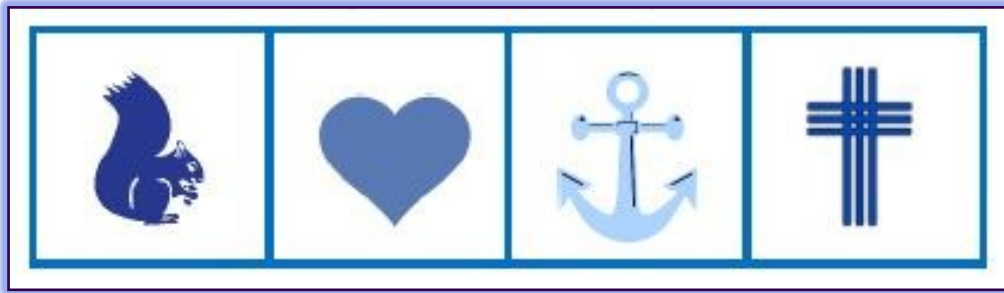


Nursling C of E Primary School



Learning to Love. Building Resilience. Taking Responsibility.

Newsletter 3 – 19th September 2025

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a lot in the news recently about the changes made to Ofsted Inspections. So what does it all mean and how do school leaders and teachers in general feel about the changes?

In general, there is a definite air of disappointment. Ofsted has always brought a huge amount of extra pressure, stress and workload to the profession, particularly in the lead up to and throughout the inspection.

After Ruth Perry, an overhaul was promised but instead, the feeling is that the government has just re-branded it. The retention of teachers crisis is the worst I have ever known. Teachers train to teach children. That is their job and should be the only job they are expected to do. However, the job has grown into something that is unsustainable. The expectation on school staff to be able to teach, prevent and fix everything is unrealistic and too overwhelming. These are the key drivers out of this profession. I think it is important to mention here that the school day for staff in schools does not start at 8:50am and end at 3:25pm. Planning, preparation and assessment are all key aspects to a teachers role, and often completed as unpaid overtime in school or in their own time at home so until workload is addressed by Ofsted, as part of a proper over-haul, retention of teachers will not improve.

Although our next Ofsted inspection isn't due for a while, I will be following closely to see the difference this rebrand makes when inspections start again in November, I am usually an optimist but on this occasion, I doubt the cost was worth it. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Jearrad

Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
99.3%	97.9%	93.7%	96.2%	95%	98%	93.8%	96.3%

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 1

Roman- for a fantastic week, he has been putting his hands up loads to answer questions and playing really nicely with his peers.

Maisie G- for an equally fantastic week, working really hard in all learning but particularly in reading and writing.



Year 2

Ethan is our first Cyril Squirrel this week. He has blown us away this week particularly in his writing. He has been including expanded noun phrases into his writing and is showing a real pride in his work. Well done, Ethan!

Delilah is our second Cyril Squirrel this week. She has worked phenomenally hard all week and always tries her best. She is working independently and remains focused no matter what else may be happening. Keep up the great work, Delilah!

Year 3

Sam - Sam has received our Cyril today for being the absolute model student. He has listened to instructions very well, worked extremely hard no matter what the subject is and shown a lot of our school values. Well done Sam!

Ellie - Ellie has had a brilliant week and demonstrates the perfect attitude towards school. She consistently works hard in everything she does and is such a good member to have as part of our class!

Year 4

Finley has worked really hard this week, particularly in his writing lessons. Keep up the good work Finley.

Jacob has really impressed me this week, he is working well in class and staying on task. Great job Jacob!

Year 5

Kayleigh has shown fantastic focus and determination in maths lessons this week. She has tackled challenging problems with confidence and accuracy. Her positive attitude and effort have really stood out - brilliant work

Sienna has been brilliant in English this week, especially when researching planets for her non-chronological report. She showed great curiosity and independence while gathering fascinating facts. Her enthusiasm and effort have really shone through - excellent work!

Year 6

Ben has worked really hard this week to improve his effort and engagement in lessons and it has made a huge impact on his learning. I'm very proud of him!

Norah has been working incredibly hard, particularly in writing lessons. I've been impressed with her perseverance, even when she has found something a little tough. Awesome job!

Parent Governor Vacancy—closing date 3rd October 2025

Why you should join the Nursling Primary School Governors Board

As the newest member of the governing board and a proud parent at Nursling Primary School, I wanted to take a moment to share what the role involves and why I wholeheartedly encourage other parents to consider getting involved too.

School governors are a team of volunteers who work alongside the headteacher and staff to help guide the strategic direction of the school. We come from all walks of life and each bring different perspectives and experiences whilst collaborating.

At Nursling Primary School, governors play a vital role in:

- Setting the school's long-term vision and priorities.
- Supporting and challenging the leadership team to ensure high standards in teaching, learning and behaviour.
- Monitoring how the school is performing, both academically and financially.
- Ensuring the school is safe, inclusive and focused on the wellbeing of every child.

You don't need to have any special qualifications or a background in education to become a governor. What matters most is a genuine interest in our school's success, a willingness to ask questions and the time to attend meetings.

As a parent governor, I've found the role incredibly rewarding and I've had the chance to:

- Make a meaningful contribution to the education of all children.
- Learn how schools are run and how key decisions are made.
- Develop new skills in areas like leadership, finance and governance.
- Work with a fantastic team of dedicated individuals who are passionate about helping the school thrive.
- And yes, we often enjoy some delicious cakes during our meetings, which of course is a lovely bonus!

If you're looking for a way to support the school, have your voice heard and be part of something that truly makes a difference, I'd encourage you to consider becoming a governor.

We'd love to see more parents from our school get involved. If you'd like to learn more, please speak to the school office or contact one of the current governors, we'd be more than happy to chat about what's involved!

Kind regards,

Gary Singh
Parent Governor



Chestnut Class - First week at Nursling.



Chestnut Class had a fantastic first week in school! They have enjoyed making new friends, exploring the exciting Discovery Time activities and eating their yummy school dinners. Both Miss Walker and Miss Tuffin are super proud of how well they have all settled into school life and can't wait for the year ahead.

Well done

Chestnut Class





Numbots

This week's winner is **Benyamin**. Fantastic effort this week! Well done!



TTRS

This week's winner is **Nathan**. Fantastic effort this week and improving his 2s to a speedy 1.5 seconds! Well done!



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

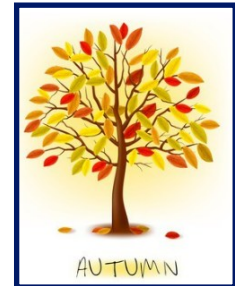
Wednesday 3rd September 2025 - INSET DAY

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!



OCTOBER HALF TERM

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	27TH OCTOBER - 31ST OCTOBER
AGES	4 - 12 YEAR OLDS
PRICE	£20 PER DAY
TIME	9AM - 3PM
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