disco: What a lovely time was had by all of the children this week at our Halloween themed disco. Thank you to Miss Jones for organising this and for the staff who helped to support this.

Halloween Craft: Lots of families joined us for the Halloween Craft this week after school. Thank you to Miss Jones and Miss Ranson for running the session. A special mention to the very talented Mrs Mosley for her creative craft ideas and templates.

The children, staff, and governors have all worked incredibly hard this half term, and now it's time for a well-earned break. Whether you're spending time with family, trying something new, or just enjoying the great outdoors – we hope you all have a restful and fun filled week.

Thank you for your continued support – we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 3rd November.

Charlotte Faithfull - Headteacher

Hampshire Education Psychology

Hampshire Educational Psychology have launched a Telephone Support Line (TSL) for parents who would like to talk to an Educational Psychologist about their child. You could alternatively email them or leave a message using the service.

The TSL phone lines are open Wednesdays and Thursdays, term time only,
9:30am to 11:00am.
Tel: 023 9244 1497
Email: ephavant@hants.gov.uk

Pumpkin Carving in The Hub

Our mums came together for a coffee and chat in The Hub this week, while getting creative with pumpkin carving and decorating!
Now we're all set for Halloween, and it's safe to say a good time was had by everyone. Thank you to all who joined in the fun!

Supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

After the half-term break, we will be selling poppies in support of the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to a cause that honours and supports those who have served our country.

We kindly ask for a **minimum donation of 20p** for each poppy. Every contribution helps make a difference, and together we can show our gratitude and respect.

Thank you for your generosity and support for this important cause!

Upcoming Dates

Every Thursday morning 8:45am

First Day of Autumn 2
School Photographer
Year 6 Weigh & Measure
Mayflower Theatre Trip – Year 4
Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Christmas Pantomime
Last day of Autumn 2

First day of Spring Term
Young Voices visit to The O2

Joint HPIS & HPJS Coffee Morning @ the Family Hub in the Junior School

Monday 3rd November
Monday 3rd November
Wednesday 19th November
Thursday 20th November
Thursday 20th November
Friday 19th December
Friday 19th December

Monday 5th January
Monday 23rd February

The Cowplain School Newsletter

Please find below the link to their October 2025 newsletter:

https://www.cowplainschool.co.uk/media/2474/newsletter-october-2025a3.pdf

What's going on in The Hub – Thursdays 8:45-10:15

- **6th Nov – Bacon Roll**
- **13th Nov – Notice Boards**
- **20th Nov – Christmas Decoration**
- **27th Nov – Christmas Wreath Making**

Attendance

Thank you for your support with attendance.

Class	Attendance	Lates
Anning	96.9%	5
Hawking	92.9%	9
Nightingale	97.3%	2
Jenner	96.9%	0
Peake	91.2%	2
Darwin	93.8%	1
Franklin	87.8%	2
Potter	99.2%	1

Please ensure the children are in school every day and ready to learn. They can enter their classroom from 8.30am for 8:45am.

Letters Home

Please see the following correspondence attached to the covering email:

- **Year 4 – The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe**
- **Year 6 – Cake Tasting & Baking**
- **Year 6 Height & Weight Measuring**
- **After School Clubs & Enrichment - Autumn 2**

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.