



Parents' Newsletter 11

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Achievements

We celebrated these children who have been superstar learners:

- Isla Orchard for working hard in phonics
- Molly McEvoy for fantastic observational drawing in art
- Elsie Ruffell for super effort in art when exploring collage
- Athena McTighe for fantastic reading and answering questions
- Lily Shelley for fantastic writing
- Oakley Macey for super writing
- George Bentley for amazing writing about Katie Morag
- Amelia Cotton for super work in Maths when learning about fractions



Well done everybody!

Courage



In Collective Worship this half term we are thinking about our Core Christian value of courage.
Courage - Enduring in our commitment to what is right and true - not giving in to discouragement.

We have been reflecting on ways we can show courage by:

- *being ourselves
- *standing up for what is right
- *respecting each other's differences
- *persevering even when things are difficult
- *try new things that challenge us

Visit from St Barbe Museum



On Thursday 22nd January, Verity Kerins from St Barbe Museum at Lymington, led an 'Old Toys' workshop with the children in Holly Class. The children all enjoyed learning about and exploring old toys. Verity said the children were very engaged and listened carefully.



Infant Agility

On Thursday 22nd January a group of Year 2 children attended the infant agility event at Testwood School. The children took part in a range of events including running, jumping and aiming. All the children had a great time.



Cold weather



Please ensure your child has suitable warm clothing for the cold weather, including warm, waterproof coats, hats and gloves.

In the event of a school emergency closure, a text will be sent out via the Arbor app and the school will keep parents updated with information via Arbor emails.

Early Bird Club

If you require use of our Breakfast Club this term, please continue to book your child's place in advance of the sessions on Arbor. All bookings must be made by 12 noon the day before your child is due to attend. I am afraid that we will not be allowing children to attend if they arrive unexpectedly in the morning as we need to ensure that we have adequate staff cover.



Payments should be made on Arbor when you book each session.

7.45am - 8.20am	£3.40
8.20am - 8.50am	free

Friday Football Club

Coach Meg from R&R Sports runs a football club at lunchtime on a Friday for Year 1 and 2 children. If your child would like to join in with this, please can they bring a sturdy pair of trainers or football boots and a spare pair of socks. The grass on the field is often wet at this time of year.



After School Clubs from Spring Term

Please book After School Clubs on Arbor. The cost of all clubs is £3 per session.

Monday	Forest School
Wednesday	Multiskills
Friday	Football



Please can all children have a separate kit for P.E. which is left in school. This allows us to do teach P.E. on different days.

Play trail

Reminder - The play trail is only designed for the use of infant school children only. The play trail **should not** be used by any children **before or after school**. Use of the play trail outside school hours is at your own risk; the school accepts no responsibility for injury or damage.

Planet Kids Update



Planet Kids at Manor opened on **Monday 5th January 2026**. The club will be open daily until 6p.m.. If you are interested in booking a space for your child please contact Laura on 07710956989 or email Planet_kids@hotmail.co.uk.

Children who have attended have said:

It is fun and I get to play with Lego.

I like putting jam on my toast.

I like the food, it was tasty. The toys are exciting.

Starting School

Please call or email the school office to book a tour of our caring, welcoming infant school.

If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2026 or move to Year 3, the closing date for applications is 15th January 2026.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearrandyear3>

INSET Days

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

Have a lovely weekend,

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Sarah Munns
Acting headteacher

Wednesday 28 th January	Stay and Play session
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 9 th February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 11 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 13 th February	INSET - First Aid
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February	Half term
Monday 23 rd February	INSET - Safeguarding
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 12 th March	Stay and Play session
Monday 16 th March - Friday 27 th March	Easter Egg collection for the Foodbank
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day - non-uniform day
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Service
Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Wednesday 29 th April	Stay and Play session
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May	Half term
Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics screening
Thursday 2 nd July	Sports morning followed by picnic
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last day of the summer term
Thursday 23 rd July	Start of the summer holidays

