



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 4

3 October 2025

Values come to life

As you'll know from newsletters this term, we have been trying to make our values come to life and help children to 'live' them in their day to day activities.

Miss Morris, Mrs Holdich, Mrs Freeman and I have had the pleasure of being with Year 6 all week in Wales and we have seen how brilliantly our children, most of whom have been with us for 6 or 7 years, have really lived these values day to day.

There hasn't been a single falling out all week – hard when you're thrown into living with people 24/7 who you don't normally have to spend that intense a time with. They have universally worked **collaboratively**, encouraging each other in the various activities and championing the positive aspects of each person's qualities to help them succeed. Whether it be Eden reaching out to help Mrs Freeman up after she slipped over or Harison taking the lead in ensuring each climber was clipped in safely.

Resilience, a value we will tackle later on this term, has been paramount. Maude triumphed in climbing the rock face, right to the top after having a wobbly start. Zac fighting through not feeling great to make the most of the week. Estella and Amelia showed resilience as this is their first residential away from home and yet they have been so successful and it feels like they've always been here.

They have all taken **responsibility** in the many organizational aspects of the visit – sorting outfits for 'just in case' of falling in from canoeing through to cooking the suppers for the whole group. Henry has helped so many and done this under his own steam and Iris who took responsibility for her belongings as well as other people's!

What a wonderful opportunity for our children to live these values when discovering new things with their friends in a new and challenging environment. It has been an utter pleasure.

Mrs Jefferies
Headteacher

Conkers

Last chance to collect conkers for our annual tournament this weekend. Class competitions will commence on Monday and we anticipate awarding the trophy on the last day of this half term if not before.

Some rules!



Please don't bake your conker, soak your conker or paint anything on your conker to harden it!



Ensure the string is longer than your child's arm so we can keep them safe.



Children will play for max 8 mins. If there is no clear winner, it will be the first who strikes their opponent's conker in a 'knock out' round.

Parent teacher meeting

We have brought forward our parent teacher meetings so that we can share with you how your child has settled into school routines this academic year and set targets for learning until February with you.

- Appointments are 10 mins long.
- SchoolCloud, our online meeting software keeps us to time, even if meeting face to face. If this is not long enough, there will be opportunity to arrange extra time by booking this as you leave.
- We are sending home the Home/School Agreement tonight with the newsletter as this is a key document in all of us working together. Please bring a signed copy with you on the evening. We will have spares in case you forget!

Childcare Vouchers

Now that Clubhouse and Breakfast Club are run by the school, many parents are asking can they pay with Childcare vouchers. The answer is YES, however we are not allowed to accept them for trips, they are solely for wrap around care. If you intend on using them, whether they are HMRC or Company Vouchers (ie Computershare, Edernred etc), please can you inform the office of the payment amount, date paid and provider. Please be aware the 'drop down' you are now looking for is Stockbridge Primary and Pre-School NOT Clubhouse. This money goes to a big pot at HCC and we have to request the funds, which sometimes takes time before we can reconcile your account. If you have any questions, please speak with Mrs Spayes in the office.

Sports

This week, we took a team of fantastic sportspeople to Wallop Primary School to compete in the cross-country tournament. The team of twelve children showed great determination and energy as they completed their laps around the field. We were overjoyed to achieve third place as a school, even though we did not have Year 6 competitors to contribute to our final score. A big thank you to the parents who supported their children's efforts and cheered on the whole team throughout the event.



Music

Our Musician of the Half Term is **Queen!**

Our playlist has included We Are The Champions, A Kind of Magic, I Want to Break Free and other songs.

We have been learning about **TEXTURE**. This is the different layers of sound in music. This can be made by different instruments playing at the same time or the same instrument being played over each other in different ways. Horsebridge's favourite is A Kind of Magic so far!

Safeguarding

As part Safeguarding within schools, we request any parent that thinks they would like to help within school and/or on a school trip, please let the office know, as we have to complete a Volunteer DBS before this can happen. Unfortunately, if you do not have a DBS for our school, you are unable to help. Thank you to all those who have already expressed their interest.

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UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school



Year R

Sprat and Winkle Class went on an autumn walk this week and collected autumnal items to decorate a caterpillar. We looked for signs of autumn along the way like conkers and the changing colours of the leaves.



Lower School

We have been on a walk to Stockbridge Common to see the River Test! We learned about the habitats next to the river and noticed the way the streams meet the main body of the river. We are getting ready for our trip next Tuesday to The Living Rainforest!



Upper School

We have had a busy week focusing on the Geography of North America. We have compared physical and human features of North America to the UK. We have also learnt about different climate groups and thought about the impact of these on populations.

Flu Immunisations

Your child's Nasal Flu Vaccination is now due.

Click the link below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: SH115949

Session date: Wednesday 15 October 2025

Year Group: **Year R-6**

Link to website: [Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)

Alternatively, if you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine, please submit the form to record your decision. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

Only complete one form per child.

Diary Dates Autumn term 2025-26

These are diary dates for parents for the next fortnight until the next newsletter is out.

Our website is also updated with all of these new dates and will now be up to date as we've bravely moved to an online diary for all staff!

INSET dates for 2025-26 are:

Friday 24th October
Monday 3rd November
Monday 23rd February
Tuesday 24th February
Monday 15th June

These are days when staff are undertaking training and children are not in school.
Breakfast club nor Clubhouse run on these dates either.

Date	Who does it apply to?	Time	Notes
OCTOBER			
Tues 7 th	Y1, 2 & 3	9.00am	Trip to The Living Rainforest
Fri 10 th	Whole school	All day	Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate
Mon 13 th	Lower sch	9.00am-11.50am	S&W, Redbridge & Horsebridge Parent meetings – please book via School Cloud
Mon 13 th	Upper sch	1.10pm-4.00pm	Mottisfont and Clatford Parent meetings – please book via School Cloud
Tues 14 th	TBC	4.00pm-5.30pm	Girls football Competition – letter to follow
Wed 15 th	Whole school	9.00am-12.00pm	Flu Immunisations – Please give your consent – link above
Wed 15 th	Whole school	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parent meetings – all classes - please book via School Cloud
Thurs 23 rd	Whole school	4.00pm-5.30pm	Pumpkin Party
Fri 24 th	ALL		INSET DAY
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	ALL		OCTOBER HALF TERM