



## Chick crazy!

I am sure you have heard about our 8 additional pupils in the last fortnight as we have hatched 8 baby chicks who are now developing feathers and are definitely very noisy!! They were introduced as part of the living and growing topic in Upper School and have provided much interest and fascination as the weeks have gone on. They are actually now very big and will be returning to the farm today.

It has proved an endless source of chatter and interest and toilet stops have definitely taken a lot longer than normal as children wander past the chicks, stop to say hello and hope for a cuddle!

We have also been busy getting all of our new families set up with paperwork – admissions notification day for year R in September 2026 was last week and we are delighted to have a full cohort of 20 children joining us. Preparations to welcome them are also underway and transition days will take part right at the end of the year.

Miss Aplin attended some great training this week for Early Years teachers called 'tinkering with woodwork' so Year R parents can expect some weird and wonderful wooden creations over the next 9 weeks!

Planning for the 2026-27 academic year has begun and I hope to let you all have INSET dates in the next few weeks, certainly before we break up for Whitsun holidays.

Happy bank holiday weekend!

**Mrs Jefferies**  
**Headteacher**

## Information for parents

**Year 6 parents** – you should have in your email inboxes, a copy of the slides from the Year 6 parents information evening plus a handy booklet from the DfE about SATs. I have also emailed a timetable of SATs week which you can share with your child – they'll have their own copy in school.

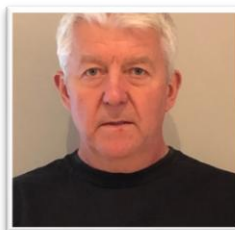
**Year 5 parents** – you should have in your email inboxes, a copy of the slides about Wales, an e-copy of the kit list and a timetable of the week in Wales.

**Year 4 parents** – after tonight's meeting, you will be emailed a copy of the slides and an information booklet on the multiplication tables check from the DfE.



## Governors

Each Governor brings a certain set of skills to the table and this week, we're focusing on someone who is from outside our school community but adds massive value to our strategic thinking.



### Charlie McLaughlan

Charlie has lived in Stockbridge for 16 years and loves the village feel and instant access to the Hampshire countryside. You may have seen him walking past the school gate with his spaniel as he lives just along Old London Road.

Joining the Royal Navy as a junior medic, Charlie moved through the ranks as a pharmacy technician to healthcare and logistics manager before leaving into a position of Professional Standards Director at the Royal College of Anaesthetists.

Retiring from the London commute in 2016, Charlie then became a team leader and medic for an international disaster response charity and Path Access Warden for Hampshire County Council. Wishing to give something back locally, he hopes his wide experience in education/training, healthcare and outdoor pursuits can benefit the school.

Charlie is a relatively new governor, having joined at the beginning of spring term so he will be joining governors in the coming week or so to get his first taste of governor monitoring in school. He has also joined the Health & Safety committee so will be working with our team to ensure we are fully compliant and safe.

# Sport

Huge congratulations to our boys football team who competed at Danebury on Thursday evening in our cluster football competition. It was tough and they earned a well deserved third place. Miss Morris and Mrs Dodman were very proud of the good sportsmanship amongst our team – thank you to parents who also turned out and encouraged our children really positively.

For those beady eyed amongst you who watched the women’s rugby at the weekend, you might have spotted our very own Charlotte from Year 3 amongst the mascots who came on with the Women’s team at during the Red Roses vs Wales game at Ashton Gate in Bristol. She did indeed lead the team onto the pitch with captain Meg Jones – the team were a little late leaving the tunnel because Meg and Charlotte were too busy chatting!!

# ‘drop offs’

We know that Old London Road is very busy on a morning and sometimes you have to park quite far down to get a space but this is the safest way to drop your child off for school. That or parking on the High Steet, at the White Hart or in the layby and walking in to school.

Too many families are dropping off either on the corner of Old London Road (a busy junction) or either side of the zig zags by the main gate. THIS IS NOT SAFE. It’s also illegal and backs traffic up back onto the main road.

Please take a minute or two more and park safely, see your child across the road and then head off to whatever your day holds knowing that your child is safely in school and you haven’t caused chaos behind you!

We are very lucky to have lovely, tolerant neighbours along Old London Road so please avoid parking across or even in their driveways and blocking their garden gates. Even if you think you’re stopping for a minute, you may get caught chatting or your child fall over and need medical attention or your child’s teacher grab you quickly and this could prevent someone leaving their home when they too may be under time pressure.

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

# REGULAR



# UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

# Reading

Our librarians paid an afternoon visit to the Hampshire school library a few weeks ago and very sensibly chose a wide selection of books requested by children and teachers.

They have been given to the children in each class today along with a bookmark which we also picked up for everyone.

Children in Year R & Year 1 should still be receiving 1 reading scheme book per week and as many ‘love to read’ books from their classroom libraries and our main library as they wish to take home. Please make sure that they are sent back to school in a good condition so that others can enjoy them too.



This week’s ‘Go all in’ theme is for the gamers amongst you! These books build on children’s love of gaming and graphic novels.



GRAPHIC NOVEL  
Press Start! Game On, Super Rabbit Boy!  
AGES 5-7



BOOK  
Solve Your Own Mystery: The Monster Maker  
AGES 7-9



AUDIOBOOK  
Dungeon Runners  
AGES 7-9  
Small but determined Kit the



BOOK  
Press Start to Play  
AGES 7-9  
The ultimate book of poetry for

# What is your child learning...

In **writing** this half term?

<b>Sprat &amp; Winkle</b>	In Sprat and Winkle class this week, we have read the story of Hansel and Gretel as part of our drawing club sessions. The children drew the character's Hansel and Gretel and wrote fantastic sentences about them, including how the children were feeling.
<b>Redbridge</b>	In Redbridge, this week we have finished writing a set of instructions on how to make a sandwich, inspired by the book 'Lunch at 10 Pomegranate Street'. We will publish this before moving onto our next writing journey which uses 'The Disgusting Sandwich' as our inspiration for a story of our own.
<b>Horsebridge</b>	Horsebridge have just finished writing instructions for a recipe and next week we start our new writing journey! We will be creating a graphic novel following the journey our food takes in the digestive system. Year 2 will be focusing on present tense and apostrophes to contract e.g., could not becomes couldn't. Year 3 will be working on present perfect e.g. I have been playing guitar for years, and apostrophes for possession.
<b>Mottisfont</b>	This half term, we have started our writing journey by looking at persuasive features. This week the children have written me a persuasive letter requesting an additional break. They were fabulous letters which did persuade me. We have drafted a letter to Mrs Jefferies requesting bee-friendly plants. Our next writing journey is a poetry unit.
<b>Clatford</b>	This week Clatford have been using the book 'A Planet full of plastic'. The children have written to the King to explain the problem and persuade him to support change and will continue to create an explanation text about plastic. We are then moving onto use the text 'The Crown' which will develop the use of our imagination to describe the current plastic problem. The children will then create a speech in the style of Greta Thunberg.

# Learning this week

## Year R



In Year R this week we were lucky to have some visitors come in and talk to us about their jobs of being architects. They showed us pictures and talked about what their job includes. They then set the children a challenge to make a hedgehog house so watch this space for some amazing builds to come!

## Lower School



This half term our topic is Watch Me Go, we have learned about the digestive system and the organ names in science which will help us in our trip next week to the Winchester Science Museum! We have begun our DT learning about healthy eating and we are going to use this knowledge to create our own cob loaf recipes and bake them!

## Upper School



We have started our growing topic! In Science we have started to think about germination, pollination and have set up lots of exciting experiments to test how plants grow. Clatford and Mottisfont Class have both been getting ready for the upcoming SATs and times table check. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and determination.

# Clubhouse

For the summer term, we have a revised menu on a 3 weekly cycle which complements the school lunch menu so that children are eating a varied and balanced diet.

Next week's food is listed below (this is week 2 of the 3 week cycle).

In week 1 we have:

Monday	Mac n' cheese with garlic bread & carrots
Tuesday	Spuds; with beans, cheese, tuna & salad
Wednesday	Croissants (ham and cheese) & crudites
Thursday	Mezze: salad, meats, cheeses and crackers
Friday	Hot dogs & wedges

In week 3 we have:

Monday	Salmon & noodles
Tuesday	Chicken korma (veggie alternative)
Wednesday	Spaghetti Bolognese
Thursday	Cordon bleu chicken (ham & cheese stuffed breaded chicken)
Friday	Children made pizzas

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](mailto:adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk)

Activities this week are specific to each day!



The Clubhouse

## Summer 1 week 4: 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
<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 London Marathon week</b>	BANK HOLIDAY	<b>Support banner</b> Looking at examples of banners, children will make their own to support their chosen charity	<b>Design a medal</b> Thinking about the patterns and words to go on a medal, choosing fonts and making one on the computer or for real	<b>Mini Marathon</b> Running on the field and making up our own cheers and chants for support. Older children will be challenged to time and record their PB.	<b>Team flags</b> Looking at pennants and flags and how they convey messages. Making our own from paper or fabrics - the sewing machine might even come out!
<b>Supper</b>	BANK HOLIDAY	<b>Spuds</b> <i>Soft in the middle, crispy skin is the way to go plus beans, cheese or tuna and salad on the side</i>	<b>Croissants &amp; crudites</b> <i>Loved by all children, they'll make their own croissants with crudites &amp; salad</i>	<b>Mezze</b> <i>A return of this summery offering. Olives, a range of meats and cheeses, salad choices and crackers</i>	<b>Hot dogs</b> <i>Butcher's sausages in a soft bread bun with homemade wedges and beans</i>

Themes this half term:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> April	20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> April	27 <sup>th</sup> April - 1 May	4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
National pet week	Spring has sprung	People who help us	London Marathon week	Mental Health week	National walk to school 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 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>APRIL</b>			
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 teacher run clubs begin for the summer term this week
	All	All day	Wonka bar tickets start
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
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	YR	9.30am- 2.30am	Year R Marwell trip
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent teacher meetings (optional) – see separate email from office this week
<b>MAY</b>			
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	All	All day	Bank Holiday
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	PM	Book week
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	YR 6	AM	KS2 SATs
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	YR 6	PM	Year 6 Lunch out
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	All day	Non-uniform day – Roald Dahl character
	All	PM	Wonka Bar sale
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All	AM & PM	Walk to school week
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	All		MAY HALF TERM
<b>JUNE</b>			
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> – Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	YR 6	AM	Bikeability – please complete the online consent form.
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	TBC	TBC	Cricket, Broughton Sports Field
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	All Year 6	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage Launch of 5er challenge for Year 6 only
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1	AM	Athletics at Kings Somborne
	KS2	PM	Athletics at Kings Somborne
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	All	All day	Bags2school – drop your bags off at school. Also available to drop on Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> 11am – 12noon
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	All day	INSET DAY
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	YR 3	6.00pm	Year 3 Camp Out
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	YR 4	PM	Swimming lessons at Farleigh School
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6	Pm	Fiver challenge days – selling after school
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	TBC	Hampshire School Games
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	KS2		Lepe Beach
<b>JULY</b>			
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	9.30am – 11.30am 2pm & 6pm	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage Upper School play
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	All		Last week of teacher run clubs and Integr8
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	YR 6	PM	Year 6 Treat Day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	3.30pm -6.00pm	Summer Sizzler

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	All	AM	Sports day
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