



## Managing big emotions – a helpful hint

Last week we shared the 'nice and nice' choices. I hope you'd had a play with these and they've had some positive results. Sometimes though, you need to draw a line and make the right choice clear so this week, we're taking 'nice and not nice' as the theme. It's easier than it sounds, the trick is keeping calm when you're doing it!

**Nice**

So, you're on your way out the door on a morning and your child's refusing to turn off the television or won't brush their teeth or on an evening, won't go upstairs to get ready for bed.

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You've tried the 'nice & nice' eg. "you can turn the TV off or I can," and it's not making a difference. **STEP IT UP.**

**Not nice**

Try "the TV needs to be turned off now or you won't be able to use it when you come home tonight." Or "either it's finished now, or it will have to be done instead of going to the park." Or "your toys need to go away now or we won't be able to play with them before bed."

## Safety on site

### Gate from OLR

This is a collective responsibility – please make sure that you CLOSE this gate behind you when you leave. We are exploring a self-closing mechanism with HCC to absolutely guarantee that it shuts of its own accord but we don't want fingers trapped in a slamming gate! Please pull it closed behind you and encourage your child/ren to do the same.

### Pick ups at end of day

We have had a record number of children not know how they're getting home or whether they're at clubhouse or another club this week. For their own wellbeing and happiness and for our safeguarding purposes, please make sure you are booked onto clubhouse or another club and that you share who will be there to meet your child and at what time. They get very wobbly if they don't know.

### Collectively keeping things safe

Our site is large and numbers ever higher here at school which is all good news but if you spot something that is defective, doesn't look or feel safe or you think might cause a hazard, please let a member of staff know immediately. If we all act together, we can limit accidents and incidents and ensure we use the fullest extent of our site.

Thanks!  
**Mrs Jefferies**  
**Headteacher**

Current outstanding debt for our school is  
**£6023.50!**

We are almost into March and at the end of the month, we have to have all monies settled for trips and residential which have taken place. Please check your Scopay account and settle any outstanding amounts.

## Governors

Each Governor brings a certain set of skills to the table and this week, we're focusing on someone who has helped me to recruit most of our teaching and support team over the last 3 years.



### Richie Holliday

Richie is Dad to Daisy in Year 3 and poppy who has just left for Year 7 at SWGS. He is one of our longest serving Governors on our current FGB. Richie works part time as a Non-Executive director for a small portfolio of recruitment businesses having worked in this sector for almost 20 years after relocating back to the UK after many years in Asia.

### Richie writes:

*I served in the armed forces earlier in my career, and prior to that I studied management at Manchester University. I am passionate about seeing the school succeed and continue to improve, as I believe this can help provide the very best outcomes for our children and keep the Stockbridge community thriving. I have a keen interest in helping local children achieve the best that they can, having personally benefited in a primary school that similarly offered genuine opportunity and encouraged inquisitive and independent minds.*

Richie is our safeguarding lead governor and also monitors progress and achievement in some foundation subjects.

## Staffing

Over the last term, some new faces joined our team and we thought we'd share a little about each of them here:

### Miss Futcher

Miss Futcher spends Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri in Year R with Mrs Holdich covering Wednesdays. She also is deputy manager for Clubhouse and comes with extensive experience of EYFS after 10+ years in a pre-school.

### Mrs O'Donnell

The lovely Mrs O'Donnell, whose son attends pre-school and older girls a secondary in Salisbury is a qualified teacher in the US and brought a breath of fresh air and loveliness to Redbridge each morning.

### Miss Saunders

Miss Saunders works every day in pre-school and has had previous EYFS Pre-School experience. She is great at getting stuck into messy play with our little ones and having a lot of fun!

## After school play

Yipee!!! The nights are drawing out and I know the temptation will be there to linger a little longer on the field, playground and equipment after school.

A timely reminder therefore of the rules to keep us all safe; this is over to you at these times to ensure they are enacted:

**BUSHES:** Strictly NO play in the bushes on either side of the field. They are dangerous and children risk being impaled on branches and low growing hazel or tripping and falling causing injury.

**SUPERVISION:** You must be directly supervising your child at all times. While playing on the field, trim trail or playground.

**TRIM TRAIL & ADVENTURE EQUIPMENT:** There are clear rules about no. of children on each part and feet on the floor whilst pushing the swing, Children must not stand on the swing at all.

**POLYTUNNEL:** Out of bounds unless with a staff member

# REGULAR



# UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

## Reading

I know many of you have tried to download the Sora app and had challenges so I've contacted Sora and received this update:



Search in the app store or android version of this for

### Sora app

The set up code is 'hampshiresls'

You'll then be able to find our school

Browse the 'Explore' tab and you're away!

*Reading books for Year 1 are a day late this week owing to the way the week has worked out but we'll be back to normal next week.*

*How is your child doing on their 'brick wall' books? This is the tracker, stuck into their reading journals, full of books that are age and stage appropriate for them.*

What is your child learning...

...in MATHS over the next 2 weeks?

**S&W:** Sprat and Winkle have been finishing our topic of 'Length, Height and Time by exploring and comparing length and height with resources like cubes and playdough. We have also learned about the days in the week. Next week we will begin our new topic of 'Building 9 and 10' and developing our knowledge of different representations and subitizing within 10.

**REDBRIDGE:** This week we have continued our unit on multiplication and division. The Year 1s have been expanding on their learning about equal groups and learning about arrays. We have been exploring repeated addition too. The Year 2s have taken this one step further and started writing multiplication sentences. Next week we will be beginning our focus on division.

**HORSEBRIDGE:** This week we have been finishing off our learning about shape and position. The year 2s have been exploring the properties of 3D shapes and how to group them and create patterns with them. Year 3 have been learning about angles and knowing that an angle larger than a right angle is obtuse and an angle smaller than a right angle is acute. Next week we start our fractions learning!

**MOTTIFONT:** This week we have continued our learning on fractions. We have compared fractions with different denominators and added fractions using pictorial methods and abstract methods. Our retrieval focus is money. We are continuing to focus on speedy recall of times table facts. Next week we will practice adding fractions with different denominators and begin subtracting fractions.

**CLATFORD:** This week we have been finishing off our learning about area, perimeter and volume. The children enjoyed their practical learning about volume using multilink. Next week we are starting our learning about decimals, which will include finding out about adding, subtracting and multiplying them. Each week we are also focusing on a strand of arithmetic. This week we are revising column addition and subtraction.

## Year R



Sprat and Winkle Class began their topic of 'Growing' by learning all about plants, flowers, seeds and bulbs. Hopefully soon our outdoor area will have some more colour to it as we have been busy planting our own violas and other bulbs in the area. We have also been busy doing loads of great writing in Drawing Club and Phonics.

## Lower School



This week we have been getting stuck in to our new Jigsaw puzzle 'Healthy Me'. The Y2s have been busy making fruit salad which we all (Y1 and Y3 included) enjoyed eating! We have also started our new English writing journeys this week which are all about Hansel & Gretel.

## Upper School



This term we have started our learning on WW2. In Clatford we have found out about Anne Frank and her diary in English. In Mottisfont we have started to find out about evacuees and investigated the features of a non chronological report. We have also completed our e-safety learning for this term.

# Clubhouse

Clubhouse has begun with a bang and the children have spent this week embracing an Antarctica theme with frozen games and collages as well as fizzy ice cube experiments.

The children had a fantastic time exploring the sensory ice, attempting to free the antarctica animals which were trapped inside. We discussed how we could free the animals and what might happen to the ice after a period of time. This started another discussion about melting, what other materials could we think of that melt? Our fizzy ice experiment was a great success as well and encouraged the children to turn takes and discuss in groups what might happen.

Each week in Clubhouse we have a theme which activities are loosely gathered around. Next week our theme is Wildlife. We will be creating our own animals masks, making salt dough animals and even going on our own nature walk to see what wildlife we can see around Stockbridge.

Activities this week can be completed at any point.



The Clubhouse

## Spring 2 week 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Snacks</b>	Fresh fruit is readily available plus a selection from toast to crumpets to rice cakes and more!				
<b>Outdoor play</b>	We are blessed with waterproofs and huge space - outdoor play is downtime after the school day for about 45mins. It might be on the field, in the polytunnel, in forest school, with <a href="#">KitCamp</a> , or on the playground.				
<b>Homework</b>	Each night, we will read with the youngest children and support Years 2-6 with their homework whether it be spellings, reading or times tables rock stars. Years 4-6 topic homework still needs to be completed at home with you.				
<b>Main activity This week's theme is 'Children in need'</b>	<b>Animal masks</b> Using wildlife from around us will inspire our own wildlife masks - feathers and all!	<b>Salt dough animals</b> Making our own salt dough animals which we'll bake and take home later in the week	<b>Habitats</b> Junk modelling from a wide range of materials to create our own animal habitats	<b>Guess the animal game</b> Making our own and playing shop bought games	<b>Nature walk</b> Exploring Stockbridge common before returning for supper. We'll take ID charts with us
<b>Supper</b>	<b>Veggie risotto</b> Green veggies; peas, broccoli Garlic bread	<b>Savoury Croissants</b> Loved by all children, they'll make their own croissants with crudites & salad	<b>Alice's pasta</b> Requested by Alice! Eusili, tomato & <del>marinara</del> sauce, frankfurters & ham Garlic bread.	<b>Sausage roll</b> Homemade sausage rolls in flaky pastry with chips & baked beans, carrot & swede mash	<b>Pizza</b> Make your own toppings from pepperoni, pineapple, ham, peppers, mushrooms Salad platter

Themes this half term:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> March	9-13 <sup>th</sup> March	16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> March	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Antarctica week	Wildlife week	Mother's Day	Red nose week	Waste warrior week

# Diary Dates Spring 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:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>MARCH</b>			
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	2.30pm	Whole school TALENT SHOW WEEK
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Team Y5/6	10am – 12noon	TAG Rugby competition – held here.
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	All day	Denim for dementia day
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 & Year 2/3	All day and until May	2 student teachers working in Horsebridge and Clatford
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Librarians	Pm	Visit Calmore Junior School to refresh our library (letter to follow)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mums	12noon	Mother's Day lunch
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	All	2pm	Mother's Day shop on playground for all children
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Team Y5/6	4pm	Netball tournament at Danebury
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	All	9.30am – 11.30am All day	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage RED NOSE DAY – Task master and a Tour de Farce!
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	9am – 11am	Grounds working party
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 (8 chilr) All	9.30am – 11.30am 1.45pm	Year 3 outdoor learning festival @ West Tytherley Easter Egg hunt for whole school
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year R	All day	Hilliers trip
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4	By 10.30am until 2pm	Tile Barn residential
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	All	3.15pm	Last day of Spring term.
<b>APRIL</b>			
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	All Upper School	8.50am All day	Back to school for Summer 1 term Trip to Lockerley Farm for lambing
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	New Year R for Sept 26	All day	Notification day for places
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	All	3.15pm	All clubs begin for the summer term this week
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Upper School	All day	Trip to Watercress line
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2 team	4pm	Tri golf tournament
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents	Daytime	Parent teacher meetings (optional)
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent teacher meetings (optional)
<b>MAY</b>			
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage
<b>JUNE</b>			
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage
<b>JULY</b>			
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage