

# Nursling C of E Primary School



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

Newsletter 29th - 2nd May 2025

## Head Teacher's Message

Thank you to everyone who came to support the community event at the weekend. Happy's Circus did not disappoint and the weather was beautiful. However, the biggest thank you goes to our wonderful PTA for organising the event. It was superb! What a team!

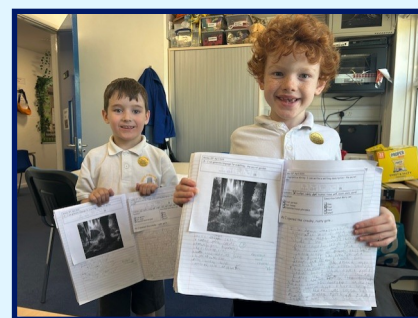
This week, I have been getting to grips with my digital camera again and reminding myself how to take some good pictures. The children have been really good at ignoring me when I pop up behind them and snap a picture or two! I have a long way to go before I know all the functions on the camera but I have made a good start and taken some nice pictures of the classes enjoying learning outside this week. I saw Year 4 building a fire to bake bread on that they had made, Chestnuts were engaging in water play and then running across the field to dry off, Year 1 were learning how to make daisy chains and Year 6 were playing fun games to help them to remember lots of facts ready for SATS.



Well done to Sam and Arlo for getting the Headteachers Sticker for great writing this week! They used some really good descriptive words. A reminder that the Ofsted report was sent out on Monday and is also available to read on our website.

I wish you all a wonderful BANK HOLIDAY weekend, especially Year 4 who, I am sure, will be sleeping for most of it following a fantastic residential trip. Mr Booth, Mrs Sciortino and Miss Tanner, you are brilliant for going above and beyond to take the children away. Thank you!

From Mrs Jearrad



## Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
96.7%	93.7%	93.8%	93.3%	99.2%	97.5%	99.3%	96.2%

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

**Sophia** has done excellent reading and writing in phonics this week. Well done!

**Ashley** is always a kind and considerate friend. Well done!

### Year 1

**Brodie** has been showing all of Nursling Values this week and is a great member of team Birch!

**Ruby** has been trying her best in all lessons and has a great attitude to learning!

### Year 2

**Yasha** is our first Cyril of the week. She has been showing a real care over her work this week and her spellings and writing are showing improvements. She is particularly enthusiastic in phonics lessons and tries her hardest. Well done!

**Harry** is our second Cyril of the week. He always tries his best in every lesson. He participated lots on the carpet and takes feedback well. Keep up the great learning attitude Harry!

### Year 3

**Fleur** and **Cian** both have a great attitude towards their learning this week and have been putting in their best effort in all lessons.

### Year 5

**Alex** has had an amazing start to the new term! He's showing concentrated effort in his focus and organization. Alex has particularly impressed me during English this week, as he has produced pages and pages of good quality writing consistently!

**Leo** has started the new term very positively and shown a lot of the school's values every single day! He has demonstrated kindness when looking out for his friends and has shown a lot of enthusiasm when given new roles and responsibilities this week!

### Year 6

**Casi** Has been working really hard in her revision and morning boosters to do the very best she can. Legend!

**Peter** has been trying really hard with his SATs revision in class and I've been impressed with his efforts.





This week's winner is Vinnie. He has won the prize for the most games played this week on Numbots!



This week's winner is Sofia. Fantastic effort and increased speed this week! Well done!



**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

**New Members:** If you are new to wrap around care please ensure you come to the office or see Miss Holloway for a welcome back, preferably before your child uses this facility.

**Reminders:** After school club closes promptly at 5:45pm. Late collection will incur a fine.

### This week in Hazel Nest

This week at After School Club we have been enjoying the sunshine with lots of outdoor play. We have had great fun using the bubble blower and chasing bubbles around the playground. I think the children ate as many bubbles as they popped!



## Our fabulous 'Out of School Achievers'



**Congratulations to Sofia for winning Aldi's Easter competition.**

## 'Chocaholic' wins dream job

AN eight-year-old chocaholic from Southampton has won her dream job as Aldi's 'chief Easter egg tasting officer.'

Sofia May beat hundreds of hopeful candidates from across the country and has been tasked with tasting a selection of Aldi's Easter eggs in exchange for reporting back her thoughts to the supermarket's buying team.

Sofia's feedback will help guide what goes on the shop's shelves for Easter 2026.

Sofia caught the attention of the judges with a video in which she answered a series of questions while enjoying her favourite chocolate buttons.

When asked why she'd be perfect for the role, she answered: "Because I love Aldi and I'm a chocoholic."

Sofia said: "I can't wait to taste these Easter eggs and be Aldi's new chief Easter egg tasting officer as chocolate is my favourite thing. Me, my mummy, and daddy, were really surprised when I won, and they are very proud of me."

Sofia's dad, Kev, added: "Sofia's always had a love for chocolate, so seeing her get the chance to share her passion with Aldi is beyond exciting."

"It's truly a dream come true for her and we're all looking forward to tasting the Easter eggs together."

"When we told Sofia she had won, she was bouncing around the living room screaming 'I can't believe it.'"



## Happy's Circus comes to Nursling



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## PTA Events

After the success of the Circus, the PTA still have more events for us to enjoy!



An ice-cream van has been organised for Sports Day. This will be parked in the layby at the front of school at the end of the day. I'm sure your children will appreciate it after all that running around!

The cake sale has been moved to Friday 6th June straight after school. Weather permitting this will be on the field outside the classroom doors.



The Fathers Day gift sale will be the week of the 9th June. More details to follow on that and all other events coming in June and July.

If you'd be interested in joining the PTA they are a welcoming bunch, just let us know and we'll pass your details to them.

## Important Dates

Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS week	Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May 2025
Pip and Pap Workshop 2.30pm (Year R and 1)	Friday 16th May 2025
Young Voices Concert to Parents 6pm	Tuesday 20th May 2025
Sports Day:  KS1: Gates open at 9.30 finish by 12.30pm  KS2: Gates open at 1.15 finish by 15.00  Ice Cream & last day of half term	Friday 23rd May 2025
Half Term	26th - 30th May
Cake Sale after school	Friday 6th June
Fathers day gift sale week	9th—13th June 2025
Music Festival 2pm	Tuesday 10th June 2025
Year 1 class trip - Moors Valley Country Park	Tuesday 17th June 2025
Meeting for parents of September 2025 Year R intake 6pm	Tuesday 17th June 2025
Parents evenings (Year 1 –6)	23rd and 25th June 2025
Year 3 class trip - Sea City Museum	Tuesday 24th 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 2 class trip - Hilliers Arboretum	Monday 30th June 2025
Mountbatten Transition Day	Wednesday 2nd July 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
Summer Spectacular  Open Classroom 2.30pm End of Summer Term <b>No after school club provision</b>	Friday 18th July 2025
Inset Day	Monday 21st July 2025
Inset Day	Tuesday 22nd July 2025
<b>PLEASE CHECK THIS REGULARLY FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES</b>	

### ONLINE SAFETY

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-ofcom-is-helping-children-to-be-safer-online-a-guide-for-parents>

## 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.

## 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.

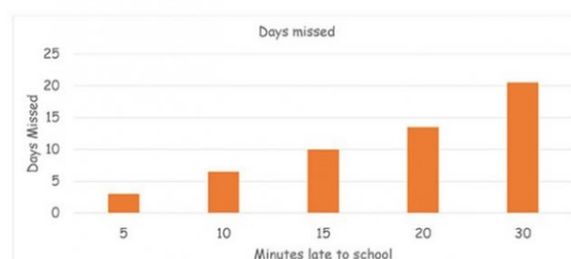
**If children arrive in school after 9.20am they will be marked as an unauthorised absence**

### 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>

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 5th April 2025 **week 1** in the cycle.



## **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?**

<b>Steps</b>	<b>Learning / Classroom/ Staffing issues</b>	<b>Pastoral / Additional Needs</b>	<b>School Administration</b>
<b>1</b>	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.
<b>2</b>	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.
<b>3</b>	<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>		
<b>4</b>	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>		