

Newsletter

Pride, Passion, Success

I wanted to send a heartfelt thank you to all our families for your incredible support with remote learning during our recent school closure.

I know that managing learning at home is always a challenge, and doing so during this intense heat has made it doubly hard. Your resilience, patience and effort have been greatly appreciated by all the staff.

Please note that the warm weather is forecast to continue. To keep everyone safe, comfortable, and well-hydrated, please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle every day.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Tony Head
Headteacher

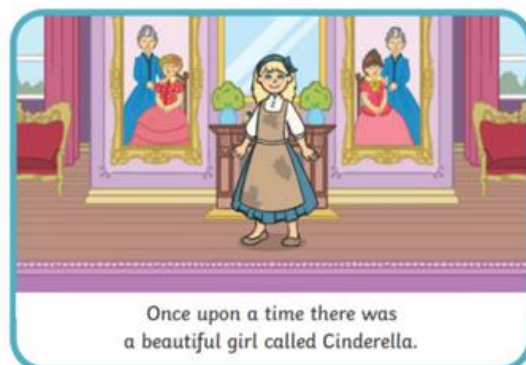
Curriculum update.

Year R

This month the children in year R have been immersed in fairy tales. They loved dressing up as prince and princesses for our Cinderella week and using our small world knights and castles to act out stories with their friends.

The focus in literacy was on sequencing the story as well as answering comprehension questions to make sure the children understood what they were reading.

As well as this, the children have been busy learning about sharing quantities equally and working out whether a



What tricky words can you find?



The children loved the Grand Ball at the end of our Cinderella topic and there were some fantastic costumes and amazing ballroom dancing!

Year 1

This month, Year 1 have been busy learning about different inventions that have changed the world that we live in. We found out that Louis Braille was only 15 when he decided to make a system to help people who were partially sighted and blind to be able to read.



Then we wore some blindfolds so that we could try to understand how difficult it must have been for Louis. We also learnt about the invention of the parachute, and we had lots of fun making our own ones and trying them out!

We were also lucky enough to take part in the Scootfit. We loved learning new tricks and scooting fast whilst wearing the proper safety gear. What a great way to keep fit!



Year 2

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London this term. Through our history lessons, we discovered how the fire started, why it spread so rapidly, the challenges people faced in trying to stop it, and how London was transformed in the years that followed.

Our learning inspired some fantastic writing, as we imagined ourselves in London in 1666 and used descriptive language to bring the sights, sounds and smells of the city to life. One of our favourite activities was creating model houses like those found in London at the time.



We then safely tested how quickly fire could spread between them in our environmental area, helping us to understand the events of 1666 and providing inspiration for the detailed setting descriptions we wrote in English. Using our senses and historical knowledge, we painted vivid pictures of the narrow, crowded streets and smoky atmosphere of London during the fire.

Year 2 cont....

In PSHE, we have been working hard towards our Citizenship Awards by continuing with our hobbies, being helpful at home, and taking part in football matches to raise money for Southampton Hospitals Charity.



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Charity

Important: Our PSHE Citizenship Award Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday 14th July at 9:15am** – parents are warmly invited to attend!

Teacher Challenge

If the Giraffes and Eagles can work together to raise **£800**, they will get to soak Miss Byrne and Mrs Peacock on the last full week of term.

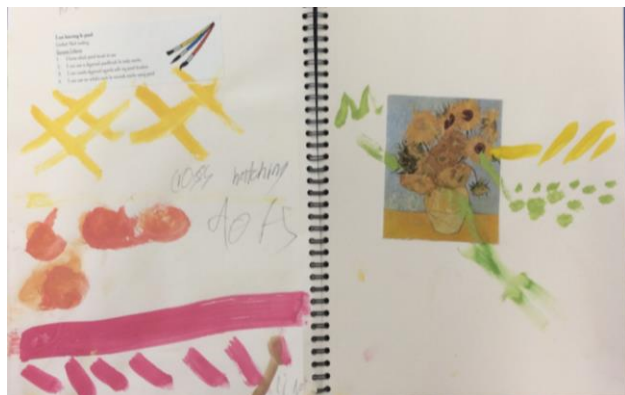
Last year, Year 2 raised **£1,013**, so we have every faith that this year they will do just as well.

Good luck!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy start to the final half term. In PSHE they have been thinking about the changes they have experienced and those to come in the future. They have also spent time reflecting on their personal strengths and skills. Then deciding how these may help them in their future careers! The children have also started learning about light in science and particularly enjoyed using the torches to investigate reflective surfaces. In the coming weeks, they will learn about sun safety and the protection sun cream gives. They have been experimenting with mixing colour in art and seeing how different brushes can make different marks on paper, in preparation for our art day later in the term.



Year 4

This month Year 4 have been exploring the digestive system and have loved getting hands-on with our very own model in class. It was wonderfully messy, but it helped us clearly understand what happens to our food as it travels through the body.

We have also been learning about Vincent van Gogh, looking closely at how his art makes us feel and how we might recreate his brushstrokes using fabric and string. Year 4 will soon be creating their own 'Starry Night' inspired collages, and we cannot wait to see the range of creative techniques they choose to use.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful Summer Term so far. One of the highlights has been completing our Maya masks. After researching the Maya civilisation, the children designed, paper-mâché and decorated their own masks. Throughout this project, they demonstrated excellent resilience and cooperation to successfully complete their work.

Another highlight was our final science trip to Cantell, where the children had the opportunity to use microscopes to observe a variety of living things up close. This was an exciting and engaging experience that helped bring their learning to life.



Year 6

On 10 June 2026, we held our annual enterprise fayre. Despite it having to be held inside due to the weather forecast, it was an incredible effort from Year 6 and a brilliant afternoon for the school community.

We were very successful and made **£770** for the school.

Thank you everyone who came.



Year 6 cont

On Thursday 11 June, we had a SNAP Circuits workshop delivered by engineers at Leonardo. We explored different components of a circuit and tried to make a device to stop people stealing cookies from a jar!



Summer Term Art Competition.

Congratulations to all the winners of our Summer Term Art Competition!

A big thank you to everyone who took part—I was delighted to see so many creative and imaginative pieces.

The designs were inspired by our local artist, Jennifa Chowdry, and reflected her style beautifully.

Special congratulations go to our winners: Stanley (Year 4) and Zaree (Year 1).



June Sports News.



Portswood had a fantastic day out at Southampton Sports Centre competing in the Quad Kids competition. The children worked incredibly hard all day and were rightly proud to represent their school. We had some incredible results in the four different events and ran a fantastic team relay to end the day. Thank you to the wonderful parents for enabling your children to participate and to those who were able to support and encourage the team throughout the day.

Bassett Buzz Cup

After the thunderstorms cancelled our initial games, Portswood were excited to finally get their football tournament underway in an excellent match at Highfield School. There were some fantastic saves, incredible goals and above all, team spirit. I was so impressed with the way the children supported each other in both our games.

After a hard fought 3-1 loss to hosts Highfield, the team regrouped and managed to turn things around with a 3-1 victory over St Denys.



Scootfit

We had an exciting start to our new half term with two fun filled days of scooting. The children all enjoyed a 40 minute scooting session complete with disco music and scooter football. All year groups had a wonderful time and James the coach was impressed with their skills, enthusiasm and passion throughout the day – despite the rain and thunder!

Congratulations

Huge well done to Pranav in year six. He represented his team at a swimming competition and picked up a haul of medals including gold in breaststroke.

What a brilliant achievement!



Reminders

Free School Meals

Are you receiving Universal Credit? Your child may be entitled to Free School Meals.

Applying for free school meals not only gives your child the opportunity to have a meal at lunchtime but, depending on your circumstances, the Government also gives the school additional money to help with your child's education. It is therefore to your child's advantage that you apply for free school meals (even if your child is entitled to universal free school meals; or does not actually take up the offer of a meal).

You can apply on-line at [Online FSM Application \(cloudforedu.org.uk\)](https://cloudforedu.org.uk).

Parking

To protect the health of the children and all other members of our school community, please could we ask you to turn off your engines if you are parking by the school.

Sitting with your engines idling will produce harmful emissions which can contribute to ill health and damage to the environment.

If you can: turn your engine off.

Our usual parking reminders are here:

Please can we ask you to be mindful of residents when parking around the school.

Do not park or leave your car in the disabled bays along Northcote and Brickfield Road.

Please do not pull up on double yellow lines or the school zig zag lines, even if you are only dropping your child off, as this causes congestion.

Please do not park over the entrance to the allotments, these gates should always be accessible.

Please park a little further from the school and walk the rest of the way where possible.

Dates / Activities

Date	Activity
Monday 29 June – Friday 2 July	Year 6 Transition week at Cantell.
Thursday 2 July 2026	Year 4 swimming
Friday 3 July 2026	Reports go home via Arbor
Monday 6 July 2026	Last week for clubs
Wednesday 8 July 2026	Inset day – school closed.
Thursday 9 July 2026	Year 4 swimming
Wednesday 15 July 2026	Parents' evening
Thursday 16 July 2026	Year 5&6 performance 4pm
Friday 17 July 2026	Year 5&6 performance 2pm
Tuesday 21 July 2026	Year 6 leaver's celebration on the Common
Wednesday 22 July 2026	Year 6 leaver's day.
Wednesday 22 July 2026	Last Day of school



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Skoolkit will be holding a **10% discount week** in our **Eastleigh** store from **Monday 29th June – Saturday 4th July**, where all items listed below will be subject to a **10% discount for this time only**.

2026 Price List	
Daywear	Price
White Plain Polo Shirt	From £11.00
Navy Embroidered Sweatshirt	From £12.50
Navy Embroidered Sweatshirt Cardigan	From £15.50
Navy or Grey Trousers	From £10.99
Navy or Grey Skirt	From £10.25
Navy or Grey Pinafore	From £15.50
Navy Printed Bookbag	£8.50
Iron-On Name Tapes	x36 – £5.00/ x72 – £5.99

Summer Wear	Price
Blue Summer Dress	£13.99
Navy or Grey Daywear Shorts	From £10.99

PE Wear	Price
Navy or White Plain PE T-Shirt	From £4.50
Navy PE Shorts	From £5.50

Prices are correct at the time of printing.
For full size and pricing information, please refer to our website.

**SATURDAY 25ST JULY -
SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST**

USE CODE: SUMMER26

ONLINE ORDERS NEED TO BE PLACED BY

FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

for guaranteed delivery before the start of the school year.

Skoolkit will do its utmost to deliver orders placed after this date before back to school.

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Opening Times

Mon - Fri 9:00 AM - 17:30 PM

Sat 9:00 AM - 17:00 PM

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Saturday 22nd August

SUMMER FAIR

Lordshill Community Centre SO16 8LX
07497102949

Join us for a day of community fun and activities for all the family!

Bouncy Castle with slide

BBQ

Lots to Browse and buy

Tombola & Luxury Raffle

10.30am - 3.30pm
Free entry



NHS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Free Summer Transition Sessions 2026

Mental Health in Schools Team

Join our fun and supportive summer sessions to help you feel confident and ready for Secondary School

Sessions will be held at **GOALS**, Third Avenue, Southampton, SO15 0JW
3:30pm-4:30pm



Communication & Friendships Monday 24th August



Managing our worries Wednesday 26th August



Self-Care Thursday 27th August

You will:

- Build confidence
- Meet new people
- Learn how to manage worries
- Feel ready for your new school

Book your place now!
Just scan the QR code



Your Parent/Carer must attend with you