

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well and enjoying the sunshine, fingers crossed it continues!

This week we have had a strong focus on reading for pleasure, which the children celebrated through World Book Day. The children looked fantastic, and thank you for all the effort you put into helping make that happen. Also, a big thank you to the PTA.

As part of the celebrations, the children took part in a fun Where's Wally? challenge. A number of staff members dressed as Wally and were each given a number. The children's task was to find the Wally's around the school and record the number each member of staff was wearing. I know the children thoroughly enjoyed the challenge.

Another significant part of the week was the Ofsted call that the infant school received on Monday morning. Inspectors then joined the infant school on Tuesday and Wednesday. The outcome of the inspection will be shared with all families shortly, but I wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the children. They were amazing over the two days and made us all very proud.

A big thank you also goes to all our families for your continued support. Finally, a personal thank you to all the staff, both in the infants and the juniors, for their hard work and dedication, which contributed to the positive experience across the two days.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards  
Mr Whitehouse

## This week's house points

Portchester	Wolvesey	Carisbrooke	Donnington
365	341	373 	341

## Online Safety - Pokemon GO



Pokémon GO parental controls are managed through [Niantic Kids](#) or [Pokémon Trainer Club accounts](#), allowing parents to restrict social features, manage friend lists, block sponsored content, and control data privacy for children under 13. Parents can review permissions via a dedicated portal, requiring verification for child accounts.

### Key Parental Control Features & Management

**Account Types:** Children under 13 should use a Niantic Kids account, which allows parents to manage privacy settings. Alternatively, the Pokémon Trainer Club enables parent verification and control.

**Parent Portal:** Through the Niantic Kids parent portal, you can approve permissions, manage data collection, and control access to features.

**In-Game Restrictions:** Parents can toggle settings to:

- Block social features and friend requests.
- Disable sponsored content.
- Enable popup warnings.

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## Safety Measures:

**Location Awareness:** The game requires GPS, so parents should ensure children understand location safety.

**Activity Monitoring:** While it encourages physical activity, it is recommended that younger children play in groups.

## How to Set Up

**Select New Player:** Choose this on the app's home screen.

**Use Kid-Friendly Login:** Select Niantic Kids or Pokémon Trainer Club.

**Verify as Parent:** Confirm you are the parent/guardian to edit permissions.

For more detailed information on managing these, you can visit [Niantic's Parent Guide](#).



## 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](#)

<u>Weekly Attendance</u>						
<b>Owls</b> 		<b>Castles</b>		<b>Dragons</b>		<b>Knights</b>
98.18%		94.81%		97.86%		96.74%
<b>Dover</b>	<b>Leeds</b>	<b>Windsor</b>	<b>Edinburgh</b>	<b>Highclere</b>	<b>Arundel</b>	<b>Balmoral</b>
99.04% 	92.86%	95.63%	97.2%	95.91%	96.65%	96.76%

## Key Dates

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



## 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.

myjourneyhampshire.com/springintoaction



## Supporting the Community



### Easter Fun



1st April - Goat Movie - Aldershot - 11am -£4.50  
1st April - High Score Farnborough - 2pm - £6.50  
1st April - Bowling and Laser Tag Andover - 6pm £6.50

2nd April - High Score Newbury 1pm -£6.50  
2nd April - Family Swim Basingstoke -2pm - £4.50  
2nd April - Soft Play Oxygen Reading - 2pm - £4

3rd April - Jungle Mania Soft Play Reading 6pm- £4  
3rd April - Bowling Basingstoke -6pm - £3.50

4th April - Family Swim Basingstoke - 1pm - £4.50  
4th April - Ice Skating Basingstoke - 3pm - £6

For more details please email [activities@spotlightuk.org](mailto:activities@spotlightuk.org)



### Easter Fun



7th April - High Score Arcade Farnborough - 1pm -6.50  
7th April - Bowling & laser Tag Camberley -6pm -£6.50  
7th April - Bowling in Reading - 6pm- £3.50

8th April - Flip Out Basingstoke -5pm - £6.50  
8th April - Soft Play Camberley - 4.45pm - £3.50  
8th April - Atmosphere Trampoline - 6-8pm - £4.50

9th April - High Score Arcade Andover- 2.30pm - £6.50  
9th April -Ice Skating Basingstoke - 3pm - £6.50  
9th April - Soft Play Reading - 1pm - £4  
9th April - Bowling in Basingstoke - 6pm - £3.50  
9th April - Bowling in Andover - 6pm - £3.50  
9th April - Bowling in Aldershot - 6.15pm -£2.50  
10th April - 360 Play Farnborough - 6.60pm - £4.50  
11th April - Family Swim Basingstoke - 1pm - £3.50  
11th April - High Score Newbury - 2pm - £6.50

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