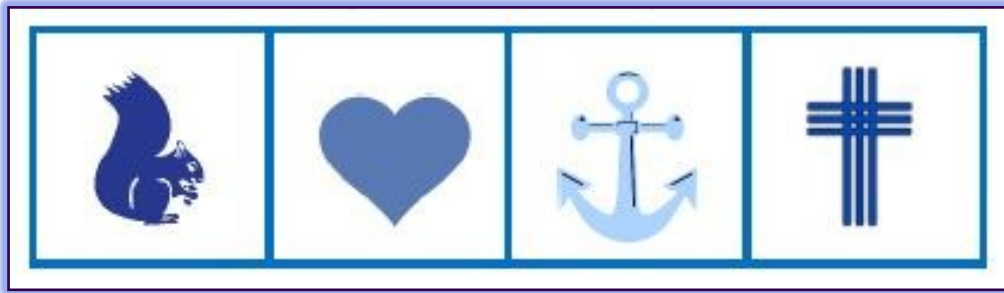


Nursling C of E Primary School



Learning to Love. Building Resilience. Taking Responsibility.

Newsletter 16— 9th January 2026

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

In Collective Worship on Monday I spoke to the school about hopes for the year ahead. I told them that I hoped they would make mistakes throughout the year because mistakes help us to learn. The children had so many great thoughts on what they wanted to do in 2026 to make it special for them. Sometimes we can underestimate the aspirations of our children.

**I HOPE THAT IN THIS YEAR TO COME,
YOU MAKE MISTAKES.**

Because if you are making mistakes,

THEN YOU ARE:

making new things,

TRYING NEW THINGS,

learning, living,

PUSHING YOURSELF,

changing yourself,

CHANGING YOUR WORLD.

Neil Gaiman

As part of Collective Worship, I spoke about the difference of being wise and the example from the Bible where Jesus told the story of the wise builder who built his house on a rock after putting down strong foundations rather than building on the sand.

All the children had a chance to think about the year ahead and how they want to make a difference to their lives by challenging themselves and setting targets to try new things, knowing that it might not be perfect straight away and it is okay to make mistakes along the way. I hope 2026 is going to be a great year for you all.

Mrs Jearrad

Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
91.2%	87.3	95%	97%	93.9%	99.2%	95.6%	94%

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 Squirrels

Year R

Amelie- For her incredible and independent reading and writing. Well done, Amelie!

Olivia- For coming back to school with a brilliant attitude to learning. Well done, Olivia!

Year 1

Maisie M- for a super start back at school, she has been working really hard this week, putting her hand up, asking great questions and being a really resilient learner.



Woody- for such a good week! He has been like a different child this week, really working hard on his behaviour, his attitude to learning and both asking some great questions and giving some fabulous answers.

Year 2

Grace is our first Cyril Squirrel this week. She has shown a really responsible attitude this week with helping keep areas of the school tidy and helping others. She has been a particularly kind friend this week with helping to stick in work and carry things for a friend. Well done, Grace!

Vinnie is our second Cyril Squirrel this week. He has been working hard on his learning and shown a new focus since coming back from Christmas. He is taking on feedback well and continues to participate with his fantastic ideas. Well done, Vinnie!

Year 3

Alby: Alby has settled into life at Nursling really well! He has been welcomed by everyone and has been a fantastic addition to the class. He has worked hard and shown a lot of the school's values in his first week here! Well done Alby!

Imogen: Imogen has had a fantastic start to the new term! She is motivated, engaged and enthusiastic! She has shown particular enthusiasm towards our new Roman topic and Pompeii in our writing which has been lovely to see. Keep up the strong work Imogen!

Year 4

Cian: Cian has come back from Christmas full of enthusiasm and is trying to answer every question I set this week. Well done Cian, keep up the good work.

Amelia: Amelia has continued to work incredibly hard in her English and her maths but also has shown particular kindness to visitors that we had in the class this week. Well done Amelia.

Year 5

Arian has been working incredibly hard since returning to school, showing real determination and focus. She consistently puts great effort into every lesson and it's wonderful to see her commitment to learning.

Riley has been working really hard on his handwriting and has made a big improvement. Keep it up, Riley—your effort is really paying off!

Year 6

Abbie has done a superb job settling back into the swing of things after Christmas, giving us 100% everyday. Keep up the excellent work.

Tailen has also worked hard this week settling back into routine and giving us his best. Super star!

After School Club

This week we have had a Proud Cloud Bonanza; we have 7 winners! Our raffle ticket pot was full to the brim with no space left for any more tickets. The children have been busy earning their tickets by being kind, helpful, polite, and doing some fantastic work and creations. The winners are Sofia M, Grace O, Aliana, Miles, Milo, Cristian and Sophia B. A big WELL DONE to you all.

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. Please ensure that you let relatives/partners know our pickup procedure and phone number as we are unable to see parents at the gate or answer the door buzzer.



Numbots

This week's winner is Grace S. Fantastic effort this week! Well done!



TTRS

This week's winner is Vienna. Fantastic effort!

Out of School Achievements

Sophia and Yazan were fantastic gymnasts, Yazan was awarded gymnast of the month!

Roma took part in the Boxing Day Point to Point, which involves racing your pony through the new forest, and takes a lot of bravery. Well done Roma!



Thursday 15th January

Themed Menu

LET'S EXPLORE!

Get ready for an exploration you'll never forget!

Join us as we become explorers!

MAKE YOUR CHOICE

Head to your ordering system to register and pick your meal. Don't miss out!

If you have not used the order system before, please reach out to your school office.

LET'S EXPLORE!

Get ready to pack your appetite!

Get ready for an exploration you'll never forget!

Join us as we become explorers!

ON THE MENU

Campfire Smokey BBQ Cowboy Pie and Sweetcorn

OR

Veggie Campfire Smokey BBQ Cowboy Pie and Sweetcorn

With

Sweet Campfire Popcorn

MAKE YOUR CHOICE

Head to your ordering system to register and pick your meal. Don't miss out!

If you have not used the order system before, please reach out to your school office.

Don't miss out!

This is a one-day-only festival - and you don't want to miss this!!

Please remember to order your child's school dinners through your Swift Kitchen App.

***** PLEASE ENSURE WHEN ORDERING YOUR CHILD'S FOOD THAT YOU COMPLETE THE CHECK OUT PROCESS FULLY SO THAT THE ITEMS DO NOT REMAIN IN THE BASKET *****

Aspens

FOOD FESTIVAL

WEEK 1

Autumn/Winter 2023/24

04/01/24, 05/01/24, 06/01/24, 07/01/24, 08/01/24, 09/01/24, 10/01/24, 11/01/24, 12/01/24, 13/01/24, 14/01/24, 15/01/24, 16/01/24, 17/01/24, 18/01/24, 19/01/24, 20/01/24, 21/01/24, 22/01/24, 23/01/24, 24/01/24, 25/01/24, 26/01/24, 27/01/24, 28/01/24, 29/01/24, 30/01/24, 31/01/24

LUNCHTIME

MONDAY

Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges

Baked Sweetcorn Fritters with Wedges

Vegetable Sticks

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Butterfly Pastry Biscuits

TUESDAY

Meatball Marinara Pasta

Pea Frittata with Pasta Salad

Mixed Salad

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Strawberry and Pineapple Jelly

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy

Roasted Vegetable Strudel, Skin on Roasties and Gravy

Carrots and Cabbage

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Banana Bread and Custard

THURSDAY

Bangers, Mash and Gravy

Veggie Bangers, Mash and Gravy

Mixed Greens

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Apple Cinnamon Buns

FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips

Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips

Peas

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Lemon Drizzle Cake

AVAILABLE DAILY

DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGURT AND CUT FRUIT

PASTA TWISTLER

TOPPED PASTA HOT TATA TOPPED WITH HOME MADE TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE

FOOD FESTIVAL

WEEK 2

Autumn/Winter 2023/24

04/01/24, 05/01/24, 06/01/24, 07/01/24, 08/01/24, 09/01/24, 10/01/24, 11/01/24, 12/01/24, 13/01/24, 14/01/24, 15/01/24, 16/01/24, 17/01/24, 18/01/24, 19/01/24, 20/01/24, 21/01/24, 22/01/24, 23/01/24, 24/01/24, 25/01/24, 26/01/24, 27/01/24, 28/01/24, 29/01/24, 30/01/24, 31/01/24

LUNCHTIME

MONDAY

Vegetable Lasagne

Green Veg & Butter Bean Pie with Wedges

Sweetcorn

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Chocolate Popcorn Bars

TUESDAY

Creamy Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta

Veggie Whole Grain Pasta Bolognese

Broccoli

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Orange and Peach Jelly

WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties and Gravy

Cheddar & Broccoli Crustless Quiche

Carrots and Peas

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Apple Tea Cake and Custard

THURSDAY

Mild Chilli Con Carne with Rice

Vegetable Bean Chilli with Rice

Mixed Greens

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Iced Vanilla Sponge Cake

FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers and Chips

BBQ Veggie Wrap with Chips

Baked Beans

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Carrot Cake

AVAILABLE DAILY

DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGURT AND CUT FRUIT

PASTA TWISTLER

TOPPED PASTA HOT TATA TOPPED WITH HOME MADE TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE

FOOD FESTIVAL

WEEK 3

Autumn/Winter 2023/24

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LUNCHTIME

MONDAY

Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges

Macaroni Cheese

Vegetable Sticks

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Sweet Potato Chocolate Brownie

TUESDAY

Lasagne

Vegetable Ratatouille with Rice

Sweetcorn

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Jelly

WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork, Skin on Roasties and Gravy

Carrot & Stuffing Puff Pastry Plait, Skin on Roasties with Gravy

Roasted Roots

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Eve's Apple Pudding & Custard

THURSDAY

Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Mash

Root Vegetable and Bean Stew with Mash

Peas

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Muesli Bars

FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers & Chips

Vegetable Fingers with Chips

Baked Beans

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Vanilla Cookies

AVAILABLE DAILY

DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGURT AND CUT FRUIT

PASTA TWISTLER

TOPPED PASTA HOT TATA TOPPED WITH HOME MADE TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE

Communication Flowchart 2025-2026

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 Policy 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 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 (Parent Liaison).	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	If still not sorted? 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.		
	Formal Complaints		
4	If you are unhappy with the outcome of your queries and are proceeding to a formal complaint having followed all the previous steps, please contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs J Barker , via the school office.		

Important Dates

2026	
Thursday 22nd January	Young Voices
Friday 30th January	Pip and Pap Workshop 2.30pm -Year R and Year 1
Thursday 5th February	SATS meeting 2.45pm-Year 6
Monday 16th to Friday 20th February	Half Term
Tuesday 17th February	Performing Arts Club Rehearsal—9am to 3pm
Monday 23rd February	Inset Day
Wednesday 11th February 2026	Inter-House Cross Country
Saturday 14th March (children arrival time TBC)	Wizard of Oz at the Lantern Theatre 6pm
Tuesday 17th March	Year 6 Trip
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Saturday 25th April	PTA music festival
Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May	Year 4 Residential
Wednesday 6th May	Year 2 Trip
Monday 11th to Friday 15th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd May	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 9th June	Music FEST
Wednesday 10th June	Year R Trip
Wednesday 3rd June	Sports Day
Wednesday 10th June	Year R Trip
Thursday 18th June	Year 1 Trip
Friday 17th July 2026	Summer Spectacular Last Day of Summer term No after school club provision

Our lost property bin is overflowing again and we are only 5 days into the new term!

Please **NAME** all your child's belongings and encourage your child to be responsible for taking care of their belongings.

Just one example... there is an unclaimed, unnamed, brand new looking North Face coat that has been there all week. Someone must be missing it!



School Term & Holiday Dates

2026

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 - school resumes

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026 - Half Term

Monday 23rd February 2026 - INSET DAY

Friday 27th March 2026 - Last day of Spring Term

(No after school provision on 27th March 2026)



Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 - school resumes

Monday 4th May 2026 - Bank Holiday

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2026 - Half Term

Friday 17th July 2026 - Last day of Summer Term

(No after school provision on 17th July 2026)

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd July 2026- INSET DAYS



Autumn Term 2026 (Dates to be added)

September 2026 - INSET DAY

September 2026 - school resumes for pupils

October 2026 - Half Term

December 2026 - Last day of Autumn Term

(No after school provision on 2025)





January 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm