



A busy end to the term

The next few weeks are very busy – here's a brief run down!

Mother's Day shop – TODAY!

Our fabulous new FOSS team are running this event and there are lovely gifts in store. Thanks to the outgoing team for setting them up with this so well.

School Council visit to Andover

The school council have been investigating with the classes about school pets and setting up a snack shack for breaktimes. Today, we are off to Andover to price up pets, feed, bedding etc...look out for updates in coming weeks.

Garden Gang garden centre visit – Tues 17th

Spring has finally, finally sprung and we can get vegetable seed planting. The garden gang are consulting with classes to find out what veg they'd like to grow and will then purchase seeds in line with their (limited) budget!

Netball at Danebury – Wednesday 18th

After school on Wednesday, our team will be playing against all local cluster schools for the honor of being crowned netball champions 2026 – fingers crossed!

Comic relief day – Friday 20th

More details overleaf.

Librarians to visit Hampshire library – Tues 24th

Librarians have been working hard to reorganize the library and will top it off by visiting the main school library service and selecting over 200 books to boost our offering.

Easter Is - Tues 24th

Y6 children will join Sam, the Methodist youth worker who visits us monthly to learn more about Easter and the events leading up to this critical Christian time in the calendar.

Easter Egg hunt – Wed 25th

FOSS and the house captains will run this very popular event but eggs will be saved for after school eating!

Year R to Hilliers – Thurs 26th

Sprat & Winkle are off on their first minibus trip!

Tile Barn – Thurs 26th & Fri 27th

Year 4 are off on their residential at Tile Barn to explore a new landscape and build confidence away from home as well as try out team games.

Phew! I think we'll all be glad when Easter arrives!

Mrs Jefferies
Headteacher

Managing big emotions – a helpful hint

It might seem like an age but 90 seconds is the optimal time to give yourself a pause and engage a logical, not emotional brain.

90 seconds

When your child next makes a demand on you, asks for something, demands attention...give it 90 seconds before replying – you'll be calmer and your initial flush of emotion will have passed.

Thank you for the push to pay bills. We have only 18 days left of this financial year where all of the income must be settled. Our current debt is now £4887.05

Please settle scopay accounts or raise anomalies with the office team asap. All balances must be £0 by 27th March please.

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.



Adam Munt

Those of you who attended in person parent teacher meetings in February may already have met Adam. Adam has been a governor for a number of years now and is a member of the community (from Wallop) who gives up his time to support our school, provide challenge and ensure policies are enacted.

Adam writes:

I've been living in Hampshire for 15 years now after moving from rural Norfolk where I lived and worked for many years. I've two grown up children and served as a parent governor for 6 years at the local primary school.

I have over 30 years experience working as a Programme manager in Insurance, Telecomms and Financial services and hope I bring good business, teamwork knowledge and humour to my governor role.

When I'm not working I can usually be found on a bike, in a swimming pool, or in the great outdoors.

Adam is our link H&S Governor and oversees the pay committee and performance management checks.

COMIC RELIEF

On Friday next week, we're going to do something funny for money. This year, there are 3 ways to get involved:

FIRST: wear red all day in exchange for £1 for comic relief.

SECOND: your child has a sponsor form – please help them collect sponsors as they'll be taking part in 4 taskmaster style challenges in the afternoon. Sponsor them to complete all 4! They're decidedly tricky and fun!

THIRD: this is where YOU come in! Pay £5 and join in our 'Tour de Farce' where we'll have adults and children's games (children's entry is free). We'll have hobby horse races, a tour de farce on toddler trikes and scooters, an obstacle course and of course, a fancy dress race.

Do something silly for money and join us from 2.15pm for the Tour de Farce!

You can [sign up here](#) or on the letter previously sent home. £5 for your parent entry can be cash or via Scopay.

A REMINDER: After school play

We published this just after our return from half term but I notice there is still play in the bushes and unsupervised play. We will have no option but to ask families to leave site if the rules below are not adhered to as this is for everyone's safety.

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

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UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

Spring into action

Not many of our school community have the ability to walk to school from their homes but we can all make an effort once a week to park a little further away and walk, cycle or scoot into school. It's a great way to start the day and sometimes the best conversations to be had are whilst we're side to side with each other rather than face to face.

Make some time to walk, talk and listen with your children as part of your day to day journey to school.

If you do manage this once this week, why not try this activity to get conversation flowing, beyond the functional of what you're cooking for supper!

Do you know me?

Take turns being the quiz master and asking fun, friendly questions. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- ☞ What's my favourite snack?
- ☞ What makes me laugh?
- ☞ Where's my favourite place to visit?
- ☞ What's something I'm good at?

Answer together and enjoy discovering new things about each other.

How this builds connection: Light, positive questions help us notice strengths and understand each other better.

What is your child learning...

...in topic learning over the next 2 weeks?

S&W: In Sprat and Winkle class we are continuing to learn about growing. We will be exploring timelines using pictures of ourselves from across our lives so far and then exploring life cycles of animals.

REDBRIDGE AND HORSEBRIDGE:

In Redbridge and Horsebridge we have been well and truly getting stuck into our topic learning. Having finished our science unit on forces, we have moved onto learning about Judaism in RE. In particular, we are focusing on the concept of remembering and have linked this to Passover and the importance of the Seder Plate. Next week we will begin our art unit, during which we will be creating stencils and stamps.

MOTTISFONT AND CLATFORD:

In Mottisfont and Clatford we are continuing to learn about World War Two in History. We will focus on Anderson shelters, evacuees, the blitz, the Battle of Britain, the home front and propaganda. In RE, we will create symbols for our World War Two museum. Finally, in DT, we will be designing and creating Anderson shelters.



Year R

This week we have been busy finish our two-week project in Forest school making spinners. We worked very hard last week to palm drill a hole through a wooden slice and then again when hammering nails into the wooden stick this week. They were so much fun to build and play with.



Lower School

This week we have been thinking about the concept of remembering in RE. We shared some of our special memories and special objects that we have at home that help us to remember things that are important to us. We will be linking this to the importance of the Seder Plate in remembering Passover for a lot of Jewish people.



Upper School

This week we have focused on finishing our writing journeys. Clatford have written biographies and Mottisfont have written non-chronological reports on evacuees. We have created our own symbols in RE.

Clubhouse

What a busy week in clubhouse! As you know this week, we have been preparing for Mother's Day. The children have been secretly making all different creative items for our Mum's for Mother Day, (you may have seen some already as we were so excited to share them with you)
From everyone at clubhouse we hope everyone has a great Mother's Day!

Next week we start our new topic celebrating red nose day. We start the week competing in nose and spoon races and attempting our very own 'tour de farce.' We will be making our own crazy red noses, paper plate faces and ending the week baking some yummy cakes.

If you need a clubhouse session in an emergency or haven't been able to book the ones you need in advance, please email the admin team early.
adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk

Activities this week are specific to each day!



Spring 2 week 4: 16th - 20th March 2026

	Monday 16 th March	Tuesday 17 th March	Wednesday 18 th March	Thursday 19 th March	Friday 20 th March
Snacks	Fresh fruit is readily available plus a selection from toast to crumpets to rice cakes and more!				
Outdoor play	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 KitCamp , or on the playground.				
Homework	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.				
Main activity This week's theme is Bonfire night	Practice for Tour de Farce Nose & spoon races, toddler trikes & more!	Create your own Inspired by this year's theme, we'll make our own centre pieces	Red dot collage What pictures can we make with red finger paints to celebrate Comic Relief?	Paper plate faces Creating our own funny faces with a special red nose!	Baking Making our own pop up red nose day edible treats
Supper	Chicken goujons <i>Chicken breast goujons homemade with waffles, peas & carrots</i>	Chicken korma <i>Homemade korma sauce, chicken breast with butternut squash, rice, naan bread & sweetcorn</i>	Toasties <i>Baked bean, ham or cheese (or maybe all 3!) toastie Salad platter</i>	Spuds & sauce <i>Jacket potatoes with either beans, chilli (meat) or veggie chilli filling</i>	Noodles (meat free) <i>Stir fry veg, salmon & hoisin sauce with wholewheat noodles</i>

Themes this half term:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
23 rd - 28 th Feb	2 nd - 6 th March	9-13 th March	16 th - 20 th March	23 rd - 27 th 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 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
MARCH			
Mon 2 nd – Fri 6 th	All	2.30pm	Whole school TALENT SHOW WEEK
Tues 3 rd	Team Y5/6	10am – 12noon	TAG Rugby competition – held here.
Fri 6 th	All	All day	Denim for dementia day
Mon 9 th	Year 5/6 & Year 2/3	All day and until May	2 student teachers working in Horsebridge and Clatford
Wed 11 th	Librarians	Pm	Visit Calmore Junior School to refresh our library (letter to follow)
Thurs 12 th	Mums	12noon	Mother's Day lunch
Fri 13 th	All	2pm	Mother's Day shop on playground for all children
Wed 18 th	Team Y5/6	4pm	Netball tournament at Danebury – Please return slips ASAP
Fri 20 th	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 st	All	9am – 11am	Grounds working party
Wed 25 th	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 th	Year R	All day	Hilliers trip
Thurs 26 th – Fri 27 th	Year 4	By 10.30am until 2pm	Tile Barn residential
Fri 27 th	All	3.15pm	Last day of Spring term.
APRIL			
Mon 13 th	All Upper School	8.50am All day	Back to school for Summer 1 term Trip to Lockerley Farm for lambing
Tues 14 th	New Year R for Sept 26	All day	Notification day for places
Fri 17 th	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage
Mon 20 th	All	3.15pm	All clubs begin for the summer term this week
Wed 22 nd	Upper School	All day	Trip to Watercress line
Thurs 23 rd	Year 2 team	4pm	Tri golf tournament
Thurs 23 rd	YR	9.30am- 2.30am	Year R Marwell trip – letters to follow
Mon 27 th	Parents	Daytime	Parent teacher meetings (optional)
Wed 29 th	Parents	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent teacher meetings (optional)
MAY			
Fri 1 st	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage
JUNE			
Fri 5 th	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage
JULY			
Fri 10 th	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage