

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE
Friday 15 May 2026



Dear Parents,

I was incredibly proud of our Y6 children this week. Their attitude towards their SATs was exemplary. They were positive, conscientious and focused throughout and they should be congratulated on how well they approached the SATs.

As I sit here the rain is pouring down and it doesn't feel much like May, however we hope that in the coming weeks the sun will shine so that all the children can enjoy sports and outdoor learning for the remainder of the year.

Walk to School Week - Walk to school week starts next week, Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May. As a school we will be taking part in this and would like to encourage you all to take the time to walk to school whenever possible. Alternatively, you could "Park & Ride" from local Warsash car parks e.g. Silver Fern / One Stop. Please read the attached leaflet to find out about this event and the benefits of walking to school.

Wear Yellow Day – You may recall that we supported the **Cystic Fibrosis Trust and CFK Portsmouth** at the infant Harvest Festival earlier in the year. As we have a pupil in the school who suffers from this condition we wish to continue to show our support. We are therefore inviting children to wear something yellow into school on **Friday 12 June** which is a national fundraising event raising funds for life-saving research and a brighter future for everyone with Cystic Fibrosis. If your child would like to wear yellow please send them in with a small donation of £1.

Sex Education - Later on in the Summer term years 4, 5 and 6 will be undertaking their Sex Education units of work. In advance of these sessions, we will be holding information meetings for parents where the teachers will explain how this is approached in each year group, what will be covered and they will share some of the resources with you. These meetings will take place **at 3.40pm** on:

Y4/5 – **Wed 10 June** in class 5PE

Y6 – **Wed 17 June** in class 6B

Sports Days – Sports days are scheduled to take place on:

Infants – Monday 15 June 9.15am

Juniors – Tuesday 16 June 9:15am

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.**

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.

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.

Site Etiquette (Scooters/Bikes/End of day supervision) –

In recent weeks we have become conscious of scooters and bikes being ridden around on the field and playground both before and after school. Please can I stress that this cannot happen and anyone coming to school on these modes of transport should dismount before entering the school site. We have also been aware of parents and children playing on the field and running along the track before school.

Again, this area is out of bounds at this time of day and we would ask that people refrain from going on the grass. It also seems appropriate to remind you that once the children have been released to you from class at the end of the day, they become your responsibility and should be fully supervised.

We thank you for your support with these matters.

Inset Days 2026/27 – The first 3 Inset days have now been agreed with Mr Bartlett, the new Headteacher. These will take place on **Monday 28 September 2026, Friday 12 February 2027 & Wednesday 21 July 2027**.

We will inform you of the remaining days as soon as possible.

Karate - Sensei Alex from Sugiura Rensei Juku Karate has been in school delivering taster sessions for all KS2 children and lots of the children have thoroughly enjoyed it. If your child is interested taking up this sport please see their website for further information - www.sugiura-rensei-karate.com.

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.

Hampshire Bikeability Course - During the May Half Term Hampshire Bikeability will be at a Whiteley Primary school to deliver some Bikeability Learn to Ride and Level 2 courses.

- 27 & 29 May 2026
- Learn to Ride 1:1 is suitable for any age
- Whiteley Primary
- Book here - [Hampshire Outdoors - Bikeability – Hampshire County Council Shop](#)

If anybody missed their Level 2 delivery – please email bikeability.enquiries@hants.gov.uk so they can book in.

Sun Cream – Now that we are having some sunnier weather, could we please ask that you apply sun cream/lotion to your child in the morning - before they come to school. Please also send in their own (named) sun screen which can be self-administered if they need a top up at lunchtime.

Half-term Activities - Southampton City Council are pleased to announce that they have a wide range of activities for children and their families to keep everyone entertained over the May half term!

There is a programme of history and art workshops that cover everything from fun family walking tours to hands on workshops and all-day wrap around care. Workshops are engaging, accessible and designed to promote family learning. More details, including how to book, can be found on the attached flyer and here [May Half Term in Southampton 2026 | Family Activities](#).

Stubbington Day Camps - Stubbington Study Centre want every child to have a chance to enjoy the outdoors during their long summer break. They are offering non-residential Day Camps to children in current years 3-6. These will take place on the weeks **27- 31 July, and 03 – 07 August**. Please see the attached flyers for further information.

Fareham's 999 Day, a free family-friendly community event celebrating our emergency services 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

Father's Day Sale - Friday 19th June during the school day. If you can spare an hour to help please join the volunteer WhatsApp group here: https://chat.whatsapp.com/HlnPvyE8Abf2757gG3LyqW?mode=gi_t

Summer Fair - Friday 3rd July starting at 3.30pm until 6.30pm. We have some new games for 2026 as well as bouncy castles, face painting, diggers, tombola, the raffle with some amazing prizes, hot food and a bar. As always, we need help to run the fair, (as well as setting up and packing down) just an hour from lots of people will make a huge difference to supporting the core team. Either join the WhatsApp group or just tell us what you can do. https://chat.whatsapp.com/LjxTjSOulry4CtwBpAJgMg?mode=gi_t

If you'd like to be more involved we also have a planning group- anyone is welcome! https://chat.whatsapp.com/F2lveKFngwgJezHxsAPzjdj?mode=gi_t

Does anyone have a **gazebo they no longer want**? We'd like our **First Aid** to be more visible at events so we're initially asking the school community of anyone has a gazebo, in relatively good condition! Also, a first aid flag, banner or similar?

Yours sincerely

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Attachments/Flyers: What's on Southampton / Fareham 999 Day / Stubbington Day Camp Flyer / Online Grooming Flyer

Next Week

Mon	18 May	No Y6 Morning Groups all week Walk to School Week Y6 Production Choreography 3:30-4:30pm	Fun-nastix 3:30-4:30pm (PPA Rm)
Tue	19 May	HMS Guitar Author Visit Y4/5/6 09/2026 New Entrance Stay & Play 1:30pm-2:30pm	Y5 AM Netball 8:00/8:45am Y5 Cricket 8:00-8:45am Spanish Lunchtime Y3/4 Football Lunchtime Y1/2 IDPE Dodgeball 3:30-4:30pm
Wed	20 May	HMS Music – Brass / Keyboard / Brass	Y6 Cricket 8:00-8:45am French Lunchtime Judo 3:30pm & 5:30pm
Thurs	21 May	Y6 Paultons Park Trip Census Day Theme Menu HMS Drums 09/2026 New Entrance Stay & Play 1:30pm-2:30pm Production Choir 3:30/4:30pm	Y5/6 Cricket Lunchtime Y1/2 Art Club 3:30/4:30pm
Fri	22 May	Y3 Swimming 4/8	Y3-6 Dodgeball 3:30/4:30pm

25 – 29 May		Half Term
Wed	03 Jun	Y1 Winchester Science Museum Trip
Tue	09 Jun	Y2 Arundel Castle Trip New YR Parent Lunch
Wed	10 Jun	Y4/5 Sex Ed
Thurs	11 Jun	Y6 Brookfield Bridging Day 8:30am-2:40pm Y3 Butser Hill Trip YR NHS National Child Measurement Programme
Fri	12 Jun	Production Photos Wear Yellow Day for Cystic Fibrosis Trust and CFK Portsmouth
Mon	15 Jun	KS1 Sports Day
Tue	16 Jun	KS2 Sports Day New Entrance Group A Meeting 1:30-2:45pm
Wed	17 Jun	Y6 Sex Ed
Thurs	18 Jun	Aspens Theme Day Menu New Entrance Group B Meeting 1:30-2:45pm
Fri	19 Jun	Father's Day Sale
Mon	22 Jun	Y6 French Residential
Tue	23 Jun	Y6 French Residential Y4 Mary Rose Trip
Wed	24 Jun	Y6 French Residential
Thurs	25 Jun	Y6 French Residential
Fri	26 Jun	Y6 French Residential
Wed	01 Jul	Y2-Y3 Transition meeting 3:30pm
Thurs	02 Jul	YR-Y1 Transition Meeting 2:30pm
Fri	03 Jul	PTFA Summer Fair
Mon	06 Jul	Y6 Brookfield Induction Day 8:30am-2:05pm
Tue	07 Jul	New Entrance (Penguins) Visit 1:30-2:30pm
Wed	08 Jul	Daytime Dress Rehearsal and Evening Production Waypoint Church
Thurs	09 Jul	New Entrance (Turtles) Visit 1:30-2:30pm Y3 Listen2Me Concert 2:40pm Frozen Evening Production Waypoint Church
Fri	10 Jul	Frozen Evening Production Waypoint Church
Tue	14 Jul	Parents Evening
Wed	15 Jul	Parents Evening
Thurs	16 Jul	Theme Day Menu Rock2theBeat Concert

Fri	17 Jul	Y6 Leavers Party
Tue	21 Jul	9:30am Leavers Service St Mary's Church LAST DAY of Summer Term
Wed	22 Jul	Inset Day
22/07 – 31/08		SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Tue	01 Sept	School Restarts (Y1-Y6)