

**HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE**  
**Friday 18 June 2026**



Dear Parents,

We are now in a very busy half term with so much going on in school - the production, educational visits, Parents Evenings and so on. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Infant and junior Sports Day earlier this week, and weren't we lucky with the weather!

**Sun Cream & Sun Hats** – In light of the very high temperatures forecast for next week, could we please ask that you ensure you have applied sun cream/lotion to your child in the morning (before they come to school). Please send in their own (named) sun screen which can be self-administered if they need a top up at lunchtime.

We would also request that all children have a sun hat in school and it is vital that they have a water bottle.

**Water Safety** - Following the tragic deaths of 14 young people in open water incidents across the UK during the recent holiday period, all schools across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are being asked to take proactive measures that help reduce risk. As the warmer weather continues and young people spend more time outdoors, it is important to raise awareness of the dangers associated with unsupervised open water swimming. Please see the attached letter from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Water Safety Team.

**Production Tickets** – If your child is taking part in the production and you have not yet purchased up to 2 tickets for the show please can you do this asap. (Ticket Order Form attached)

**Driving** – Unfortunately, we have been contacted again regarding the parking of vehicles in Cheviot Green. This time the resident has sent us a video of a Black BMW 225E SPORT AUTO mounting the kerb and driving across the grass verge. Once again please can I ask you to be considerate of our neighbours. We recognise that parking is an issue at the end of the day and would encourage you to park further afield and walk to school to collect your children.

**Wear Yellow Day** – It was lovely to see a sea of Yellow last Friday for the **Cystic Fibrosis Trust and CFK Portsmouth**. Following some last-minute donations coming in, I am happy to report that the total raised came to £369.00. Thank you for your support.

**ACTION REQUIRED School Lunches** – From next week (**Monday 22 June**) Aspens are going to provide the option to have a picnic lunch as part of the school menu which children will be able to eat outside, weather permitting. The picnic will consist of half a cheese baguette, vegetable sticks, small pizza bite and a pudding. This option will be available to order in the usual way through the Aspens website.

**Unfortunately, there was a system error when putting this new option into place and all meals pre-ordered from 22 June to the end of term were deleted. Please can we ask all parents to revisit their child's meals and re-order.**

**Staffing**

Many congratulations to Miss Emily Ransley who got married during the half-term holiday. In September she will be going by her married name of Mrs Emily Hardiman.

At the end of this school year some valued members of staff will be leaving our team.

**Jo Larcombe** – Jo has worked at the school since September 2015 during which time she has worked in Early Years. Her enthusiasm for children enjoying the wonders of the natural world have been a great asset to the school. She has frequently enhanced the children's learning through bringing in interesting resources such as tadpoles, flowers and plants. She has a great sense of fun and is our very own Aunty Mabel sharing Pippin in "Come Outside" on Wednesday afternoons.

**Tracy Devine** – Tracy has worked with us on a number of occasions over the years but most recently from September 2023. She has supported many children throughout her time at the school and has really enhanced their experience through her professional knowledge and expertise.

We wish both Jo and Tracy a very happy retirement.

**Transition dates** – Preparations for the end of the school year are now upon us. We will be holding Transition Information sessions for parents of children moving from Year 2 to 3 Parents and Year R to Year 1;

- **Y2-Y3 Wednesday 01 July at 3:40pm in 3S.**
- **YR-Y1 Thursday 02 July at 2:30pm in 1H.**

On Tuesday 14 July it is our intention to inform children of their new classes and to carry out transition sessions during the day.

**Parents' Evenings** – The final Face to face Parents' Evenings of this year for **ALL** year groups will be taking place on **Tuesday 14 July and Wednesday 15 July 2026**. Further information about how to book will follow shortly.

**Leavers' Service** – Save the date if your child is leaving at the end of the school year. We will be holding our annual leavers' service during the morning of **Tuesday 21 July at 9:30am in St Mary's Church**. Further details will follow.

**Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies** – Year 6 children will be able to wear their leavers' hoodies to school from Monday 13 July through to Monday 20 July. We would however ask that they return to normal school uniform for their final day at school on Tuesday 21 July.

**SOS Parenting Course** - The **Family Help Team within Children's Services** offer early intervention support to families in the Fareham and Gosport areas with children and young people up to the age of 18. They now offer **face-to-face appointments** at the following locations:

- **Fareham Library** – Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Gosport Discovery Centre** – Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Virtual appointments are also be available for those unable to attend in person.

These sessions are designed to assist families with a range of single issues, including:

- Managing child or teenage behaviour
- Developmental or educational concerns
- Emotional or mental health support for the whole family

Parents can book appointments easily using the following link [Fareham and Gosport Family Help Booking Form](#)

**Fareham's 999 Day** - A free family-friendly community event celebrating our emergency services will be taking place on **Saturday 20 June** on the pedestrianised area of West Street, Fareham Town Centre.

999 Day will give residents the chance to meet local emergency service heroes and learn more about the vital work they do. Vehicles and information stands will line the pedestrianised area, creating an engaging and interactive experience for all ages.

*Services and organisations attending will include:*

- Police
- Fire & Rescue Service
- South Central Ambulance Service
- RNLI
- Hampshire Search and Rescue
- Coastguard
- Vintage and independent emergency service fire engines
- And many more

In addition, there will be free children's activities and live performances throughout the day at the bandstand, making it a great day out for families.

## **PTFA UPDATE**

### **URGENT - MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER FAIR - FRIDAY 03 JULY**

Our Summer Fair is only 2 weeks away and we still **only have 10 volunteers** signed up to help – **WE NEED AT LEAST 30!** This is one of our most important fundraising events of the year and one of the children's favourites, **if we don't get enough hands pitching in we cannot run the fair** which would be an awful decision to have to make but we cannot do this alone. The most important times we need people are from 3:00pm to 6:30pm, but we also need help setting up from 1:00pm, if you can help for even 1 hour during this window of time PLEASE join the WhatsApp group, email the PTFA or message Melissa.

**VOLUNTEER LINK:** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LjxTjSOulry4CtwBpAJgMg> - Reminder, if you're a year 6 parent and are helping with year 6 games then please **do not** join this group!

### **PRODUCTION BAR**

Due to a large number of enquiries regarding helping at the production bar, we have decided to initially fill these spaces from our bank of summer fair volunteers. Please note that we will not be creating a public volunteer group unless we are unable to fill from within our existing bank of volunteers. If you are able to help at the summer fair then please join the WhatsApp group above.

**Cluster Schools: Smartphone Free** - We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that we will be moving to a smartphone free school from September 2026. This was first announced in November 2025 and will see all schools in the local cluster adopting this approach for the benefit of the children.

Yours sincerely

*Sara Willoughby*

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**Attachments/Flyers:** SOS Parenting Courses Flyer / Fareham 999 Day / Water Safety Newsletter / NHS Newsletter

## Next Week

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| Mon   | 22 May | <b>Y6 French Residential</b><br><b>NO Y6 Production Choreography</b><br><b>NO Y6 Early Morning Groups ALL WEEK</b> | Fun-nastix 3:30-4:30pm (PPA Rm)<br>Y2 Art Club 3:20-4:00pm                                                                                          |
| Tue   | 23 Jun | <b>Y6 French Residential</b><br>HMS Guitar<br><b>Y4 Mary Rose Trip</b>                                             | Y5 Cricket 8:00-8:45am<br><b>Spanish Lunchtime</b><br><b>Y3/4 Football Lunchtime</b><br>Y1/2 IDPE Dodgeball 3:30-4:30pm<br>Hockey 3:30/4:30pm (4/7) |
| Wed   | 24 Jun | <b>Y6 French Residential</b><br>HMS Music – Brass / Keyboard / Brass                                               | <b>NO</b> Y6 Cricket 8:00-8:45am<br><b>French Lunchtime</b><br>Judo 3:30pm & 5:30pm                                                                 |
| Thurs | 25 Jun | <b>Y6 French Residential</b><br>HMS Drums<br><b>French Day</b> ■ ■<br><b>Production Choir 3:30/4:30pm</b>          | Showstoppers 3:30/5:00 (PPA Rm)                                                                                                                     |
| Fri   | 26 Jun | <b>Y6 French Residential</b><br><b>Y3 Swimming 8/8</b>                                                             | Y3-6 Dodgeball 3:30/4:30pm                                                                                                                          |

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| <b>Mon</b>           | <b>29 Jun</b>  | Brookfield Parents Evening 6/7:30pm                                                                                       |
| <b>Wed</b>           | <b>01 Jul</b>  | Y5 Brookfield Sports Day<br>Y2-Y3 Transition meeting 3:30pm                                                               |
| <b>Thurs</b>         | <b>02 Jul</b>  | YR-Y1 Transition Meeting 2:30pm                                                                                           |
| <b>Fri</b>           | <b>03 Jul</b>  | <b>Non-Uniform Dress Down Day for Tombola donation</b><br><b>PTFA Summer Fair</b>                                         |
| <b>Mon</b>           | <b>06 Jul</b>  | Y6 Brookfield Induction Day 8:30am-2:05pm                                                                                 |
| <b>Tue</b>           | <b>07 Jul</b>  | Y6 Tech Day @ Waypoint Church<br>New Entrance (Penguins) Visit 1:30-2:30pm<br>Brookfield Parent Tutor Evening 5:15-6:45pm |
| <b>Wed</b>           | <b>08 Jul</b>  | Daytime Dress Rehearsal and Evening Production Waypoint Church                                                            |
| <b>Thurs</b>         | <b>09 Jul</b>  | New Entrance (Turtles) Visit 1:30-2:30pm<br>Y3 Listen2Me Concert 2:40pm<br>Frozen Jr. Evening Production Waypoint Church  |
| <b>Fri</b>           | <b>10 Jul</b>  | Frozen Jr. Evening Production Waypoint Church                                                                             |
| <b>Mon</b>           | <b>13 Jul</b>  | Y5 Masquerade Ball 2:15/3:15pm                                                                                            |
| <b>Tue</b>           | <b>14 Jul</b>  | Parents Evening                                                                                                           |
| <b>Wed</b>           | <b>15 Jul</b>  | Parents Evening<br>Author Visit YR/1/2/3                                                                                  |
| <b>Thurs</b>         | <b>16 Jul</b>  | Theme Day Menu<br>Rock2theBeat Concert                                                                                    |
| <b>Fri</b>           | <b>17 Jul</b>  | Y6 Leavers Party                                                                                                          |
| <b>Tue</b>           | <b>21 Jul</b>  | 9:30am Leavers Service St Mary's Church<br>LAST DAY of Summer Term                                                        |
| <b>Wed</b>           | <b>22 Jul</b>  | <b>Inset Day</b>                                                                                                          |
| <b>22/07 – 31/08</b> |                | <b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>                                                                                                    |
| <b>Tue</b>           | <b>01 Sept</b> | <b>School Restarts (Y1-Y6)</b>                                                                                            |