

# Nursling C of E Primary School



**Learning to Love. Building Resilience. Taking Responsibility.**

Newsletter 14- 13th December 2024

## Head teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some of those eagle-eyed spotters amongst you may have noticed that I was not in attendance at the Nativity performance this week and I have not been on the gate either this week. Last Friday I had an operation on my knee. It was very successful and I am recovering well.

The Nursling team has been their usual incredible selves and I want to thank everyone at work who has been ensuring 'business as usual' in my absence from the building.

I did hear how brilliant the Nativity performance was! Your support, as always, is invaluable as parents. It is such a magical experience for the children and something you will look back on in many years time with a smile on your face. My thanks also goes to all the teachers, support & office staff and members of the senior team who ensured everything ran smoothly on Wednesday night.

The biggest thank you and WELL DONE has to go to the children who were the stars of the show! You must feel so proud of yourselves! I heard that the acting and singing on stage was 'joyous' and executed with great confidence. It brought laughter and happiness to everyone in the audience. I am really proud of you all!

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mrs Jearrad



## Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
94%	93.7%	97.9%	93.2%	94.6%	96.8%	98.1%	95.5%

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**

Darcie- For always bringing joy and happiness to everyone in the classroom. Darcie works very hard with her learning and is a fantastic friend! Well done Darcie!

Noah- For his incredible performance as an alien in the school Nativity and for his absolutely beautiful independent writing! Well done Noah!

### **Year 1**

Layla - amazing effort in Nativity rehearsal and performance.

Hugo - he has really engaged with RE learning and working hard.

### **Year 2**

Jessica is our first Cyril Squirrel this week! She is a very responsible learner and is always keen to answer questions on the carpet. Jessica shows very good learning behaviours and is also a very kind friend to others around her. Well done, Jessica!

Flo is our second Cyril Squirrel this week. She is showing great resilience when she is finding things tricky and is being much more independent in reading her own challenges in class. Flo is applying new learning independently and is not worried when she gets things wrong. Well done, Flo!

### **Year 3**

Miss Haywards Cyril's award goes to Elliott and Charlie this week. She has been so impressed with their fantastic DT work!

### **Year 4**

Tiana has worked very hard with her science experiments this week really focusing on the use of 5% acid and the effects on teeth enamel. Well done Tiana. A great piece of science.

Olivia also asked some great questions of her group and thought very carefully about her science experiment. Well done Olivia!

### **Year 5**

Poppy has impressed everyone with her writing this week! She has come up with some amazing ideas, and put a lot of thought and effort into her writing! I am looking forward to reading her main write next week!

Tommy has had an amazing week! He has smashed through his maths, and participated well during English as well. He has completed all tasks asked of him in a very positive manner and with a smile on his face, keep up the good work Tommy!

### **Year 6**

Amiyah has been brilliant this week and has been throwing herself into lessons. Her writing has come on leaps and bounds, too!

Henry has also been trying hard with his writing this week, which has resulted in some superb work. Keep it up!



KS1 Nativity



## Nursling School Cross country competition

### PE

#### Cross Country

Trophies and certificates were given to our brilliant house and vice captains and the fastest boy/girl in each category.

Winning houses were also rewarded with a trophy. KS1 winning house was Templeton and KS2 winning house was Watts.

Well done to everyone!



## Book Bingo prize winners

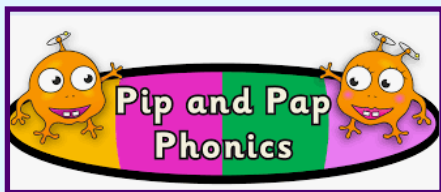
Book Bingo raffle prize winners had a lovely afternoon with Miss Holmes and Mrs Lipscombe watching the Grinch and eating cinema treats!



Out of school achievements



Pip and Pap



Down the butterfly's body and around its wing.

**Bb**

## Hazel Nest

Miss Holloways Star Jar certificate goes to Sofia!



### Important After School Reminder

**After School Club phone number - 075437935**

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.

"Our two favourite things at After School Club are cake and Christmas! Hazel Nest is like a Christmas workshop full of cheeky elves! The children have been busy making Christmas cards, decorations and pictures. Everyone has done an absolutely amazing job - I could have filled a whole newsletter up with photos of all the wonderful creations that have been made this week! A big WELL DONE to all our little Christmas elves and to Terri for all of her fantastic ideas too!"



# TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Next week's challenge is based on the Gig!



This week's winner for their 3 times tables goes to Riley. He has quickened his speed by a massive 1.31 seconds since last week!



# 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 is Jacob. He has passed 124 games in the past week!

## 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.

**HOUSEHOLD  
SUPPORT FUND**



## SCRATCH

### Christmas Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Christmas Appeal this year. We have been supporting Christmas Complete run by the Southampton charity SCRATCH. These toys, books, gifts and more will all be greatly received by children and families that cannot afford to buy their own gifts this year.



## Useful Links

Family Lives have been recommended by Hampshire's Safeguarding Lead as an excellent source of information for families, please check out their website and their extensive offer of useful information and online help.

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

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>



## Important Dates

100% attendance tea party	Tuesday 17th December 2024
Christingle Service St Johns Church Collect children from Church at 3pm	Tuesday 17th December 2024
Pantomime (in school)	Wednesday 18th December 2024
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day PTA Christmas Disco (in school time)	Thursday 19th December 2024
Open Classroom 2.30pm End of Autumn Term <b>No after school club provision</b>	Friday 20th December 2024
Pip and Pap Workshop 2.30pm (Year R and 1)	Friday 7th February 2025
Open Classroom 2.30pm PTA Valentines Cake Sale & last day of half term	Friday 14th February 2025
World Book Day—space theme and PTA book sale	Friday 7th March 2025
Performing Arts production at Mountbatten School	Saturday 22nd March 2025
Mothers day gift sale week	24th—28th March 2025
Easter Service St Johns Church Collect children from Church at 3pm	Wednesday 2nd April 2025
PTA Spring Disco (EYFS and KS1 3:15 - 4pm. KS2 4:15 - 5:15pm )	Thursday 3rd April 2025
Open Classroom 2.30pm End of Spring Term <b>No after school club provision</b>	Friday 4th April 2025
Happy Circus	Sunday 27th April
Pip and Pap Workshop 2.30pm (Year R and 1)	Friday 16th May 2025
Sports Day PTA cake sale & last day of half term	Friday 23rd May 2025
Fathers day gift sale week	9th—13th June 2025
Music Festival	Tuesday 10th June 2025
Parents evenings (Year 1 –6)	23rd and 25th June 2025
Pip and Pap Workshop 2.30pm (Year R and 1)	Thursday 26th June 2025
PTA Sponsored event (details to follow)	Friday 27th June 2025
Year 6 Leavers service 2pm Summer disco (EYFS and KS1 3:15 - 4pm. KS2 4:15 - 5:15pm )	Wednesday 9th July 2025
Supporters cream tea	Friday 11th July 2025
Open Classroom 2.30pm End of Summer Term <b>No after school club provision</b>	Friday 18th July 2025

**PLEASE CHECK THIS REGULARLY FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES**

## 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.

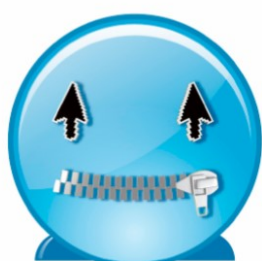
At school, we use the NSPCC Zip it , Block it, Flag it approach for keeping your child safe online.

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.**

### **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.**

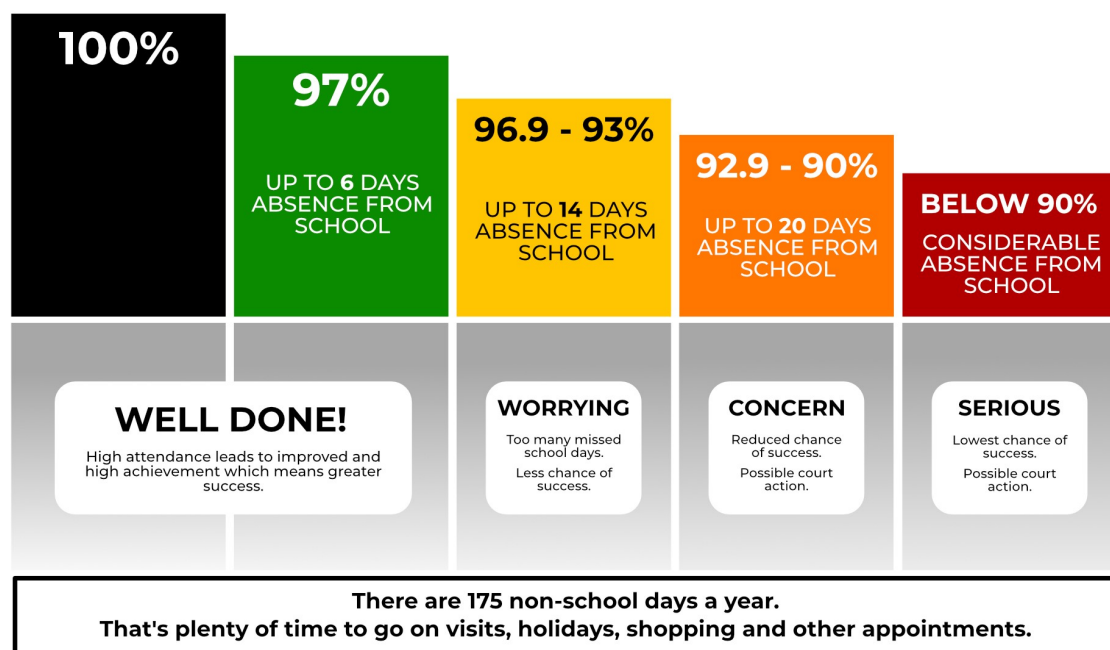
This means parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, school staff and all members of the community are responsible for ensuring children are safe and concerns are raised in a timely manner.

#### **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.

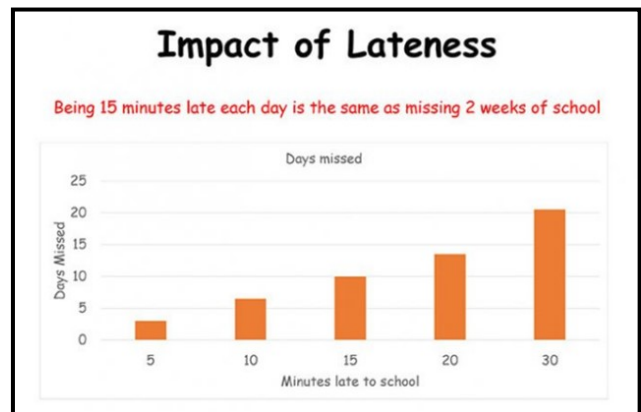
**If a child arrives after 8.50am, they will be given a 'late' mark.**

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.



## 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 16th December 2024 is **week 1** in the cycle.



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Education Catering

**FOOD** TO  
**FLOURISH**

## 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 <b>class teacher</b> 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 <b>Mrs Mellor (SENCO)</b>	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 <b>Mr Booth or Mrs Skeels</b> (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 <b>Mrs Mellor (SENCO)</b> .	If you have a complaint with regards to a member of the office team, go to Step 3.
3	<b><u>If still not sorted?</u></b>		
	Please make an appointment to speak to our Head teacher, <b>Mrs Jearrad</b> . 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.		
	<b><u>Formal Complaints</u></b>		
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, <b>Mrs. Jackie Barker</b>		

# Holiday Activities



at Romsey Library

**Christmas Storytime in Italian**  
Saturday 14th December, 10am

**Christmas Storytime**  
Tuesday 17th December, 11am  
Tuesday 24th December, 11am

**Christmas Storytime with special visit from Father Christmas\***

Friday 20th December, 11am  
Includes one small gift per child

**Festive Crafts\***  
Saturday 21st December, 10-11am

**Stay and Play**  
Friday 27th December, 9:30am-1:30pm  
Friday 3rd January, 9:30am-1:30pm

**Silly Scott's Winter Wonderland\***  
Saturday 28th December, 9:30am-3:45pm

Join us for a fantastic morning of fun and games to follow. This event is suitable for children aged 4-11 years old. Children will receive free school meals as part of pupil premium or are supported under an SEN/EHCP. Includes free goody bag with indoor activity, plus lunch bag to take away.

**Board games**  
Monday 23rd Dec, 10am - 13pm  
Monday 30th Dec, 10am - 13pm  
Thursday 2nd January, 10am - 4pm



\*ticketed event.  
Book your place via  
[shop.hants.gov.uk](http://shop.hants.gov.uk)



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[hants.gov.uk/library](http://hants.gov.uk/library)

**SOLO OUT**

**Twinspires Youth Group**  
**Christmas Parties**  
Monday 16th December  
9.30am Tot's Cafe  
7pm MORE  
Both at St John's Church  
&  
Friday 20th December  
4.30pm Ignite in St John's Church Hall  
6pm NET in St John's Church

Twinspires Churches  
**Carols by the campfire**  
Saturday 14th December  
6:00 pm, Scout Hut HQ Nursling  
BBQ  
Hot Chocolate  
Marshmallows

**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

<b>VENUE</b>	MANSEL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
<b>DATES</b>	23RD DECEMBER & 2ND JANUARY & 3RD JANUARY
<b>AGES</b>	4 - 12 YEAR OLDS
<b>PRICE</b>	£20 PER DAY
<b>TIME</b>	9 AM - 3 PM
<b>OUT OF HOURS</b>	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

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02382 127331

**360° CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP**  
23RD DEC, 2ND & 3RD JAN

Places: Larpine Eastleigh, Romsay Reads, Hurstwood Primary School, Seachwood Junior School, Long Worthy Sports Centre, Andover Leisure Centre, Prant Lawn Community Hub, Gosport Leisure Centre.

SPORTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

Scan the QR Code to book your place!

info@360degreesportscoaching.com  
www.360degreesportscoaching.co.uk  
02382 001430

**HORNS DROVE COMMUNITY CHILDCARE**  
January Holiday Club from 02.01.2025 - 03.01.2025

Happy New Year

Holiday club activities on Thursday and Friday will include baking, making calendars, and engaging in winter-themed arts and crafts.

We are taking bookings for 2-11 year olds

Holiday club: 8.00AM-6PM including breakfast

Horns Drove, Bakers Drove, Rowthams, SO16 8AD

Book Now: Contact us: 02380 737207 enquiries@hornsdrove.uk

Are you dealing with child to parent violence? Get help at **Building Respectful Families**

An 8 week group programme for parents/carers of children aged 10-14 years:

- Are you struggling to manage your child's aggressive or violent behaviour?
- Are you feeling isolated, frustrated or unsure how to respond?
- You are not alone.
- We are here to support you with practical tips, expert advice and a safe space to share your experiences.

This course has a special focus on parenting children with ADHD and/or Autism (signposted in evening reports)

Where: 30 Brookside Road, SO17 3DR  
When: Tuesdays from 26th Jan 2025 for 8 weeks (excluding school holidays)  
Time: 3.30pm - 12pm  
Drinks and biscuits provided

Referrals via Yellow Door  
Email: info@yellowdoor.org.uk  
Tel: 02380 438112  
Web: https://www.yellowdoor.org.uk

Referrals and queries for this course can be sent directly to Yellow Door at [info@yellowdoor.org.uk](mailto:info@yellowdoor.org.uk)

**Building Relationships**

FREE 6 week online course for couples

7.30-9pm on Thursday 27th Feb; 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March; 3rd April 2025

Covering topics such as Improving Communication, Managing Conflict and Feeling Closer to Each Other

PRIVACY: each online session uses Zoom "focus" mode - which means you can't see the other couples and they can't see you. Any discussions between you and your partner will take place in private breakout rooms.

The sessions:

- are on Zoom - attend in your own home
- are friendly and relaxed - no need to speak in the group
- need to be attended by both of you together

Email us at [info@sfrtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@sfrtrust.org.uk) to book a place

Southampton Family Trust building relationships

**Parenting Children with ADHD**

For parents & carers of children with ADHD aged 3 - 11 years old.

FREE 8 week online course via Zoom

Mondays 7pm - 9pm  
Starting 13th January 2025

Course dates: 13th, 20th, 27th January, 3rd, 10th, 24th February and 3rd, 10th March.

To book a place email: [info@sfrtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@sfrtrust.org.uk)

Help to learn more about ADHD!

- Coping with feelings
- Meeting your child's emotional needs
- Boost your parent/child relationship
- Improve their self-esteem
- Use effective discipline
- Tips for home, school & wider family
- Channel your child's energy

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