



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 3

18 September 2026

Only 14 days in!

We may only be 14 days into the new school year but it already feels like we're back in the swing of things with well established routines and children settled in their learning.

In the last 14 days, we've managed to cram in an awful lot; Calshot residential for Year 5 children, running their own pop up café for Year 6 children, establishing new buddy friendships and family groups across the school, Romsey Abbey Choir singing trials for years 3 & 4, briefings on phonics for Year R parents, sharing lunches with parents of Year R children, assigning new roles for children in school and running school councillor elections.

All of this activity is set to continue with a packed schedule of activities that enrich your child's experience at our school and provide opportunities for the to find something they are passionate about and interested in enough no matter what their age.

We continue to have a fantastic army of volunteers who give up so much of their time in school to hear children read, play maths games, support with editing and redrafting, looking after our library too – I am forever grateful for their continued support and know that our children love reading with them and chatting with them about what they're enjoying in their books.

The next few weeks until half term are busy ones so please do check out the diary dates to make sure you have everything you need on your calendar! Monday is an INSET day most importantly so no school for the children!

Mrs Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Secondary schools

If your child is in year 5 or 6, now is the time to start looking at secondary schools ready for Year 7. There will also be open days in the summer term for year 5 children but Year 6 parents, the window for applications closes early this term so please do go and view!



Danebury School have an open morning on 24th September. Use the QR code to book.

Code for 24th September Open Morning.



Henry Beaufort have their open mornings (9am – 10am) on 22nd Sept, 1st Oct & 14th oct and an open evening on 22nd Sept from 5.15pm – 7.30pm



Westgate School, Winchester have their open events on 1st Oct & 23rd June '27. 9am – 11am

[Book here for timed slots](#)



John Hanson school in Andover have their open evening on 24th September from 6pm.



Embley: **Senior School Open Evening – Thursday 24 Sept (5.30pm-7.30pm) Open Mornings – Tuesday 13 October and Friday 20 November (9.00am-12.30pm)** Book online: www.embley.org.uk

[Book here for each event](#)

Chafyn & Godolphin have merged and they have their open mornings on 24th Sept, Oct and 10 Nov.



Parents, there are of course many more secondary schools that our children attend once leaving here.

Winchester: Kings

Romsey: Mountbatten & The Romsey School,

Salisbury; Bishops & South Wilts (both grammar schools with entrance exams) and St Joseph's too

Andover: Winton & Harrow Way & Testbourne further out.

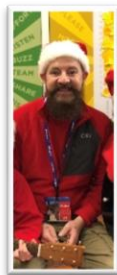
Uniform

Only 3 weeks into the school term and the lost uniform basket is overflowing...especially the unnamed one! Please do take a moment next week to go through the lost property and see if any of your child's belongings have mysteriously found their way there!

Please take this weekend to review your child's school uniform and ensure EVERYTHING is labelled.

PE uniform is required for all PE lessons otherwise children will be unable to take part. This means shorts, t-shirt, trainers at the moment. Every Wednesday every child has PE so please make sure it is in on Monday, ready for the week.

Music



Kev will be returning this coming Wednesday so please make sure guitars are in and ready for learning!

If your child would like guitar lessons with Kev and they are in Year 3 and above, please let the school office know and we will hook you up with him to get started.

We have also been successful in finding a pianist to replace Mr Seymour. We are just undertaking all safeguarding checks and hope to have lessons up and running before half term on Tuesdays throughout the school day. If your child is interested in playing piano, please email the school office:

adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk

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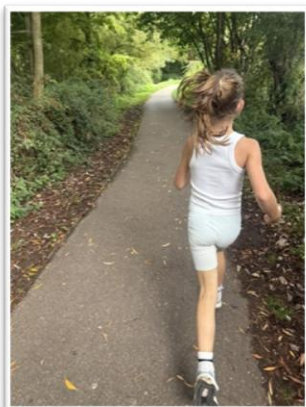


UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

Sport

We had our first inter school competition this week at Danebury secondary school; Cross Country. Our children ran superbly in every age category with some notable finishes by Year 5 and 6 boys particularly. The Howard twins are on to be the next Brownlee Brothers I think! Well done to all who competed and earned us a fantastic 2nd place overall with some firsts, seconds and third places too.



Well done to Ella who completed her first Park Run on Saturday. It was a 5km run aimed at adults as the Junior Park Runs are 2.5km.

Ella ran the full 5km, completing it in 31 minutes and with that was awarded 1st place for her age category. She is aiming for under 30 minutes next time!

From time to time we send home information about local clubs which may be of interest to families. We are in no way endorsing these clubs and urge parents to carry out their own safeguarding checks:

- Are the staff qualified to teach what they're teaching?
 - Are they DBS (police) checked?
 - What's the safeguarding policies for the organisation?
 - How will they keep my child safe, engaged and manage unwanted behaviours in a way I am comfortable with?
- Might be some questions to ask before enrolling!**

Shoeboxes

Before you embark on your weekly shop, please don't forget to add a little something if you possibly can to go towards our shoebox collection. We still need more shoeboxes too!

AGE 1 - 3 YEARS (Boy or girl)
CHOOSE FROM
Small soft toy, picture book, hat, gloves, socks, soap, hairbrush, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, plus any other suitable small items.
AGE 4 - 7 YEARS (Boy or girl)
CHOOSE FROM
Pictorial educational book and game, simple jigsaw, ball, lego, crayons and colouring book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, soap, hairbrush, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, toy vehicle, small doll, skipping rope.
AGE 8 - 11 YEARS (Boy or girl)
CHOOSE FROM
Pictorial educational book and game, jigsaw, ball, card game, felt tip pens, pencils, pencil case, drawing book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, wide toothed comb, soap, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, sports item, skipping rope, hair accessories.
AGE 12 - 15 YEARS (Boy or girl)
CHOOSE FROM
Pictorial educational book and game, playing cards, geometry set, pens, pencils and case, pencil sharpener, rubber, writing/drawing book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, wide toothed comb, soap, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, washbag, hair accessories, sports item.

THINGS TO PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX
• International Customs require items which must be for education, health and hygiene purposes • All items must be new or in 'as new condition'
DO NOT INCLUDE
• Food of any kind • Liquids of any kind • Sweets of any kind • Battery powered items • War related items, toys, books, guns, knives etc • Large items of clothing or shoes • Books of a religious, racial or political nature • Medicines • Large toys • Sharp items

Diary Dates Autumn term 2026-27

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!

Date	Who does it apply to?	Time	Notes
SEPTEMBER			
Mon 21 st	All	All day	INSET DAY
Wed 23 rd	Year R	9.00am-10.00am	Face to face - Maths workshop
	Year R	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Virtual – Maths workshop
Thurs 24 th	KS2	8.50am – 3.00pm	Ancient Greek Workshop
Fri 25 th	All	8.50am – 11.00am	Individual and sibling photos
	All	3.15pm- 4.15pm	Macmillan Pop-Up Cafe
Mon 28 th Sept– Fri 2 nd October	Year 6	8.50am	Year 6 Wales trip
OCTOBER			
Mon 5 th	All		Conker Competition
Thurs 8 th	Year R	08.50am-11.30am	Minibus trip around local area – letters to follow
Fri 9 th	All	08.50am-3.15pm	Dress down day – chocolate donations for Pumpkin Party
Tues 13 th & Wednes 14 th	KS1	09.30am – 11.30am	Lockerley Estate farm visits
Tues 20 th	Y4/5 girls	10.00-11.30am	Girls football Competition - Danebury
	Y4/5 boys	1.00-2.30pm	Boys football competition – Danebury
Wed 21 st	Year R	9.00am- 10.00am	Face to face Reading workshop
	Year R	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Virtual Reading workshop
Thurs 22 nd	All	3.30pm – 5.30pm	FOSS Pumpkin Party
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th	All		HALF TERM