



Springing forwards

Not least a reminder to us all that the clocks 'spring forward' by an hour this weekend but also the feeling that comes at this time of year once the sun is up before we all are!

Hampshire County Council have received notification from Government on Wednesday that the Local Government Reorganisation means that Hampshire will be divided into 5 new unitary councils from 1 April 2028:

- 1) **North Hampshire:** Basingstoke, Hart & Rushmoor
- 2) **Mid Hampshire:** New Forest, Test Valley, Winchester & East Hants
- 3) **South West Hampshire:** Eastleigh & Southampton
- 4) **South East Hampshire:** Portsmouth, Havant, Gosport & Fareham.
- 5) **Isle of Wight**

This is not the proposal that HCC had been working towards. As of 1 April 2028, each of these new unitary authorities will be responsible for all council services delivered to residents in each area.

Clearly, there is a lot to work out for us as schools and all of the other council services but we'll keep you updated. From a school perspective, it won't change what your child has access to but it may change how you interact with the leaders at Council level and your services – more to follow and you can keep in the loop by visiting: www.hants.gov.uk/lgr

Have a great holiday and enjoy later mornings and a bit of a relaxed pace – see you all back at school on Monday 13th April!

Mrs Jefferies
Headteacher

COMIC RELIEF

On a sunny Friday afternoon last week, we came together as a community to raise a whopping amount of money for this worthy charity whilst having a lot of fun.

Before parents arrived, children had completed up to 8 Taskmaster style silly tasks; scoring a goal with a plastic bag, transferring a feather from one place to another without using their hands, making up silly handshakes and more.

Then 2.15pm dawned. Parents arrived in their droves.

Tour de Farce began and what a hoot! From hobby horse races and ultra competitive gymkhana style jumping to nose rolling and adults riding trikes, the last hour of the week was fun-filled and full of belly laughter.

Thank you to all who turned out for the races, to those who took part thank you for helping our children create memories they will always remember.

We raised a £**898.80**

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.



Stephanie Meakin

Those of you who attended in person parent teacher meetings in February may already have met Steph.

Only a year ago, Steph joined our FGB and what a difference she has made already.

A retired midwife and lecturer, Steph spent the first part of her retirement travelling the seas with her husband, sailing their boat to far flung places!

Steph is our Special Educational Needs governor and meets regularly with Mrs Dodman, speaks to staff and pupils to ensure inclusion is at the top of our agenda.

Steph writes:

Following a five year sailing adventure after our retirement, my husband and I moved to Longstock and wanted to contribute to the town in some way. I believe a school is central to its community and felt some of the skills gained during my 40 years of work may be of use. I have only just begun the role of School Governor and sincerely hope that my many experiences, including in fields such as public health and educational processes, will benefit our local school.

Sport

The most hotly contested tournament of the year is the netball tournament and this year was no exception.

All 7 cluster schools took part and the netball courts at Danebury school were buzzing last week as over 50 children and parents came together to play and cheer on our respective netball teams.

We had some thrilling games and the team blew me away with how well they played together. They were ALWAYS in a space, ALWAYS looking out for each other, brilliant at marking and had many, many attempts at shots, a good few of which they made!

With scorelines of 0,1; 3,0; 7,0; 1,1, 5,1 & 4,1 (total of 20 nets scored by our team) we knew we'd done well the tournament was so close - our silver medals were brilliantly won and children came away with a real sense of pride, not to mention the staff shedding a small tear of joy!



World Cup

Today we hosted a very special visitor...the Women's Rugby World Cup! Thanks to Nicola McCombe we were able to share the world cup with our year 5 & 6 children and also 50 other children from local schools.

Andover Rugby Club came to do a taster session with the girls and boys from our upper school and they had great fun, despite the drizzle. If any child would like to take up rugby, Andover rugby club run 3 free taster sessions to try it out; please contact Tommy, the head coach, on tommyarfc@gmail.com.



REGULAR



UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

What is your child learning...

In their topics next term & how could you help over Easter?

We thought a little glimpse into the next 6 weeks might help if you're thinking about what to do over Easter.

Sprat & Winkle

After the Easter holidays, we return to school with a topic of 'home'. We will be exploring what a home is, including what types of different homes and habitats there are. We will also be visiting Marwell Zoo as part of this topic to identify animal habitats.

In Maths we will begin with a topic of 'Exploring 3D shapes' before moving onto '2D and beyond'. In Drawing club we start with the book Rapunzel and will be writing sentences linked to this story.

Lower school

Next half term our topic is Watch Me Go! We will be exploring our bodies, what keeps us healthy and baking different breads for a healthy lunch in DT.

In Horsebridge we have one more week on fractions looking at equivalent fractions in year 2 and comparing, adding and subtracting fractions in year 3. Then we will move onto telling time.

In English we will be learning about imperative verbs (bossy words) and commands with "The Disgusting Sandwich" as our text driver.

In Redbridge, we will start the term exploring 2D and 3D shapes, drawing them and identifying their properties. In English, we will be reading 'Lunch at 10 Pomegranate Street' and using this to inspire instruction writing linked to our DT work.

Upper school

For the first two weeks we will be continuing with our WW2 topic. The children will learn about life as an evacuee and get to experience this on our school trip to the Watercress Line. We will then move onto our new topic for 4 weeks, called 'The circle of life'. This will have a science focus and will involve hatching chicks!

In Clatford class the children will be learning about ratio and algebra before revising our learning around fractions, percentages and decimals. In English we will enjoy our new text 'The Astounding Broccoli Boy'.

In Mottisfont class, the children will be looking at a text called Botanical, which focuses on different plants. In Maths, we will be using a fraction knowledge to support our understanding of decimals and percentages.

Year R



Year R went on their first proper off-site trip this week to the lovely Sir Harold Hillier Gardens in Romsey. We had a fantastic day pond dipping, making smelly caterpillars from picking herbs in their herb garden and lots of other fantastic activities whilst exploring their grounds. The children had a wonderful time.

Lower School



In the final week of the term we have been finishing off our art pieces using stencils, overpainting and reverse stenciling. In geography, we have been comparing the physical and human features of Germany and England, with a focus on The New Forest and The Black Forest.

Upper School



This week Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to visit the Methodist Church to learn about Easter. In Mottisfont the children have finished off their diary entries written as if they were an evacuee. Year 4 are really excited for Tile Barn (and Mrs Dodman is too!)

Clubhouse

This week in clubhouse we have been 'waste warriors.' We have been discussing and investigating recycling and pollution around the world. One favourite activity was our water pollution sensory trays, saving the sea animals from the waste collected. Some of us made our very own sun catchers using recycled bottles.

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

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 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
APRIL			
Mon 13 th	All Upper School	8.50am All day	Back to school for Summer 1 term Trip to Lockerley Farm for lambing
	KS1	3.15pm – 4.15pm	KS1 Athletics starts
Tues 14 th	New Year R for Sept 26	All day	Notification day for places
Wed 15 th		3.15pm-4.15pm	Integr8 starts
		1.30pm -3.00pm	Oracy Cup @ Lockerley School
Fri 17 th	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage
Mon 20 th	All	3.15pm	All teacher run clubs begin for the summer term this week
	All	All day	Wonka bar tickets start
Wed 22 nd	Upper School	All day	Trip to Watercress line
Thurs 23 rd	Year 2 team	4pm	Tri golf tournament- letters to follow
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
Mon 4 th	All	All day	Bank Holiday
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th	All	PM	Book week
Mon 11 th – Thurs 14 th	YR 6	AM	KS2 SATs
Thurs 14 th	YR 6	PM	Year 6 Lunch out
Fri 15 th	All	All day	Non-uniform day – Roald Dahl character
	All	PM	Wonka Bar sale
Mon 18 th - Fri 22 nd	All	AM & PM	Walk to school week
Monday 25 th – Fri 29 th	All		MAY HALF TERM
JUNE			
Mon 1 st – Tues 2 nd	YR 6	AM	Bikeability – please complete the online consent form.
Wed 3 rd	TBC	TBC	Cricket, Broughton Sports Field
Fri 5 th	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage
Thurs 11 th	KS1	AM	Athletics at Kings Somborne
	KS2	PM	Athletics at Kings Somborne
Mon 15 th	All	All day	INSET DAY
Tues 16 th	All	All day	Bags2school
Mon 22 nd - Thurs 25 th	YR 4	PM	Swimming lessons at Farleigh School
Thurs 25 th	TBC	TBC	Hampshire School Games
Fri 26 th	KS2		Lepe Beach
JULY			
Fri 10 th	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage
Mon 13 th	All		Last week of teacher run clubs and Integr8
Thurs 16 th	YR 6	PM	Year 6 Treat Day
Fri 17 th	All	3.30pm -6.00pm	Summer Sizzler

