

# Nursling C of E Primary School



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

Newsletter 18 - 24th January 2025

## Head teacher's Message

My biggest shout out goes to Year 2 this week!

I was delighted to give a Headteacher sticker to Grace, Flo and Ethan when they came to show me their outdoor learning!

They were tasked with the job of filling each section of the egg box with a natural object found outside. They then had to write a label for each object, using a suitable adjective to describe it.

Needless to say, there were a lot of creative labels made! Thank you to Mrs Sciortino for a brilliant lesson that all the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Mrs Skeels and I also listened to some of the Year 2 children read this week. It is always interesting to see the progress the children have made since September.

Year 2 children should be able to read most words fluently and attempt to decode unfamiliar words. They should be able to show an understanding of the text they have read and make predictions about what might happen next. Please do help your child to develop these skills. Reading is a life skill, the more practice they get, the better they will be.

Have a great weekend. Mrs Jearrad.



## Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
90%	91.7%	93.3%	97.6%	95%	90.7%	95.6%	93.3%

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**

Kaydan- For working extremely hard with everything that he does, especially using his voice to communicate his needs! Well done Kaydan!

Celine- For her incredible reading and writing during phonics. Well done Celine!

### **Year 1**

Freya and Maiya - These girls are just fabulous everyday, they show our learning behaviour and our school values beautifully, and always put 100% effort into their work- super proud

### **Year 2**

Nalah-Rae is our Cyril Squirrel this week. She has shown such a positive attitude within phonics lessons and is applying her new learning within our writing lessons. Keep up the great work Nalah-Rae!

Oliver is our second Cyril Squirrel this week. He has completed some lovely independent writing for our pirate adventure story. He has also made an effort to make sure he is in the line on time at the end of break and lunch times. Well done, Oliver!

### **Year 3**

Jacob has been a superstar this week he's come in really focused and started every task with a really positive attitude.

Martha has been amazing this week and produced some amazing pieces of writing. Martha's writing stamina isn't always the greatest but this week she has blown us away! Keep it up Martha!

### **Year 4**

I am impressed with the effort that Michael is putting into his English and his handwriting at the moment. Keep it up Michael.

I'm also impressed with Niamh and the effort that she puts into her writing. Keep going Niamh

### **Year 5**

Harry - For really impressing not just myself, but all the teachers in the school with his writing and the progress he's making. He has come so far since the start of the year and it is all down to the hard work he is putting into his learning. Thoroughly deserved!

Grace - Grace receives the Cyril this week for really wowing me with her writing! She has shown a lot of improvement since the start of the year and I really enjoyed reading her story. Keep up the good work Grace!

### **Year 6**

Erin has been knuckling down really hard to complete her work to the best of her ability. Very proud. Well done!

Casi has been working hard on her writing and maths work. I've been impressed with the im-



## Cyril's Nest



This week at After School Club we have been making snakes and dragons for Chinese New Year! Our fridge is covered in colourful pictures and there are lots of snakes hanging off our ceiling! Here are a few of our wonderful creations - there will be more in next week's newsletter! Lots of raffle tickets and stars have been given out this week for all the children's wonderful work.

We were very impressed with Brodie in Year 1's Lego model.



**ASC Collection:** Please phone the number below when collecting your child from ASC. Once you have made contact, your child will be brought out to the main school gate.

**Hazel Nest phone number:** 07543 793590



## Allergy Aware

Please take a moment to remind your children not to share the food they bring from home. This helps us protect our children with allergies and maintain a safe environment for everyone.

We also kindly ask parents to pack appropriate, healthy, and nut-free lunches that align with school guidelines.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in creating a safe and healthy environment for all.

Attached is a fun allergy adventure worksheet.

<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/allergy-adventures-full-colour-opti%20%281%29.pdf>



## Rotary Club of Southampton Magna Hampers

A huge thank you goes to the club President-James Lapage and his team at the **Rotary Club of Southampton Magna** for their continued work and support to our school. This week, Ms Hayward and I collected 15 food hampers that have been given to families in our Nursling School Community.

We appreciate the impact the cost of living crisis is having and we are really pleased that families who are struggling have reached out for help.

Thank you from our whole school community for your ongoing support.



# TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



This week's winner for their 7 times tables goes to Evie. She is able to answer a question in the 7 times tables in 1.7 seconds! Incredible! Evie also led Rowan class and the children vs teachers to victory!

# NUMBOTS

This week's winner is Grace She has answered 858 questions correctly in the last week!

## This Out of School Achievers



**YOU  
ARE  
BRILLIANT**

**WOW!**



# The Circus

is coming to

Nursling Primary School

**Sunday 27th April 2025**

**Tickets:**

**£10 a ticket**

**Under 2's FREE\***

**\*must be on adults lap**



Tickets can be purchased at

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/nurslingprimarypta/?event=event&eventId=92894>



**Gates open at 12:30. Show starts at 14:00**  
**More information on booking website**

## 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
Inset Day	Monday 24th February
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
Pyjama Day for circus tombola  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
<b>PLEASE CHECK THIS REGULARLY FOR</b>	<b>CHANGES AND UPDATES</b>

## 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.

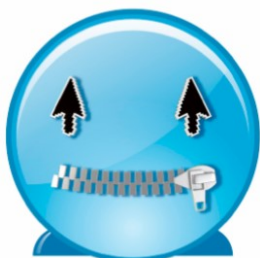
At school, we use the NSPCC Zip it , Block it, Flag it approach for keeping your child safe online.

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.

## 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 27th January 2025 **week 2** in the cycle.



## Safeguarding your children

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

### **Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility.**

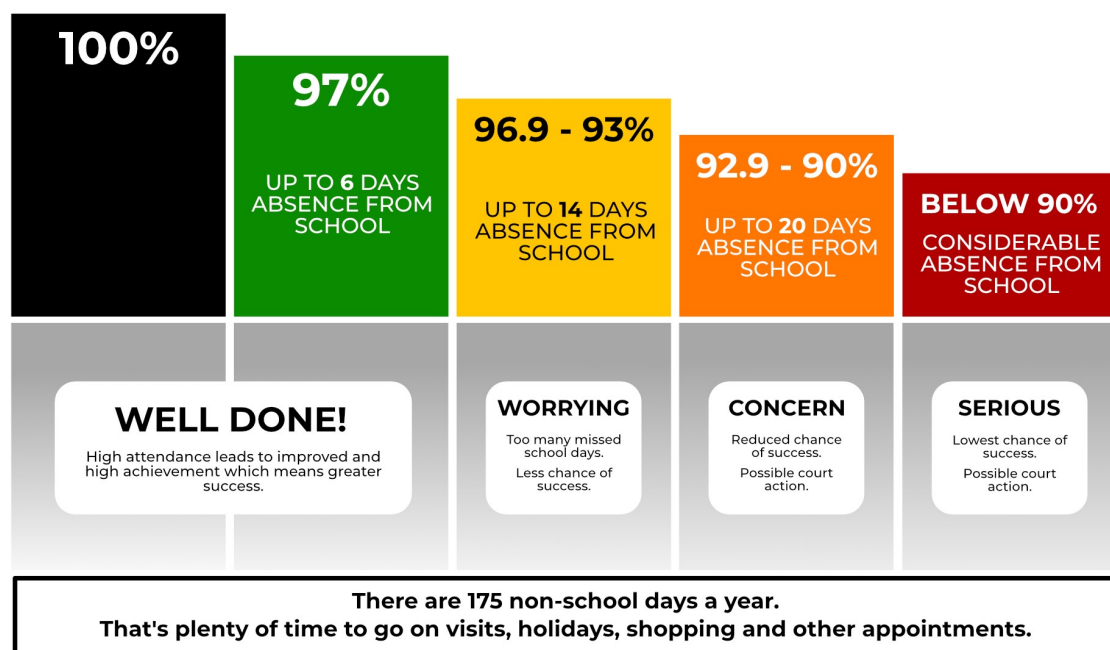
This means parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, school staff and all members of the community are responsible for ensuring children are safe and concerns are raised in a timely manner.

#### **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.



## 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>		

# FEBRUARY HALF TERM DAY CAMPS

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Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup>  
February 2025  
11 8:30am - 4:30pm

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February 2025  
11 9am - 3:00pm

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your child's spot!

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