

Nursling C of E Primary School



Learning to Love. Building Resilience. Taking Responsibility.

Newsletter 11- 22nd November 2024

Head teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting morning we had yesterday! The first, and most probably the last snowfall of the season! Everyone was so excited and I did manage to get a few wintery pictures before it stopped and melted away.



Following the attendance letters being sent out last week, I wanted to thank everyone who has made a conscious effort to get to school on time. The difference it makes to the confidence and settlement of a child is bigger than you probably realise.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Mrs Jearrad

Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
93.3%	94%	98.2%	97.2%	97%	99.3%	93.3%	96%

The expected attendance for each student is a minimum of 96%. Individual children identifying as under 96% will be engaging in conversations with staff to ensure their attendance improves.



I am the way, the truth and the life; no one goes to the father except through me. John 14:6

Cyril's awards

Year R

Gurtaaj- For always coming in with a huge smile and working extremely hard with both his reading and writing. Well done Gurtaaj!

Maggie- For always being a fantastic friend and working exceptionally hard with her writing and letter sounds. Well done Maggie!

Year 1

Aliza and Ruby- we have been learning our Nativity songs this week and these two girls have been working so hard! They are singing their little hearts out and even adding some dance moves! Well done



Year 2

Ethan is our Cyril Squirrel this week. He has shown great effort during the papers this week and wowed us with all the knowledge he has gained so far this year! Well done, Ethan!

George is our second Cyril Squirrel. George has taken his papers very seriously this week and put in lots of effort to get the answers correct. You have really impressed us George, well done!

Year 3

Pacey- has tried hard with his test this week. He has stayed focused and got some great results.

Joshua- has tried hard with his test this week. He has stayed focused and got some great results.

Year 4

Ella has worked very hard over the last 10 weeks in all areas of the curriculum. She's one of the children that will always focus 100% on her learning. Keep it up Ella.

Mia tries her hardest right across the curriculum especially with her English and maths, Well done Mia. Keep it up!

Year 5

Elliott- There has been a real shift in the effort Elliott puts into his school work this week. He has been really engaged with our myth writing topic, which has been lovely to see!

Liam has had a brilliant week during test week. He has done really well, and this is down to his attitude and effort towards his learning. Always trying his best, he sets a good example for everyone else to follow

Year 6

Jaiden has been sensational this week. Despite tests not being his favourite thing to do, he has tried his hardest and shown up everyday with a smile.

Laurence has had a blast doing the tests this week and worked his socks off to get through them all. Couldn't be more proud.

Manor Farm

Year 2s had a brilliant time on their school trip to Manor Farm dressed up as Victorian children! They spent the day in a Victorian school experiencing what it was like having a strict teacher, making sure their hands were clean and writing on slates in chalk. They also loved exploring the Victorian farmhouse and they were shown how they used to preserve food, how they washed their clothes and how they heated their water to have a bath. One of their highlights was having a play with lots of Victorian toys. They skipped ropes, played noughts and crosses, played with wooden skittles, looked at flick books and they even had a go at rag rugging. It was a fun and hands-on way to learn about Victorian times, and everyone left with great memories from this special experience along with a nice little souvenir - a small piece of rag rug handmade by themselves.



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Next week's challenge is based on the 5 times tables



This weeks winner for most improved score on Gig goes to Alex. He managed to improve the correct amount of answers in 5 minutes from last month by a massive 63!



NUMBOTS

We have introduced a new competition for our Key Stage 1 children. This will be on Numbots which is linked to TTRS. We are working on subitising, counting and number bonds. Again our winners may be the quickest, most accurate or showing the most effort.

This week's winner for their effort is Aoife She has played the most total minutes!

Household Support Funding

We have a small grant allocated to help any family who is struggling with keeping warm over the winter months.

Please contact the School Office if you can't afford to purchase warm coats, shoes, blankets or fuel to heat your home and we will see what we can do to support you.

- Food,
- Energy,
- Water,
- School uniform,
- Other wider essentials.



SCRATCH

This year after a pupil and staff vote we will be supporting SCRATCH in their Christmas appeal.

Please see the poster below to see how you can help.

Thank you!

The poster is titled 'Christmas Complete 2024' and features a festive background with Christmas trees, ornaments, and garlands. It lists items needed for donations and provides contact information for SCRATCH. The text on the poster includes:

Christmas Complete 2024

We need donations of:-

- Books
- Games / Puzzles
- Soft Toys
- Colouring books, pens, pencils etc.
- Toiletries & other teenage gifts
- Age relevant toys
- Sweets & Chocolate
- Boxes
- Wrapping paper & tape
- Finance

Your donations will help to provide parcels of toys and gifts to local families, where children might otherwise go without presents this Christmas

To make a financial donation, please scan below

SCRATCH
Fighting Local Poverty

For further information and to find out about volunteering, please visit our website - www.scratchcharity.co.uk
E-mail - co@scratchcharity.co.uk
Tel: 023 8077 3132



Useful Links

Re:Minds is a Southampton based organisation supporting families whose children/young people have Autism, ADHD or other neurodiverse needs and/or mental health needs - with or without a diagnosis. It holds an abundance of information and guidance.

<https://www.reminds.org.uk>

Attendance guidance for parents/carers

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/behaviour-attendance-parents>

News & Information from Hazel Nest

Important After School Reminder

After School Club phone number - 07543793590



Now that the dark evenings are drawing in, parents need to phone our After School Club mobile number when collecting their children. We will get the children ready and escort them across the playground to you. Please ensure you let relatives/partners know our pick up procedure and phone number as we are unable to see parents at the gate or answer the door buzzer.

Children must be collected promptly by 5.45pm at the latest. We have had a number of late collections recently which have a detrimental effect on our staff who rely on public transport and have children to pick up. Persistent late collections will be fined as per our terms and conditions policy.

Hazel Nest Awards

A big well done to Alex in Year 5 and George in Year 1 for completing their Star challenges. Miss Holloway is really proud of you both.

Alex always enjoys coming to our Club; he has done an amazing job at keeping our outside area clean and tidy by sweeping up all the leaves. Keep up the good work Alex!

George is always very busy at our Club; he has spent a great deal of time working in his green book with our sparkly gel pens - he has done some amazing writing & beautiful pictures. Keep up the good work George!



Online safety while using devices.

You may have seen in the press recent concerns about children being kept safe and the access that they have whilst online. Last week, I met with many children throughout the school and discussed their views on e-safety and the use of devices.

At school, the children feel very safe while using various medias and technologies. However, some children from all year groups were able to describe incidents where they are playing online games or talking to complete strangers through the games in their own bedrooms. They feel that they were unsupervised and often behind closed bedroom doors.

They were able to describe actions that they would take if they were subjected to offensive or abusive language or material such as report the player or often would just shut down the app or game but some were not confident in reporting it to their parents as they felt they might be in trouble. (Particularly when they thought that the parent wasn't aware that they were using the device e.g bedtime.)

Most key stage 2 children recognised that there is a PEGI rating system in place and certain games and apps are not suitable for primary school children, yet they are still playing /accessing them e.g. games like Fortnite.

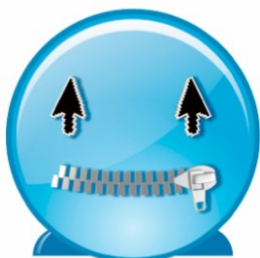
At school, we use the NSPCC Zip it , Block it, Flag it approach for keeping your child safe online.

We would encourage you to consider what your children are actually playing or accessing on their devices, particularly while in their bedrooms or rooms on their own , to prevent your child being subjected to any unwanted comments or imagery. Please discuss with your child about "flagging" the incident to you if an issue occurs.

For further advice or suggestions, please visit <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety/online-safety-for-schools> or talk to your child's teacher.

Mr Booth

Computing Lead



ZIP IT

Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



BLOCK IT

Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



FLAG IT

Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

Important Dates

Year 5/6 Basketball - Romsey School 1pm - 4pm	Friday 29th November 2024
PTA Winter Fayre	Friday 29th November 2024
In-house Cross Country All year Groups	Wednesday 4th December 2024
NHS Flu Immunisation	Thursday 5th December 2024
Year 3/4 Music concert 9.15am	Thursday 5th December 2024
SATs parent meeting 2:45pm	Thursday 5th December 2024
KS2 Athletics - Mountbatten School - 1pm to 4pm	Friday 6th December 2024
Years R,1 & 2 Nativity 2pm & 6pm	Wednesday 11th December 2024
SATs parent meeting 2:45pm	Thursday 12th December 2024
100% attendance tea party	Tuesday 17th December 2024
Christingle Service 2pm St Johns Church	Tuesday 17th December 2024 Collect children from Church
Pantomine (in school)	Wednesday 18th December 2024
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 19th December 2024
PTA Christmas Disco	Thursday 19th December 2024
Open Classroom 2.30pm End of Autumn Term No after school club provision	Friday 20th December 2024
PLEASE CHECK THIS REGULARLY FOR	CHANGES AND UPDATES

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?

We are pleased to announce that our Year R tours will be taking place from 11 – 11.45am on:

- Friday 8th November
- Monday 11th November
- Thursday 21st November
- Tuesday 26th November

To book a place, please call the School Office on 02380 732289. We look forward to welcoming you!

PE uniform reminder

Football kits are not to be worn for PE.

Plain t-shirts in the colour of their house or ones with a logo.

Plain black shorts.

Plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings / jumper.

Please take the time to read the important reminders below, which will really help with the transition back to school

- **Please label everything with your child's name** - This includes coats, bags, hats, gloves etc - we don't have the space in school to accommodate large volumes of un-named lost property. Lost property is emptied at the end of every term. Anything unnamed will be given to charity.
- **Top up school meal funds** - Reminder that the price is increasing to £3.20 per meal effective from September.
- **Medication in School** - Please ensure that any medication e.g Inhalers, epipens etc are brought to the school office in the first instance. The medicines will then be logged and stored appropriately. Any medication should be in its original packaging, clearly stating the child's name and an expiry date and an up to date asthma plan will be required to support inhalers in school.
- **Absence** - If your child is absent from school at any time - please ensure that you call the school office (02380 732289), leave a voicemail or send a parentmail - before 8.50am. If we are not informed of a child's absence, we will continually ring every contact logged on Arbor, until we can establish a reason for the absence. Holiday requests must have a form completed prior to the absence (a supply of these are kept in the school reception).
- **After School Clubs** - Please remember to book your child's place if they would like to attend an after school club. Some have proven very popular and are already fully booked - apologies if your child has missed out this time around. We also have breakfast and after school club available.

Safeguarding your children

- **Parking** - Our school is a no drive zone and parking within the school is not permitted - if you are collecting your child, please park considerately. The community hall has a large car park you can park and walk from. There is one space in the layby for Blue Badge Holders. Please only park in this space if you have a blue badge on display.
- **Castle**- Children are not allowed on the castle unless supervised by a member of staff. School will not be held responsible for any injury caused to a child if this rule is ignored.
- **Bikes and Scooters** - Children are not allowed to cycle or scoot on the School grounds. School will not be held responsible for any injury caused to a child if this rule is ignored.

Safeguarding your children

It is always good to start the year with good knowledge and understanding around safeguarding.

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility.

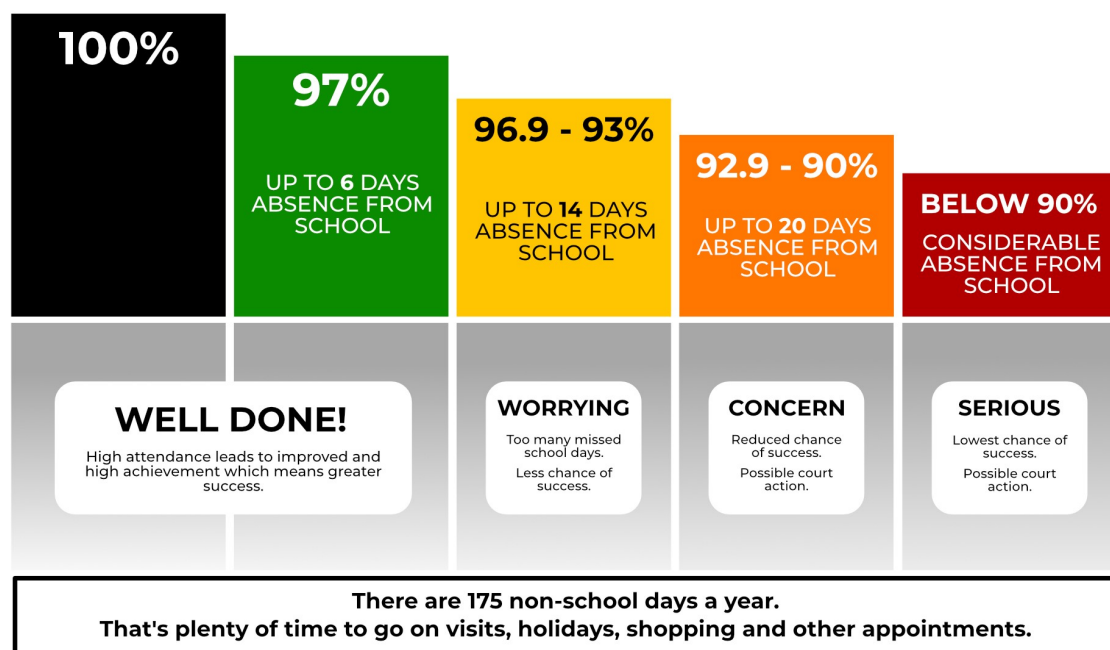
This means parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, school staff and all members of the community are responsible for ensuring children are safe and concerns are raised in a timely manner.

Attendance

If your child is not in school and we do not know why, we will follow our safeguarding procedures. School will contact you and proceed down your list of contacts if your phone is switched off.

House calls will be made if we have particular concern for the whereabouts of your child.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



If your child is absent from school, it is imperative you let the school office know. Save embarrassment and be truthful. The amount of times we are told a child is off with illness and the child tells us of their lovely holiday or break when they come back to school.

Lateness and Requests for Authorised Absence

Children should be in school by **8.50am** each day, when registration begins.

It is important that all children make a good start to the day and are ready to learn.

If a child arrives after 8.50am, they will be given a 'late' mark.

Late arrivals disrupt the whole class and children who arrive late are often embarrassed and unsettled because they have missed important instructions.

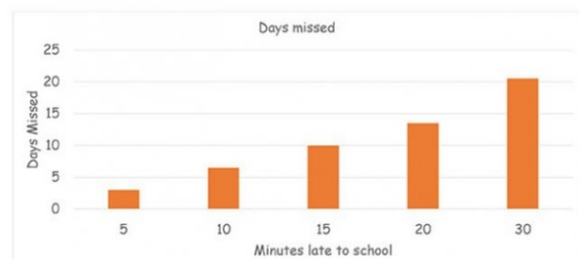
If children arrive in school after 9.20am they will be marked as an unauthorised absence

Requests for Authorised Absence

Schools are only allowed to authorise absence from school in exceptional circumstances. In making a request for an authorised absence from school you will need to explain why the circumstances are exceptional. There is no general right to authorise absence for a family holiday. If you take your child out of school without permission the absence will be unauthorised and a penalty notice may be issued.

Impact of Lateness

Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing 2 weeks of school



School Dinners

[Check if your child can get free meals](https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals) <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Our school caterers are award-winning caterers, managed by Hampshire County Council Education Catering, formerly known as HC3S. Visit the pages on their website for their menus and other information. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/news>. You can also keep up-to-date, by following them on social media.

Facebook: @hc3seducation Twitter: @hc3s6

Children choose from a vegetarian or meat option, and cost £3.20 for a freshly cooked main meal and pudding, payable via Scopay. Special diets can be catered for by prior arrangement.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/education-catering/parent-information/primary>

If your child has an allergy or any dietary needs please speak to the school
The week beginning the 25th November 2024 is **week 1** in the cycle.



Hampshire
County Council
Education Catering

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Communicating with School

Communication Flowchart

We know that when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school, whether it is pastoral, friendships, curriculum or staffing in nature, they often feel the best way forward is to ask to see the Head teacher. In our experience, many of these concerns can often be most quickly resolved by talking to the class teacher as they know your children best. Please be aware that the Chair of Governors does not become involved unless a formal complaint is logged having completed all previous steps. The Complaints Procedure is on the website.

Please use the chart below to know who you need to speak to.

Who do I speak to and in what order?

Steps	Learning / Classroom/ Staffing issues	Pastoral / Additional Needs	School Administration
1	In the first instance, please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher after school by appointment. Appointments can be made via the school office.	If you're struggling with pastoral issues such as routines, attendance or you just need to reach out, ask the office to book you an appointment to speak to Mrs Mellor (SENCO)	Please speak to Mrs Manning, Mrs H-C or Mrs Petley in the school office.
2	If you feel your query has not been resolved, please arrange to speak to Mr Booth or Mrs Skeels (Assistant Headteachers)	Concerns or actions related to Special Educational Needs or pastoral issues still not sorted, ask the office to book you an appointment to speak to Mrs Mellor (SENCO) .	If you have a complaint with regards to a member of the office team, go to Step 3.
3	<u>If still not sorted?</u>		
	Please make an appointment to speak to our Head teacher, Mrs Jearrad . This meeting may also be attended by a member of the staff or Senior Leadership Team to ensure actions from any previous meetings can be discussed. Still not satisfied? Formal Complaint Process Step 1 with Mrs Jearrad.		
	<u>Formal Complaints</u>		
4	If you are unhappy with the outcome of your queries and are proceeding to a formal complaint Step 2 having followed all the previous steps, please contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs. Jackie Barker		

SOUTHAMPTON HAF

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

HOLIDAY COURSES
FOOTBALL, MULTI-SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS, GYMNASTICS,
INFLATABLES, CRAFTS AND MUCH MORE!

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE & COAT

VENUE	MANSEL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
DATES	23RD DECEMBER & 2ND JANUARY & 3RD JANUARY
AGES	4 - 12 YEAR OLDS
PRICE	£20 PER DAY
TIME	9 AM - 3 PM
OUT OF HOURS	8 - 9 AM £6 (BREAKFAST INCLUDED) 3 - 4.30 PM £6

FUNDED PLACES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SOUTHAMPTON HAF BOOKING SYSTEM

TAX-FREE CHILD CARE & CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

bookings.superstarsportsuk.co.uk

02382 127331

Winter Fayre

Friday November 29th

Join us after school in the Hall for...

Christmas Raffle

Games to play

Prizes to be won

#MBSport The Mountbatten School, Whitening Lane, Romsey, SO51 5SY

The Mountbatten PE Faculty invites you to:

A Community Club Links Evening

Thursday 14th November, 6-7:30pm, The Olympic Hall

Come and explore the Sports Clubs and Physical Activity opportunities on your doorstep.

The evening is for primary school students and their families to gather information from community club representatives.

For more information, and to help us keep track of numbers, please complete the Google Form via this QR code below.

We Care. We Respect. We Achieve.

ST BONIFACE CHURCH & NURSING MEN'S SHED OPEN DAY

WITH CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

23rd November 10am - 2pm

St John's Church Christmas Fair

Saturday 30th November 11AM - 2PM

Free Refreshments, Cake, Stalls, Games, Wreath Making, Free Childrens Arts & Crafts and much more!

Christmas Crafts

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND

Come along to a friendly and supportive group, try some festive decoration making and meet other parents

Friday 6th December 10:00-11:30
@Rosewood free school (main hall)
SO16 5NA

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