

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term.

It has been fantastic to see the children returning so happy and positive. Starting the new half term with some sunshine certainly adds a spring to our step! The children have already begun exploring their new curriculum themes and are thoroughly enjoying their learning.

You can find all information about this half term's curriculum on the school website under your child's class page. Clicking the link below will take you directly to the relevant information. <https://www.knightsenhamfederation.co.uk/class-pages>

This week we were also delighted to see our new mini golf course installed on the junior playground. This wonderful addition was made possible thanks to the support of our fantastic PTA. For the rest of this academic year, children across both schools will have the opportunity to access the mini golf during break and lunchtime, adding an exciting new dimension to their free time. The smiles on their faces say it all, a brilliant investment! If you are interested in joining the PTA, please contact the school office for more information. Your support truly makes a difference.

In addition, the children recently participated in workshops delivered by the NSPCC, focusing on helping them to understand their rights and how to speak up if they ever feel worried or unsafe. These sessions were age-appropriate and thoughtfully delivered, supporting our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and pupil wellbeing.

Looking ahead, we are excited for World Book Day on Thursday. Please keep an eye out for further correspondence. We will be holding a dress-down day, and children are welcome to come in comfortable clothes or fancy dress, whatever they prefer. We will also be inviting contributions towards new library books, with more details to follow shortly.

Let's hope the sunshine continues! Enjoy your weekend, and we look forward to welcoming you and the children back on Monday.

Take care.

## Spring into Action 2026 – Time to Walk, Talk, Listen Walk to school week W/C 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

We are pleased to be sharing My Journey's **Spring into Action Toolkit**.

This year's theme is Time to Walk, Talk, Listen, and included in the Toolkit are fun activities and questions to help spark conversation while you walk or wheel, either to and from school or during your leisure time.



## This week's house points

Portchester	Wolvesey	Carisbrooke	Donnington
281	252	222	241





## Online Safety Minecraft

### Manage Multiplayer & Social Settings

**Join Multiplayer Games:** Set this to Allow if you want them to play on servers or with friends. Set to Block to keep them in single-player only. **Communicate with Others:** You can choose Everyone, Friends Only, or Block to control who can send them text or voice chat. **Add Friends:** You can restrict whether your child can send or receive new friend requests. **Join Cross-Network Play:** This allows or blocks them from playing with friends on different platforms (e.g., a PC player joining a friend on a Nintendo Switch).

### In-Game Safety Tools

While most controls are account-based, there are a few tools you can use while the game is running:

**Hide Chat:** Go to Options > Chat Settings and set Chat to Hidden or Commands Only to prevent them from seeing any messages.

**Block/Report Players:** If someone is being disruptive, you can pause the game, select the player's name, and choose Mute, Block, or Report. **Profanity Filter:** This is enabled by default for child accounts and automatically censors inappropriate language in chat.

### Screen Time & Spending

**Time Limits:** Use the [Microsoft Family Safety App](#) to set daily limits or "off" hours for the Minecraft app on Windows and Xbox.

**Purchase Approval:** You can require an adult's approval for any purchases made in the **Minecraft Marketplace**



## 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	
93.14%		96.3%		92.86%		94.44%	
Dover	Leeds	Windsor	Edinburgh	Highclere	Arundel	Balmoral	
98.94% 🏆	93.65%	97.92%	93.33%	94.24%	94.91%	89.9%	

### Key Dates

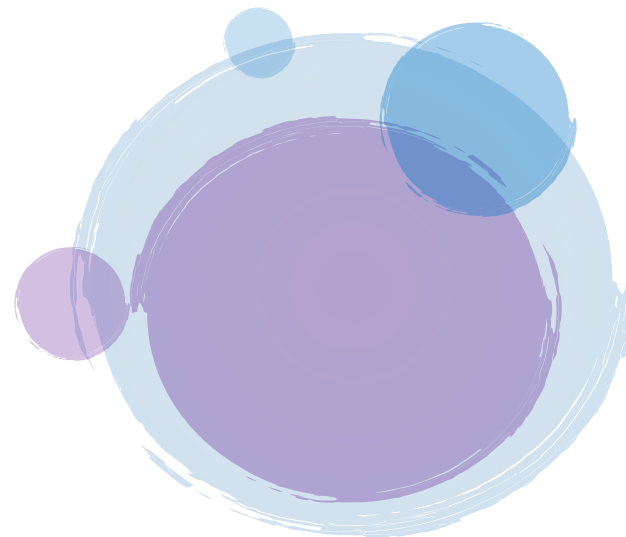
W/C 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 26	After school clubs week 5
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26	World Book Day
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26	Hockey house competition
W/C 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26	After school clubs week 6 (FINAL WEEK)
W/C 16 Mar 26	Science Week
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26	World Down Syndrome Day
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26	Red Nose Day

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<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 26</b>	Early Parents Evening
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 26</b>	Late Parents Evening
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 26</b>	Last day of term – Easter holidays
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Apr 26</b>	Return to school
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Apr 26</b>	Disney dress down in aid of Spotlight UK
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Apr 26</b>	Class & Leavers photographs
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Apr 26</b>	Year 3 – Stubbington Residential
<b>W/C 18<sup>th</sup> May 26</b>	Walk to school week
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 26</b>	Last day – Half term
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jun 26</b>	Children return to school



## Supporting the Community

**Spotlight is turning 17.**

**On 15<sup>th</sup> April come into school dressed in your favourite Disney Fancy Dress, we ask for a donation to this wonderful charity in return (CASH ONLY) if you want to pay in school or alternatively you can make an online donation: [Spotlight](#)**

