



Weekly Newsletter 2025/26



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter!

After what has felt like a very soggy week, with plenty of rain keeping us all on our toes, it's a relief to finally see some brighter days ahead. Although the unsettled weather meant that all this week's sports events had to be cancelled, we're pleased to share that they have now been rescheduled as follows:

- World Cup Football Tournament – Upper School, Monday 15th & Lower School, Tuesday 16th June
- Year 5/6 Cricket – Tuesday 23rd June
- Year 5/6 Football – Tuesday 23rd June
- Year 5/6 Quadkids Athletics – Monday 6th July (to be confirmed)

The change in weather feels perfectly timed, lifting everyone's spirits and giving us something to look forward to. With blue skies on the horizon, excitement is building as we prepare for our **Sports Day next Friday**. It promises to be a fantastic day full of energy, teamwork and fun, and we hope the sunshine will stay with us as we cheer each other on and celebrate everyone's efforts. Parents, please make your way to the back playground at your allotted time.

We have included the timings for the sports day further on in the newsletter. We also wanted to note that you may notice that some children take part in more events than others. This is simply down to choice and confidence, as some pupils enjoy taking on additional activities. Our aim is for all children to enjoy the event, feel encouraged and take part in a way that suits them best.

We would also like to draw your attention to the letter from Hampshire about **Important Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility from September 2026**. The government is expanding eligibility so that **all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit** will now be entitled to receive a free school meal, regardless of their annual household earnings. Please see the letter below for further information.


Kind regards,
Charlotte Faithfull, Headteacher

Upcoming Dates	
Every Thursday morning 8:45am	Joint HPIS & HPJS Coffee Morning @ the Family Hub in the Jun.
Sports Day	Friday 19 th June
Inset Day	Monday 22nd June
Year 6 Enterprise Fair	Thursday 25 th June
Rock Steady Concert	Tuesday 7 th July 2:00pm
Year 3 trip to the Gilbert White Centre	Friday 10 th July
Year 6 End of Year Production	Wed 15 th /Thurs 16 th July
End of term show for the whole school	Friday 17 th July
M & M Productions - Treasure Island	Monday 20 th July
Ice Cream Van after school	Monday 20 th July
Year 6 Leavers' Disco	Tuesday 21 st July
Year 6 trip to Paultons Park	Tuesday 21st July
Last day of Summer Term 2	Wednesday 22nd July
Inset Day	

Letters Home

Please see the following correspondence attached to the covering email:

- Road Safety Information for Year 5/6
- Year 6 visit to Paultons Park
- Year 3 fieldwork trip to the Gilbert White Field Study Centre
- Suggested reading for our children moving up and moving on to new schools



An important letter from Hampshire County Council ...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This email explains upcoming changes to eligibility for benefits based Free School Meals (FSM). It also outlines what you need to do to apply or check your child's eligibility.

Upcoming Changes

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals will change. All households receiving Universal Credit will be included, but eligibility will be divided into two groups:

- **Targeted Free School Meals**
For households receiving Universal Credit with an annual income below £7,400.
 - **Expanded Free School Meals**
For households receiving Universal Credit with an annual income above £7,400.
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What You Need to Do

- If your child already receives Free School Meals and you have applied through the Hampshire portal, you do not need to do anything.
 - If you think your child may now be eligible, please apply through the Hampshire portal: [Online FSM Application](#)
 - Please note: children eligible under the **expanded criteria** will only begin to receive Free School Meals from **September 2026**.
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If You Disagree with a Decision

If you have applied and believe the decision is incorrect, please contact your child's school. The school can contact Hampshire County Council on your behalf to request further advice.

Transitional Protections (until August 2026)

Transitional protections have been in place since 1 April 2018 and will continue until the end of the 2025 to 2026 school year.

During this time:

- Any child who becomes eligible for benefits based Free School Meals will continue to receive them until July 2026.
- This will not change even if household income increases.

From **September 2026**, these protections will end. From this point, all families must meet the new eligibility rules for their child to receive Free School Meals.

For more information on Free School Meals, please follow this link to the Government Website – [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](#)

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

Kind regards,

Paul Morgan - Education Catering Contract Manager

Congratulations Toby & Ronnie



"Year 5 boys Toby and Ronnie travelled to Spain for a football tournament, where they and their team performed brilliantly. Competing against high-level teams from both England and Spain in the challenging Spanish heat, they went on to win the entire tournament. An incredible achievement—congratulations to them all!"

Sports Day Timings

We are really looking forward to our upcoming Sports Day (scheduled for Friday 19th June) and celebrating a fun, active event for all our children.

- Year 6: 09:00 – 10:30am
- Year 5: 10:30 – 12:00 noon
- Year 3: 1:00 – 2:00pm
- Year 4: 2:00 – 3:00pm

Please be reassured that every child will take part in at least two events, ensuring that everyone is included and has the opportunity to participate and experience success.

Thank you
Miss S Jones and Miss V Kelly



Head Lice

We have had a case of head lice reported to the school office, so please can we ask you all to be particularly vigilant regarding checking your child's hair regularly for head lice.

If your child is showing signs of scratching their head, it is worth looking very closely to see if you can see the tell-tale signs of either the lice themselves, or the tiny egg(s) that may be attached to a single hair. They are sometimes very difficult to detect, so it is a good idea to brush or comb your child's hair over dark-coloured paper or material, so that you can see any lice or eggs as they fall from the hair.

Checking the hair of everyone in the family at least once a week ensures early detection. If you do think that your child has head lice, then please see below for the "wet combing" technique for louse detection or contact your local pharmacist for the appropriate head lice treatment products or further information.

WET COMBING TECHNIQUE: Ensure you have good light for this process

Wash the hair well and then towel dry. Apply ordinary conditioner and leave in the hair.

Brush or comb the hair first. You may find dividing the hair into sections with clips etc. is helpful.

Using the teeth of a head lice detection comb, apply the comb from the skin on the scalp at the top of the head and comb through each section to the end of the hair.

Look carefully at the teeth of the comb in good light and wipe with a tissue. Do this for as long as it takes to comb each section of the hair. If there are head lice, you will find one or more lice on the teeth of the detection comb.

Continue to comb through each section to remove any live lice until no more are detected. This may not remove 'live' eggs unfortunately (these are very strongly attached to hair), so you will need to repeat every day in order to remove any newly hatched lice.

Thank you for your help and support with this matter.

WATER SAFETY

Stay safe. Have fun. Enjoy the water. ♥

DROWNING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN IN THE UK. MOST INCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE.

As the weather warms up, children and young people spend more time around water – at home, on days out or on holiday. Let's keep them safe.

Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher – especially when 25°C or above.

THE HSCP WATER SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS & CARERS INCLUDES:

- EVERYDAY RISKS AT HOME**
Including bath time safety and garden hazards.
- STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS**
Such as the beach, around rivers and in open water.
- PRACTICAL SAFETY ADVICE**
Including the Water Safety Code and how to "Float to Live".
- AGE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE**
For babies, young children, older children and teenagers.
- WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY**
Including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.

Small actions, big difference ♥

- ✓ Keep children within arm's reach of water.
- ✓ Choose safe places to swim.
- ✓ Talk to your children about water safety.

Together, we can help prevent tragedies and keep our children safe this summer.

For practical advice and resources, download the Water Safety Toolkit: www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/

Enjoy the water. Stay safe. Look out for each other.

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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.

Let's Build a Kinder, Safer Hampshire

Everyone has the right to feel safe and be respected.

DOMESTIC ABUSE CAN AFFECT ANYONE

Help and support is available.

- Call Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service 03300 165 112 (24/7)
- Visit hants.gov.uk/domesticabuse for support and information
- In an emergency, always dial 999.

Together, we can make a difference. ♥

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