

Nursling C of E Primary School



Learning to Love. Building Resilience. Taking Responsibility.

Newsletter 15- 20th December 2024

Head teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a frustrating end to this term the last week has been! I feel very sad that the children and staff missed out on Christmas lunch and disco day. This is always a highlight in the Christmas week calendar. Rest assured, nothing has gone to waste, the food has been frozen and Ms Jordan has a cunning plan!

The inability to flush the toilet or turn on a tap and wash our hands does make us appreciate how much we rely on things we take for granted each and every day.

This week, we have supported many families from the Household Support Fund. I want to say a huge thank you to Miss Hayward and Mrs Petley for being the key drivers in getting this organised. Also a big thank you to Mrs H-C who always knows how to throw the best 100% Attendance parties!

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year!



See you all again on Monday
6th January 2025!

Mrs Jearrad



Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
90.4%	90.4%	95.5%	92%	94.2%	90.6%	96.7%	92.8%

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

Nursling's Christingle Service



On Tuesday, we had a wonderful family group collective worship. The children all made their Christingles, helping one another out and there was a real family feel. All the children made their unique Christingles which they later brought home. The afternoon consisted of our walking to the church and having our service. We were very blessed this year with a dry and fairly warm walk for December! The church was filled with magical singing from the children and very well spoken bible verses and prayers. All the children made us so proud and having all the children, from our smallest to our biggest, holding lit Christingles whilst singing Silent Night was a particular highlight.



Nursling's Choir sing at Grove Place



Our choir were honoured to be invited to Grove Place to sing to their residents. They sang beautifully and we had so many compliments from everyone saying how fantastic they sounded. We hope to plan a return visit in the new year. Watch this space!



Autumn Term 100% Party

We had a lovely time at this term's 100% attendance tea party.

Thank you to all the wonderful children that attended.

Miss Hayward kept it lively with a Christmas sing-a-long. The children seemed to like the Christmas biscuits and are excited to aim for the spring term party so they can come again (for chocolate nests).

Congratulations to those who made it! Especially during the germ filled winter months!

I look forward to seeing you and more of your friends next term

Merry Christmas!

Mrs H-C x



Get Creative!

We would like to change the display board that contains all the Remembrance craft that the children made during the October half term.

This time the theme is anything to do with WINTER!

Sewing

poetry

Knitting

Painting



Hazel Nest

We've really enjoyed this term in our new room, Hazel Nest is bright and cheerful and has the biggest toy cupboard ever! It's been nice spending the darker evenings in our room playing, crafting and having fun. Miss Holloway, Mrs Marsh and Terri would like to wish all of our children and their families a very Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year. Thank you for all of our amazing cards and thoughtful gifts. We're hoping Santa brings Hazel Nest some new and exciting toys too!



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

No challenge over Christmas but do still play and see if you can beat the teachers!



This week's winner for their Gig goes to Jessie. She has scored 17 more correct answers on this Gig compared to last month!



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 Lexa. She has given 524 correct answers in the past week!

Important Dates

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 No after school club provision	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 No after school club provision	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.

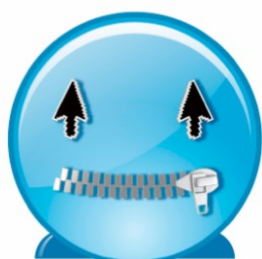
At school, we use the NSPCC Zip it , Block it, Flag it approach for keeping your child safe online.

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.

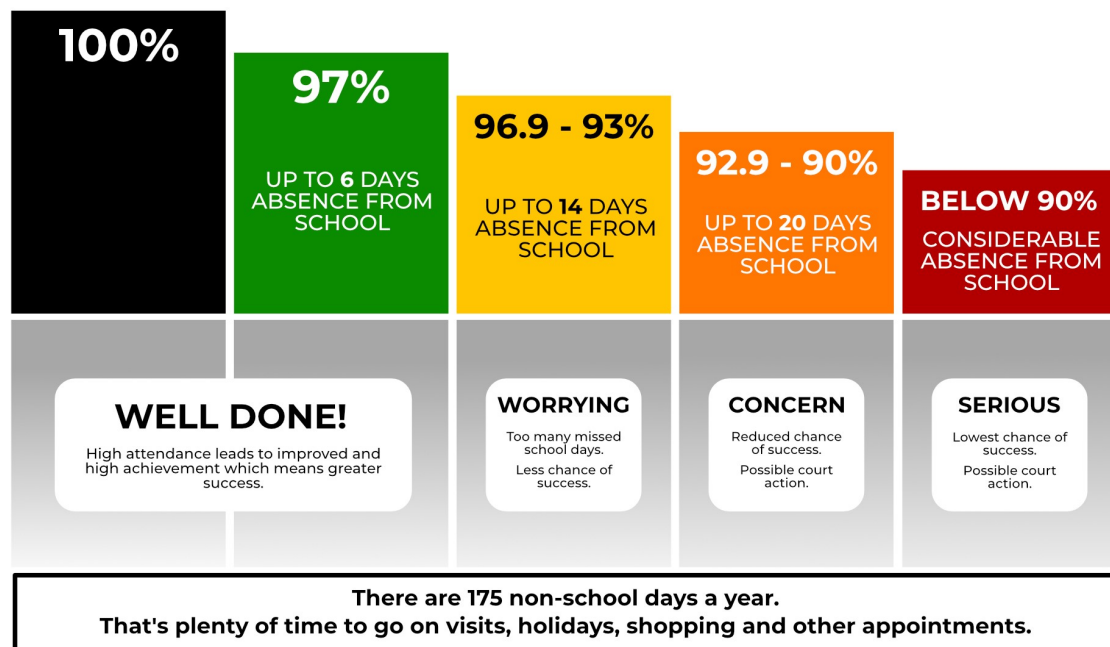
This means parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, school staff and all members of the community are responsible for ensuring children are safe and concerns are raised in a timely manner.

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.

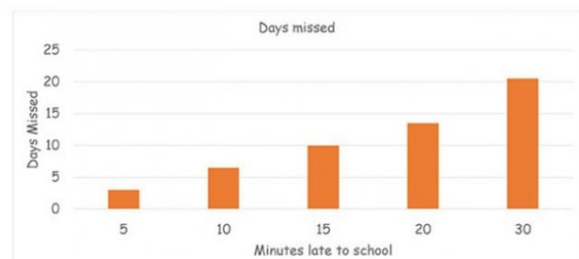
If children arrive in school after 9.20am they will be marked as an unauthorised absence

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.

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 6th January 2025 **week 2** n the cycle.



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County Council
Education Catering

FOOD TO
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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		

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, 10am-3:45pm

Join us for a fantastic winter wonderland to follow! This event is suitable for children aged 4-11. Children 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



[@hantslibraries](https://www.facebook.com/hantslibraries)

hants.gov.uk/library

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 CANDLELIGHT
JOIN US
SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER
3.30PM
ST BONIFACE CHURCH
NURSILING

Twinspires
Christmas Eve
Holy Communion
11pm
Tuesday 24th December
St John's Church
Rownhams

Twinspires
**Carols with Mince Pies
and Mulled Wine**
6.30 - 8.00pm
Tuesday 24th December
St John's Church

Twinspires
Nativity Service
Tuesday 24th December
2:00pm
St John's Church
Rownhams

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 CHILDREN & CHILDREN'S DISCOUNTS ACCEPTED

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 02382 127331

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

SPORTS COACHING

Places: Larpine Eastleigh, Ransley Sports Centre, Harestock Primary School, Seachwood Junior School, Long Worthy Sports Centre, Andover Leisure Centre, Prant Lawn Community Hub, Gosport Larpine 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 (signpost to evening support)

Where: 30 Brookside Road, SO17 3DF
 When: Tuesdays from 20th Jan 2025 for 8 weeks (including school holidays)
 Time: 3.30pm - 12pm
 Drinks and biscuits provided

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

Referrals and queries for this course can be sent directly to Yellow Door at 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 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

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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