



# Newsletter

19/12/2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of 2025, a great deal has taken place over the last term. The children have made excellent progress, and I would like to thank them all for their hard work and commitment throughout the year.

This week, Year 3 sang their Christmas carols, which were extremely engaging, and I hope that everyone who came to watch thoroughly enjoyed them.

On Wednesday, we held our Christmas disco, which was another wonderful opportunity for the school to say a big thank you to the children for all their efforts. The children were also able to relax and enjoy their Christmas celebrations, including Christmas dinners, crackers, and festive music, while staff served them during the Christmas lunch.

We finished the week, as always, with our weekly Knights of the Week assembly. This was another opportunity to say a massive well done to all the children and to look ahead to the new year. Please make sure you make a note of all Spring term dates. As always, we will try our best to stick to these dates and will add any new events as the term progresses.

My final message for 2025 is to wish you all a wonderful Christmas with your families. Please stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you all at the start of the new year.



Warm regards,

Mr Whitehouse



## Online Safety

### Build & Talk – Smart Gaming

In-game ads, paywalls, scammers – it's good to stay one step ahead when you're gaming. This activity will help you explore common watch-outs and game mechanics and help start an open conversation about how to stay smart while gaming.

Click link to access game: <https://www.lego.com/en-gb/families/staying-safe-online>





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## This week's house points

Portchester	Wolvesey	Carisbrooke	Donnington
390	394 	387	342

## Attendance



You can track your child's attendance on the Arbor App

If you have any questions regarding attendance, you can speak to Ms Hardy who is based at the Infants.

**We work in line with Hampshire County Council policy and do not authorise holidays during term time unless it is due to an exceptional circumstance. Should you choose to take a holiday of 5 days or more you will be issued with a Penalty Notice. Further details can be found on our website.**

[Is my child well enough to come to school? Handy guide](#)

### Weekly Attendance

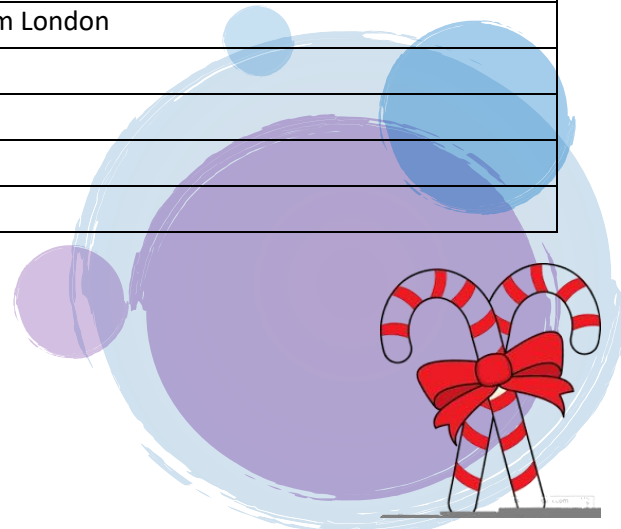
Owls		Castles		Dragons		Knights 	
88.8%		87.8%		96.3%		96.7%	
Dover	Leeds	Windsor	Edinburgh	Highclere	Arundel	Balmoral	
94% 	87.1%	93.1%	92.6%	91.4%	88.7%	93.7%	

### Key Dates

December 2025

January 2026

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26	INSET DAY
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26	Children return to school – Knights' Way Day – Collaboration Value
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26	Year R Bikeability
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26	Year 3 – Trip to Natural History Museum London
W/C 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26	SATs Mock week
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26	Railway Assembly
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26	KS1 Owl Experience (in school)
W/C 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26	After School Clubs start (week 1)





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Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26	Book fair arrives
W/C 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 26	After school clubs week 2
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 26	Book fair final day
W/C 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26	After school clubs week 3
W/C 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26	SCARF visit all week
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26	Internet Safety Day
W/C 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26	Half Term
W/C 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 26	After school clubs week 4
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26	Spring 2 Curriculum Overviews to be sent out
W/C 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 26	After school clubs week 5
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26	World Book Day
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26	Hockey house competition
W/C 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26	After school clubs week 6 (FINAL WEEK)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26	Open Event/Show & Tell (3.30-4.15pm)
W/C 16 Mar 26	Science Week
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26	World Down Syndrome Day
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26	Red Nose Day
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26	Last day of term
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr 26	Return to school

## Supporting the Community



### Free holiday activities & meals for eligible children this winter!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy fun activities and healthy meals for free this Christmas through Hampshire's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Spaces are limited - book now! Scan the QR code below to check if you're eligible, find local HAF schemes, and book your child(ren)'s place



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**ARMY FLYING MUSEUM**

## WINTER ACTIVITIES

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, EACH WEEKDAY  
22<sup>ND</sup>, 29<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER  
AND 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY  
FREE WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION

THE MUSEUM IS CLOSED ON THE  
23<sup>RD</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

SNOWMAN TRAIL AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS

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