Weekly Newsletter 2026/27

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Welcome Back - Newsletter 04.09.2026

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our families as we begin another exciting academic year. A special welcome also goes to the new families who are joining our school community this year. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you and supporting your children's learning journey.

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely summer break and have had the opportunity to relax and spend quality time together.

We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and to working closely with you to ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive. We firmly believe that a successful school experience is built on a strong three-way partnership between school, parents and pupils. When we work together, we create the best possible conditions for our children to succeed both academically and personally.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns. Your child's class teacher should be your first point of contact, as they know your child best and can often resolve any issues quickly. If your concerns are not resolved, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

We are delighted to welcome Amy Greensmith to her role as our new SENDCo. Amy's usual working pattern will be Wednesday to Friday, and she is looking forward to getting to know our children and families over the coming weeks.

This year, we are also pleased to welcome several new members of staff to our Teaching Assistant team. They are excited to begin working with the children and will be a valuable addition to our school community.

Homework continues to play an important role in supporting your child's development of key skills. Homework will focus on reading, mathematical concepts including times table fluency, and spelling. Please ensure that your child spends the allocated time completing their homework each week. Your support and encouragement at home makes a significant difference, and we have consistently seen that children who engage regularly with their homework develop greater confidence and achieve stronger outcomes.

A reminder that smartphones are no longer permitted for pupils in any year group. This has always been the case for Years 3, 4 and 5, and as outlined in my letter before the summer break, this policy is now school-wide. We appreciate your support in helping us implement and enforce this expectation.

Attendance remains one of the most important factors in your child's success. Being in school every day and arriving on time ensures children do not miss valuable learning opportunities. We have introduced a new attendance system this year, and a separate letter has been attached to provide further information and explain the changes in more detail.

We have planned lots of exciting learning opportunities and engaging units of work for the year ahead. Each half term, teachers will share an overview of what your child will be learning. These updates will also be available on the school website so that you can support and celebrate your child's learning journey at home.

We are truly looking forward to a year filled with fun, engagement, achievement and memorable learning experiences. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working together throughout the year.

Best wishes, Charlotte Faithfull, Headteacher

PE Days/ PE Kit

PE Kits are as follows and must be worn on the days listed below: Black shorts or joggers, grey polo shirt with logo and trainers and school logo jumper. No jewellery and hair must be tied back.

Year 3: PE shirts will be delivered next week, as there was a delay in the order. Please send them to school wearing a t-shirt from home next week.

Year 3 - Wednesday and Friday
Year 4 - Monday and Friday
Year 5 - Monday and Wednesday
Year 6 - Tuesday and Thursday

Reminder: Smartphones

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Free School Meals

Applying for Free School Meals is quick and straightforward, and eligible families can receive valuable financial support.

The government has expanded 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.

There are 2 distinct categories of benefits-based free school meals:

- **Targeted FSM:** For households on Universal Credit with annual earnings of **£7,400 or less**. In addition to free meals, these pupils attract vital "Pupil Premium" funding for the school to support their education.
- **Expanded FSM:** A new category for households on Universal Credit with annual earnings **exceeding £7,400**. These pupils are entitled to **free meals only**.

What You Need to Do

- If you think your child may now be eligible, please apply through the Hampshire portal: Online FSM Application

Upcoming Dates

Every Thursday morning 8:45am - Joint HPIS & HPJS Coffee Morning @ the Family Hub in the Junior School

Inset Day	Friday 23rd October
End of term	Friday 23rd October
First Day of Autumn 2	Monday 2nd November

After School Clubs and Activities

We are delighted to be offering a range of after school clubs and enrichment opportunities this term. These activities provide children with the chance to develop new skills, explore their interests, and spend time with friends outside of the classroom.

Parents and carers can view available clubs and sign their children up through the **Arbor Parent Portal**. Places for some clubs may be limited, so we encourage families to register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.
To sign up:

1. Log in to your Arbor Parent Portal account.
2. Select the **Clubs** section.
3. Browse available activities.
4. Register your child for their chosen club(s).

A separate letter has been sent with further information about each club, including dates and collection arrangements.

Year 7 Applications for Secondary School

If your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027, applications for school places will open on 7 September 2026. Applications can be submitted online via Hampshire County Council's admissions website.

The deadline for submitting applications is 31 October 2026.

To help ensure the best possible outcome for your application, Hampshire County Council recommends that parents:

- Name three schools on the application form to maximise the chances of being offered one of your preferred schools.
- Submit your application on time, before the 31 October 2026 deadline.
- Use the School Catchment Area Finder to check which school is your child's catchment school.
- Read each school's admission policy to understand how places are allocated and what happens if the school is oversubscribed.
- Consider how your child will travel to school. Information about school transport and eligibility for travel assistance is available on the Hampshire County Council website.

We encourage all parents/carers of Year 6 pupils to review the information carefully and submit their application before the deadline.

Arbor Parent Portal

We use the Arbor Parent Portal for all trip and club bookings, as well as parent communications. If you have not yet logged in to Arbor, please look out for an email from us shortly containing a link and instructions to help you set up your account.

What you need to do:

1. Look out for an email from Arbor inviting you to create your account.
2. Follow the link in that email to set your password.
3. Download the Arbor App from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
4. Log in with your email and password and enable notifications.

We encourage all parents to download the app, as this will become our primary method of communication for general messages, letters and updates. SMS will continue to be used for urgent or time sensitive messages.



Cool Milk for children eligible for FSM

Children who are eligible for Free School Meals can receive Cool Milk free of charge. To register your child and give permission for them to receive milk in school, please complete the online registration form using the link below.

Cool Milk registration link for Children eligible for free school meals.

Once registration has been completed, Cool Milk will arrange for your child to start receiving their milk at school. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.





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.