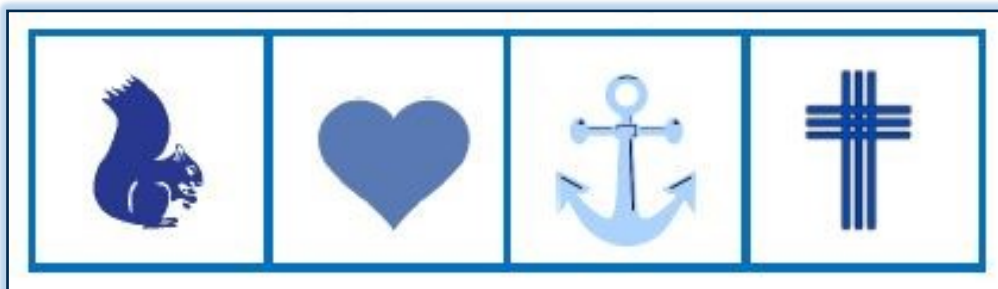


# Nursling C of E Primary School



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

Newsletter #7 20th October 2023

## Head teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

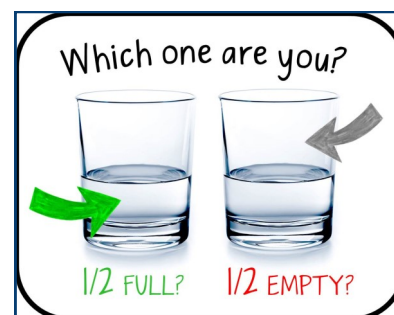
I think we are all really looking forward to being able to recharge our batteries over half term!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in one way or another in different activities. We have received some really lovely and positive emails into the school office in support of some of the things we have started up or doing differently. This communication is always really welcome and makes us all smile!

Did you know that your child will do anything to please you and feed you what s/he thinks you want to hear? So I challenge you to flip the narrative! When your child comes out of school, instead of saying 'Were there any problems today?' ask your child, 'What was great about your day?' It will not only lift you and put a smile on your face but help your child build their confidence, resilience and happiness.

Wishing you all a really lovely half term break.

Mrs Jearrad



## Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
96%	93.2%	87.7%	95.4%	94.8%	96%	94%	93.8%

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.



**Psalm 24: 1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.**

## SAFEGUARDING

As a school, we take **safeguarding** children very seriously. As a community, we are all responsible in helping to keep our children safe at home, on the streets and in school.

This week, we have had the Local Authority come into school to do a Safeguarding Review, We wanted them to see what we do and how we can improve things. They observed all our routines and procedures including before school, break time, lunchtime and after school. They read through policies, risk assessments and spoke to staff and children.

Many strengths were identified throughout the course of the review.

As in any workplace, a review is most beneficial when you can take something from it to improve on. Working together, we have identified where tweaks can be made to improve our practice and make safeguarding even stronger.

**A reminder to all parents and Carers that children are not supervised on site by the staff team until 8:40am when the classroom doors open, unless they are signed into Breakfast Club.**

**Keeping  
children safe  
is everyone's  
responsibility**



## Pupil Voice

### Social, Emotional, Mental Health

Every few weeks, we talk to the children about life in school. We call this 'Pupil Voice'.

The focus for this week was to fit with our safeguarding review to find out how safe the children feel in school. Some of our children even had a chance to talk to the Local Authority when they were in school.

100% of our children have a good friend in school.

96% of our children say that the adults help and care for them in school .

95% of our children know an adult they can talk to in school if there is something worrying them.

Interestingly, the lowest whole school percentage was in response to this...

**'I sleep well and come to school feeling refreshed in the morning.'**

Only 59% of our children agreed to this. state-

### TOP TIPS FOR **AWESOME SLEEP**

1. Switch off phones and all screens: they wreck your peace and wake your brain.
2. Make good choices in the evening: lots of 'sleep positives' (things that help) and no 'sleep negatives' (things that harm sleep).
3. Build your routine: pick some sleep positives and do them in the same order each evening. Have the same sleeping and waking times each day. Brains love routines!
4. Learn tricks to push anxiety away and calm your heart rate. Most of all, don't worry about not sleeping. You will!

For MUCH more and all the fascinating sleep science, read **THE AWESOME POWER OF SLEEP**  
Visit [www.nicolamorgan.com](http://www.nicolamorgan.com) for resources for schools and families

## Get Creative!

### Remembrance Service

We set you the challenge to get creative over half term!

We want to cover our Spiritual Space (the pagoda on the playground) with poppies, poems, thoughts and prayers for Remembrance.

We will hold a whole school Remembrance Service by the pagoda on Friday 10th November which will give the children an opportunity to share their thoughts and prayers.

You could knit, crochet, draw, paint, make a poppy out of any material (felt, egg cup...) to place into the pagoda!

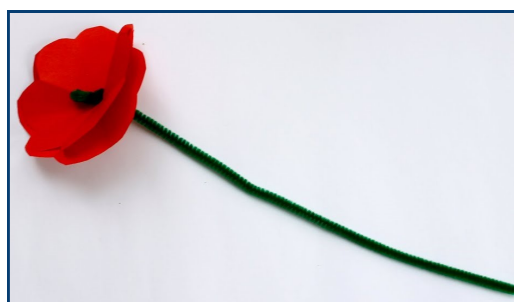
How to crochet a poppy...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2CUghTlFOs>

How to knit a poppy...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-W6otlCuyQ>

<https://tretherras.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Knitted-Poppy-Patterns.pdf>





## Faith Day

Class 4 had a fantastic question of faith day last week. Teresa, from St John's church taught us about the covenant that God made with his people .

We spent the day learning about Bible stories and discussing agreements and promises through drama and art.



## Collective Worship - Harvest Festival

This week during Collective worship we have been focusing on Harvest. We have linked the Christian Value and our School Value of Hope with Harvest. Every season before the harvest, there is hope that there will be a good crop. Harvest is also a time when we thank God for all that we have and what he has provided.

On Wednesday afternoon, the whole school travelled to the church to celebrate our Harvest Festival. It was a wonderful time of songs, art work, poetry and thankfulness. There was even some throwing and (attempted) catching of grapes in the church! Thank you to everybody who enabled our Harvest Festival to be a success and all of the food that was donated. We raised an incredible amount of food which will now go to those who need it through the local food banks. On Friday morning, we were joined at school by Southampton City Mission for a collective worship also focusing on Harvest. Southampton City Mission always manage to bring a topic alive and the children really enjoy engaging and participating in these collective worships.



## Cyril's Awards

**Year 1** Monroe has really turned it around this half term and is trying so hard with his work in Writing and Maths, and his progress is very evident! He is also working really hard to make the right choices in class.

Ivy Grace has had a fabulous start to the year, she is so kind to all her peers and is the first to help me with a job! She tries really hard with her writing and maths and we are so proud of her in Year 1.

**Year 2** Hugo for a great attitude towards his learning, he has tried so hard!

Laylie is for her focus in her writing. She has been proof reading and trying her best to improve her writing.

**Year 3** Mary-Ellen has been so responsible for her learning this half term. She has given one hundred percent effort within every lesson. Well done Mary-Ellen keep up the good work!

Illaia has been working so hard this half term on being reflective especially during English lessons. It has been amazing to see her writing progress this half term.

**Year 4** Ava Rose has been working very hard all week particularly on her math's and English. Keep it up Ava Rose.

Alex has worked very hard on his writing this week. He has focused on his punctuation and the layout of his work. Well done Alex keep it up.

**Year 5** Oliver - For being an absolute superstar with his work this week, turning on the effort and producing some amazing work, particularly in maths.

Irianna - For always setting such a good example to the rest of the class with both her school work and attitude towards others, showing the school's values of love, hope and courage regularly.

**Year 6** Alfie- has impressed us with his readiness to learn this week and his responsibility for his own learning. We are incredibly proud of how hard he has worked in all lessons. Great job Alfie!

Esmae- has improved both the quantity and quality of her work this week and is starting to develop her confidence to work independently. Keep it up Esmae!





## Totes Awards

This week Totes awards go to.....

**Year 1** Imogen has been reading at home nearly every day recently and it is really paying off in her fantastic phonics work!

**Year 2** Fleur for amazing concentration in reading. Her efforts have been amazing in home and at school.

**Year 3** Sienna has been trying so hard with her reading this half term. It has been great to see she is reading a wide range of books.

**Year 4** Ellie tries very hard to reading and is working to read with more expression. Keep going Ellie.

**Year 5** Honore receives this week's tote bag for filling his reading journal as well as his beautiful reading during class and during our harvest church service this week.

**Year 6** Scarlotte is the Oak class tote bag recipient for this week because of the bubbli-ness and positive energy she brings when she is reading. She brings the book she reads to life and fully deserves our tote bag this week. Legend!



## Out of school achievements

Mary-Ellen passed her next level in gymnastics, one of the things she had to do was balance on a beam, I bet that was tricky!

Flynn was made player of the match, great effort Flynn!

Naya scored the winning goal for her football team, fantastic Naya!

Riley gained his orange belt in Karate, go Riley!

Toby was awarded his silver badge in Lifeguarding - amazing job Toby!



### Cyril's Den Proud Cloud Winners.

A big well done to this term's Proud Cloud raffle winners at After School Club. The winners are Ellie and Henry in Year 5, they both won some exciting prizes.

Ellie is a wonderful artistic member of our club. She is always drawing or creating something amazing, and is happy to help the other children with their art projects too. She has earned lots of raffle tickets for being kind and sensible, and for her fabulous artwork.



Henry started at After School Club on the very first day we opened! He's a lovely member of our club and can always be found with his nose in a Beano book! He has earned lots of raffle tickets this term for being kind and helpful. He's an expert at building our Hot Wheels track and often makes it just so the younger boys can play with it.



### On the Gate Board Update



#### On the Gate Board Update

We are looking into setting up playground buddies and a buddy bench in response to the 'On the Gate' board comments! Please keep this communication going, it is a really good way to work together to move things forwards in a positive way!

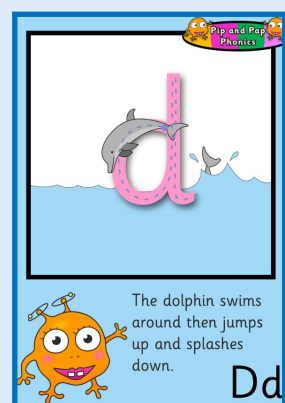
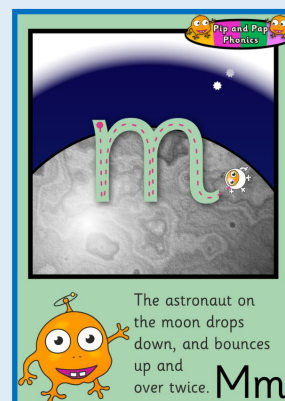


Put your hands together to make a sphere over your head - this is your mood, in the sky. Say "m-m-m" as you make your moon.

Imagine you are a dolphin diving! Move your hand up and down as if you were a dolphin diving and jumping into the sea. Say "d-d-d" as you dive.

Here is a link to the Pip and Pap Shop:

<http://www.pipandpapshop.co.uk/>



### Week 4 Challenge – Half term active fun!

Take a walk, wheel, scoot or cycle with family or friends.

For this challenge you could:

- Create a scavenger hunt for a local walk or wheel with family or friends.
- Take a picnic in a backpack and cycle with your family or friends to the park.
- Find out if there are any local pumpkin trails to do.

The JRSO's would like to invite you to take part in a fun and exciting challenge during October- Walktober!

Your child will receive information and a challenge card on Friday.

Keep healthy and reduce emissions by taking part with as many of the fun walking challenges as you can! New challenges will be issued every week. There will be a chance to submit your challenge cards at the end of the month to be entered into a prize draw. Have fun!





## 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.

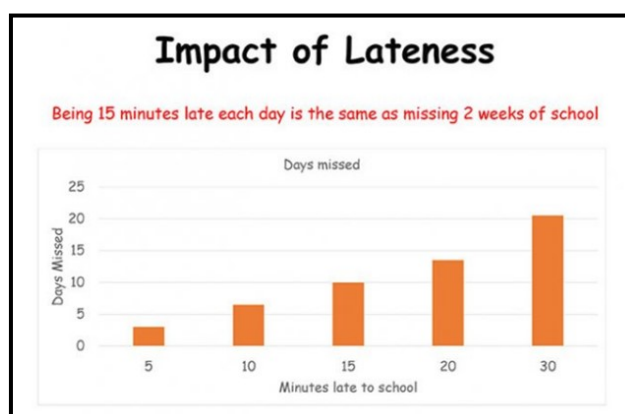
**If a child arrives after 8.50am, they will be given a 'late' mark.**

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 we will consider legal action.



## School Dinners

Fed up with making packed lunches? Why not order a school dinner?

Children choose from a vegetarian or meat option, and cost £3 for a freshly cooked main meal and pudding, payable via Scopay. Special diets can be catered for by prior arrangement.

**Please be aware that we have a new Autumn 2 menu - see the link below**

If your child has an allergy or any dietary needs please speak to the School For your convenience here is a link to the School Dinner menu. <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/HC3S/Picture-Menus-A4-October2023.pdf>

The week beginning the **30th October 2023** is **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 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/ 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 Darke</b> (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 <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</b> (SENCO).	If you have a complaint with regards to a member of the office team, go to Step 3.
3	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>If still not sorted?</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Still not satisfied? Formal Complaint Process Step 1 with Mrs Jearrad.</p>		
	<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>		

## Important Dates

Next Term	
First Day Back	Monday 30th October
Year 6 - secondary School Application Deadline for a Year 7 place starting September 2023	Tuesday 31st October
Year 1 Trip to Winchester Science Centre	Thursday 2nd November
Year 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm	Thursday 9th November
Year 6 Trip to Milestones Museum	Tuesday 21st November
Year 2 Trip to Southampton Art Museum	Tuesday 28th November
Year R Nativity Play	Wednesday 6th December 2pm and 6pm
Showcase Music Concert (KS2)	Wednesday 7th December 9am
Christingle Service at St Johns	Tuesday 12th December
Pantomime!	Wednesday 13th December
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day!	Thursday 14th December
PTA Christmas Disco	Thursday 14th December
Open Classroom 2.30pm (All Years)	Friday 15th December
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 15th December
<b>No After School Provision</b>	
PLEASE CHECK THIS REGULARLY FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES	

### Breakfast and After School Clubs



### Wrap Around Care

Due to the popularity of Cyril's Breakfast and After School Clubs may we remind you that ad-hoc places are not guaranteed to be available. If you would like to apply for a permanent place on fixed days every week then please complete a permanent booking form and return to the school office (conditions apply).



## School Term & Holiday Dates

2023 - 24

### Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 = INSET Day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 = School Resumes for pupils

Monday 23<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 = Half Term

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 = Last day of Autumn Term



### Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 = School Resumes

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 = Half Term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 = INSET Day

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 = Last day of Spring Term



### Summer Term 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 = INSET Day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 = School resumes for pupils

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 = Bank Holiday

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 = Half Term

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 = Last day of Summer Term

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 = INSET Day

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 = INSET Day



## Out of School Activities and other information

**BOOK NOW!**

# Holiday Club

CRAFT PAINTING SPORTS  
Wii JEWELLERY MAKING  
STORIES CONSTRUCTION  
WATER PLAY  
SNACKS BAKING

enquiries@hornsdrove.uk  
02380 737207

**HORNS DROVE**  
Community Childcare

## October Half term 23rd to 27th October

**BOOK NOW!**

**#MBSport** The Mountbatten School, Whitenap Lane, Romsey, SO51 5SY

The Mountbatten PE Faculty invites you to:

## A Community Club Links Evening

Thursday 16th November, 5:30-7:30pm, The Olympic Hall

Come and explore the Sports Clubs and Physical Activity opportunities on your doorstep.

The evening is for primary school students and their families to gather information from community club representatives.

For more information, and to help us keep track of numbers, please complete the Google Form via this QR code below.

**We Care. We Respect. We Achieve.**

# SUPERSTAR SPORTS

## OCTOBER HALF TERM

### MILLBROOK

Activities include: Football, Multi-Sports, Performing Arts, Gymnastics, Scavenger hunts, Inflatables and Halloween Games.

VENUE	MANSEL PARK PRIMARY
PRICE	£18
TIME	9 AM - 3 PM
DATES	MONDAY 23RD - FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER
OUT OF HOURS	8-9 AM £5 (BREAKFAST INCLUDED) 3-4.30 PM £6

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FUN FRIENDS FAITH

FRIDAY TERM TIMES  
6 - 7:30 PM

ROWNHAMS CHURCH HALL  
FREE FOR SCHOOL YEARS 3 - 6

**Brownies**  
1st Nursling & Rownhams  
brownies.firstnursling@ntworld.com

**Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure**  
for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

Join a local Brownies group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)

*'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'*  
Poonam

Every Wednesday  
4:30 - 5:30

# Board Game club

**Free Entry**

St John's Church hall

For all ages!

## Year 6 - Secondary School Applications

### Application deadlines

There are less than two weeks left for parents to apply for secondary school places for children due to start **Year 7 in September 2024**. The deadline is **Tuesday 31 October**.