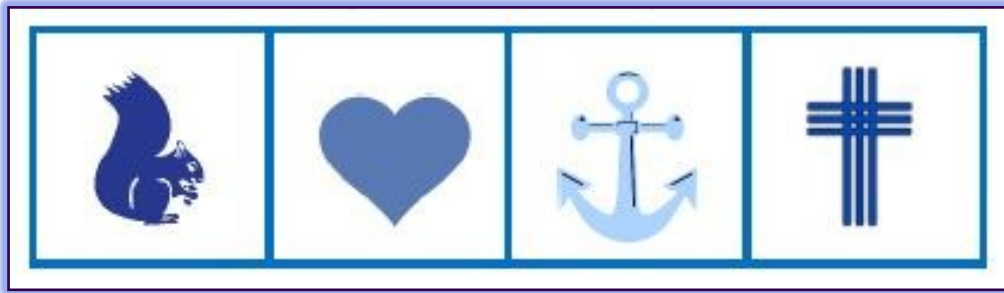


Nursling C of E Primary School



Learning to Love. Building Resilience. Taking Responsibility.

Newsletter 1 – 12th September 2025

Head Teacher's Message

We have enjoyed welcoming our new Year R children into Chestnut Class and have been so impressed at how settled they are already. Yesterday, they met Nala, my Cavapoo. Nala comes into school with me sometimes and the children adore seeing her. This inspired quite a lengthy chat with Chestnut Class about all their pets and different animals that they know of. They were really excited to find out that Nala is 4 years old, which is the same age that they are!

We have made some changes to the behaviours and rewards system this year and trialling a new system called 'Class Dojo'. This is instead of the peg boards. The children have been really excited for this change. See page 3.

As we begin this new academic year, I would like to share with you what my top 3 elements are to ensure your child has every opportunity for a successful year ahead.

- 1) Attendance - children with attendance between 95–100% are most likely to achieve the milestones for their age.
- 2) Reading - hearing your child read for 10 minutes every day can increase vocabulary, improve spellings and support routines at bedtime.
- 3) Communication - parenting and teaching are two very tough jobs. Let's keep the communicating so that we work together in partnership, to support each other.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend! Mrs Jearrad

Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
100%	92.8%	97%	99.2%	97.5%	100%	97.9%	97.5%

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 1

Leo- for an amazing start to Year 1, and showing us that he can already write a super sentence independently!

Darcie- another amazing start to Year 1, she has settled in really well and been such a kind friend to her classmates.

Year 2

Anna-Lee is our first Cyril Squirrel this week. She has been incredibly hard working and participates in almost every lesson. We are so impressed with her team work and also her independence. Well done, Anna-Lee!

Archer is our second Cyril Squirrel this week. He has really impressed all the adults this week with his focus and participation within lessons. He has particularly impressed us with both his speed and attention to detail when working. Keep it up, Archer!

Year 3

Grace - Grace has worked incredibly hard this week, fully deserving of this week's Cyril. She sets a good example to the rest of the class, with her attitude and effort, as she settles into year 3 really well.

Aoife - Aoife has done really well this week with her learning, particularly in her writing and maths. She has consistently reached the extensions in maths, and has shown a real enthusiasm towards her writing! Keep up the good work Aoife!

Year 4

Penelope—Is a joy to have in class, comes in every morning and gets straight on with her work. Keep it up Penelope.

Fleur—has started the year off really well, has come in and settled every morning and has a great start to the year .

Year 5

Ted has written a brilliant descriptive paragraph all about Mercury, the smallest planet in our solar system. His writing captures Mercury's blazing heat during the day and freezing cold at night. We were very impressed by how clearly and vividly he described the planet. Well done Ted!

Oscar S- Oscar is new to the school but has already made a wonderful start. He has worked incredibly hard in all his lessons and shown great determination. Because of this, he has settled in really well and made a positive impression. Great Job Oscar!

Year 6

Ava Kelly has settled into life in year 6 really well and I'm very proud of her effort. Legend!

Elliott has been wonderful this week and I've caught him being really kind to other children and helping them out.



Classroom Rewards

Have you heard your children talking about their Dojo points this week?

We have decided to trial a new system this year and the children are loving it!

Class Dojo is an interactive platform visible to all pupils in their classroom on the interactive whiteboard. It allows any member of staff to award points to pupils for making responsible choices, good conduct, teamwork and helping others. Points can also be deducted for negative behaviours. The platform encourages a positive classroom culture, enabling the children to achieve individual rewards and house rewards. It is replacing the peg board system.

Dojo points will be awarded for positive interactions that may include:

- Showing any of the 5 R's (ready, resourceful, resilient, reflective, responsible)
- Portraying any of our 3 Christian values (Love, Hope & Courage)
- Effort
- Polite manners
- Encouraging others
- Being helpful
- Being brave
- Representing the school
- Competitions
- Attendance



All our children know that there are consequences to poor behaviour choices. Dojo points may be deducted for:

- Not following the school rules
- Refusal to follow instructions
- Lack of effort in their learning
- Rudeness
- Physical violence

Children can instantly see how many Dojo points they have accumulated during the school day.

During Celebration Collective Worship on Friday, children will receive the following stickers, one to wear and one to put on their house team board in the hall.

50 Dojo Points	Bronze sticker
150 Dojo Points	Silver sticker
300 Dojo Points	Gold sticker

Not only is this an individual recognition but a teamwork one too! We will be celebrating with the house groups that accumulate the most Dojo points too!

Good luck everyone!

Escape Room

Last week, Year 1-6 were transported into the thrilling world of an immersive reading escape room! Working against the clock, the children cracked codes, solved mind-boggling clues and unlocked hidden secrets – all through their wit, comprehension skills and incredible teamwork. The atmosphere was electric as every puzzle brought them closer to victory. The excitement was contagious! The experience was not only packed with fun, but it also ignited Nursling's passion for books, strengthening our ever-growing read for pleasure culture. The children left buzzing with pride, enthusiasm and a renewed love for reading! Please continue to encourage your child to read 5 times a week at home and record this in their reading journals.



Mrs Skeels



Love of our School Values

Last Friday, we welcomed the children back with a real focus on our School Values: Love, Hope and Courage. Ewan came in and told us the familiar story of the "Feeding of the 5000". This story is filled with examples of love, hope and courage and reminds us of their basis in Christianity. We then spent the day taking part in different activities with love, hope and courage at the forefront. Some children were building structures and hoping these would be strong enough. Some children were writing to their future self wishing themselves courage on their journey. Some children were finding new ways to demonstrate love to their fellow classmates.

At lunch time, we then had a whole school picnic style lunch outside. Children were sat with their family groups meaning there was a child from every year group eating together. We were so impressed with their patience and care they showed to one another whilst eating. It gave our older children a chance to help the younger ones and to be good role models. The younger children were given a chance to learn from their older peers.

In the afternoon, we again got into our family groups and spent some more time getting to know one another. We shared our hobbies and interests whilst creating flowers out of our hands. These will be displayed in school as a reminder to the children that we are all one team working together.

Mrs Payne

This week in Hazel Nest

We have had a busy week back at After School Club, it's been lovely hearing about everyone's summer holidays. This week we were very lucky to watch a show all about The Titanic - Miles and Anna-Lee made some fantastic pictures and told us all lots of interesting facts. Olivia carefully coloured in a beautiful picture and Sophia made a fantastic aeroplane to play with outside. We were very impressed with Celine - her determination to master sliding down the fire-man's pole was amazing!



TTRS and Numbots

We are going to start our TTRS and Numbots weekly competitions again this week. As always we are looking at effort and improvement!



Achievers of the Week



Important Dates

Monday 22nd September 2025	Flu Vaccination
Tuesday 30th September 2025	Year 5 Trip
Thursday 2nd October 2025	Year R Trip
Friday 10th October 2025	PTA Cake Sale
Friday 17th October 2025	Individual & sibling photos
Wednesday 22nd October 2025	Harvest Festival at St Johns Church Rownhams. Collect children from church at 3pm
Mon 27th to Fri 31st October 2025	HALF TERM
Wednesday 5th November 2025	Year 3 Trip
Mon 10th to Fri 14th November 2025	Year 5 Swimming Collect children from Oaklands pool at 3pm
Wednesday 19th November 2025	Year 2 Trip
Friday 28th November 2025	PTA Winter Fayre 3.30-5pm
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Pantomime
Thursday 18th December 2025	Christmas lunch and disco
Friday 19th December 2025	Christingle Service at St Johns Church Rownhams. Collect children from church at 3pm No after school club provision
Mon 22nd Dec to Friday 2nd Jan 2026	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Thursday 22nd January 2026	Young Voices
Friday 17th July 2026	Summer Spectacular Last Day of Summer term No after school club provision

Lunch Menu

15th September Week 2

School Term & Holiday Dates

2025-26

Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 - INSET DAY

Thursday 4th September 2025 - school resumes for pupils

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025 - Half Term

Friday 19th December 2025 - Last day of Autumn Term

(No after school provision on 19th December 2025)



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



PE uniform reminder

Football kits and branded jumpers/hoodies are not to be worn for PE.

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

Plain **black** shorts. / skort

Plain **black** tracksuit bottoms / leggings / jumper / hoodie.

Please take the time to read the important reminders below

- **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.

TWINSPIRES CHURCHES

BEETLE DRIVE



Saturday 20th
September 6-8pm @
St John's CofE Primary
School Hall, Rownhams

ALL AGES WELCOME
CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO JOIN.
OFFICE@TWINSPIRES.ORG.UK
02380 738293

TWINSPIRES

LEGO Church

SUNDAY 21ST
SEPTEMBER, 4PM

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY
SCHOOL HALL,
ROWNHAMS

ALL ARE WELCOME!

