



KNIGHTS NEWS

25th September 2026



Dear Families,

I hope you've all had a lovely week. It's been nice to enjoy a little more sunshine before the days inevitably become shorter, darker, windier and probably a lot wetter too!

Speaking of sunshine, we are certainly hoping it stays with us today as we look forward to our Knights Festival this afternoon. I know lots of the children are incredibly excited about coming along, particularly for the opportunity to Splat the Teacher – including, apparently, me!

However, unfortunately, due to breaking my nose playing football last night, definitely a mistake on my part, I won't be able to join everyone at the festival later today and certainly won't be taking part in Splat the Teacher.

I don't want the children to miss out, though, so once I'm better, I'll make sure we arrange a special opportunity for all the children to have a go at **Splat the Headteacher** instead. I'm sure there will be plenty of willing volunteers for that one!

We're still really looking forward to welcoming families and members of our wider community from **3:30pm today**, and I hope everyone has a fantastic afternoon.

Back in the classroom, the children have continued to work extremely hard. They have been developing new concepts and skills across reading, writing and maths, as well as enjoying the wider range of subjects across our curriculum.

This week, it was great to see our Year 4 children spending the morning at Harmony Woods, where they took part in a range of environmental activities. It was also a lovely opportunity for them to explore somewhere within their local community that some may not have visited before. I would certainly recommend a family visit – it's right on our doorstep and only a short walk from school.

It was also wonderful to see so many of you at our Open Evening. We hope you enjoyed having the opportunity to look around our schools – environments that both our children and staff are extremely proud of. It was lovely for the children to share their books with you and show you the hard work and progress they are already making, as well as giving you the chance to meet their teachers.

If you weren't able to join us, please don't worry. You are very welcome to contact the school office and we can arrange an opportunity for you to pop in, meet your child's teacher and have a look through their work.

That's all from me for this week. If you're joining us at the Knights Festival from 3:30pm today, we look forward to seeing you there and hope you have a brilliant time!

If you're unable to join us, have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

Have a great week

**CENSUS DAY
SPECIAL LUNCH**

Thursday 1 October

ABM will be serving:
This replaces the usual chilli menu.

CHICKEN NUGGETS & CHIPS	CHEESY PIZZA	JACKET POTATO

CHOCOLATE SHORTBREAD FOR PUDDING

NURSERY PARENTS:	INFANT CHILDREN (YR, Y1 & Y2):	JUNIOR CHILDREN (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6):
 Please book your child's lunch on Arbor	 Children can order their lunch in class on the day	 Book on Arbor in advance or order lunch in class on the day

Help us make Census Day a success!



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This week's House points

Portchester	Wolvesey	Carisbrooke	Donnington
332	385 	305	323

Attendance

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>						
Owls		Castles 		Dragons		Knights
94.1%		95.9%		94.9%		93%
Dover	Leeds	Windsor	Warwick	Edinburgh	Arundel	Balmoral
95.7%	98% 	97.7%	97.2%	94.7%	94%	96.1%

Online Safety

AI is being used to turn ordinary photos of children into sexual abuse material. The National Crime Agency and Internet Watch Foundation have issued new guidance to help parents make informed choices about sharing images of their children online. It covers reviewing privacy settings, revisiting consent with your child as they grow, and what to do if you're worried. The parent's guidance can be found here: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>

Key Dates

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w/b 28th September	Harvest
Tuesday, 29th September	Nursery and Future Year R Open Evening (3.30 – 5.00 pm)
Friday, 2nd October	Basketball House Competition
Monday, 5th October	Walktober
Monday, 5th October	After School Clubs start – Week 1
Monday, 5th October	Year 3 Stonehenge Visit
Thursday, 8th October	Nursery and Future Year R Open Evening (3.30 – 5.00 pm)
Thursday, 8th October	Coffee Afternoon (2.00 – 3.00 pm)
Friday, 9th October	Hello Yellow Day
Monday, 12th October	After School Clubs – Week 2
Monday, 19th October	After School Clubs – Week 3 – No clubs

Monday, 19th October	Year 3 Danebury Visit
Monday, 19th October	Be Bright Be Seen Day
Monday, 19th October	Early Parent Evening (3.15 – 5.30 pm)
Wednesday, 21st October	Halloween Disco (5.00 – 7.00 pm)
Thursday, 22nd October	Late Parent Evening (5.00 – 6.30 pm)
Monday, 26th October	Nursery and Future Year R Open Morning Event (9.30 – 11.00 am)
Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct	Autumn Half Term

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS*

The Community Public Health Advisors from the Andover & Winchester Public Health Nursing Team(5-19yrs) are offering support with your primary aged child's health

Scan the QR code
to book a 30-minute slot at
Beech Hurst, Andover



How do I manage
challenging behaviour?

Why does my child wet the bed?

Where can I access support
for my child's anxiety?

How do I encourage
healthy eating?

* These slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions

