

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE
Friday 24 April 2026



Dear Parents,

Since our return to school Production rehearsals have started and it is great to see the children so excited at the prospect of performing Frozen Jr in July. Thank you for your patience regarding the early closing of gates on Monday and Thursday evenings.

As ever the summer term is a very busy one, and we have many exciting trips and activities coming up. This update contains information about many of the things we have planned and provides you with dates for your diaries.

Dig Day - We are organising another 'Dig Day' this **Sunday, 26 April from 10am - 1pm** and would like to ask for volunteers to help on this day to clear up and tidy areas around the environmental area and the school grounds. During the day we will be busy tidying up and undertaking general maintenance of the entire outside environmental area. The PTFA have kindly offered to provide light refreshments, any donations of cake would be much appreciated! As always children and grandparents are welcome along to help out and join in the fun! Please bring along any of your own tools e.g. garden tools such as loppers or rakes, wheelbarrows, spades etc. If anybody has access to waders please bring them along as we also have a few pond based jobs.

The children really enjoy using the outdoor environmental classroom and the school grounds and the exciting learning opportunities that these areas provide. We look forward to seeing you.

Please take a couple of minutes to complete this [FORM](#) so that we can cater refreshments for the right numbers.

Book Fair – As part of our ongoing commitment to sharing books and encouraging 'reading for pleasure' we are pleased to announce the return of our book fair in the school hall next week on **Tuesday 28 April**. The book fair will be run by P&G Wells who are an independent children's bookseller from Winchester.

Children can bring money on Tuesday 28 April, in a named envelope please and handed to your child's teacher at morning registration for safe keeping until it is needed.

In addition, the hall will be open after school from 3.20pm and parents/carers/grandparents are warmly invited to come in and browse with your child. Card readers will be available for card purchases by parents and staff.

Year 6 SATs Week – Children in Year 6 will be sitting their SATs papers during the week beginning **Monday 11 May 2026**. We wish the children lots of luck with this.

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.**

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.

SEND Local Offer/CAMHS Events – Please find attached flyers providing information about:

- **SEND Local Offer.** This details upcoming discovery days where families can explore the wide range of local services and support available.
- **CAMHS Events.** Free CAMHS Events for Parents/Carers designed to support young people's mental health, as well as to equip parents with practical strategies and advice

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.

End of day supervision – please can I remind you that once the children have been released to you from class at the end of the day, they become your responsibility. We are aware of some children playing on the field and various pieces of climbing equipment with very little adult supervision. In the past, this has resulted in accidents.

On a similar note I would like to make it clear that the Dragon on the junior playground is **NOT** designed to be **climbed** and at no time should children be scaling it. Please can you remind your children of this. In addition, we are aware that some children are going to the top of the field and climbing trees, again something that should not be happening. We thank you for your support with these matters.

Daily Echo – The Daily Echo is running a token scheme which could help the school win equipment. Please see the attached for further details

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.

PTFA UPDATE

CIRCUS - Tickets are nearly all sold out, make sure you bag your tickets soon if you want to visit Happy's Circus on the 7th of May! BUY HERE: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hwwschoolptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=113222>

We still need help, if you can volunteer please sign up here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LHBWAmjtmep8IAbm6fdOGw>

BAGS2SCHOOL - Bags2School will be coming to collect your donations on Friday the 1st of May. Please drop all donations outside the PTFA container on the infant side of the field in the MORNINGS ONLY, please do not leave any donations in the afternoon as they will not be collected and are at risk of being destroyed by foxes!!

Yours sincerely

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Attachments/Flyers: SEND Local Offer / CAMHS Events / Daily Echo Vouchers for Schools / Sarisbury Sparks U12 Flyer

Next Week

Sun	26 Apr	Dig Day 10am-1pm	
Mon	27 Apr	Y6 Production Choreography 3:30-4:30pm Mixed Netball Away @ Ranvilles	Fun-nastix 3:30-4:30pm (PPA Rm)
Tue	28 Apr	Book Fair (Hall) Y5 Local River Walk HMS Music – Guitar	Y5 Netball 8:00-8:45am Y5 Cricket 8:00-8:45am Spanish Lunchtime Y3/4 Football Lunchtime NO Y1/2 IDPE Dodgeball 3:30-4:30pm Hockey 3:30-4:30pm (3/3)
Wed	29 Apr	HMS Music – Brass/Woodwind/Keyboard Mixed Netball Away @ Sarisbury	Y6 Cricket 8:00-8:45am French Lunchtime Judo 3:30-5:30pm
Thurs	30 Apr	HMS Music Lessons – Drums & R2tB KS2 Production Choir 3:30-4:30pm Girls Netball Away @ Castle	Y6 Netball 8:00-8:45am Showstoppers 3:30-5:00pm (PPA Rm)
Fri	01 May	Y4 Stubbington Collective Worship 10am & 10:35am Y3 Swimming (1/8) Bags2School Collection	IDPE Dodgeball Y3/6 3:30-4:30pm

Mon 04 May		Bank Holiday
Wed	06 May	New Entrance Meeting 2:10pm & 7pm (Hall)
Thurs	07 May	Circus
Mon	11 May	Y6 SATs Week Starts
Tue	19 May	Author Visit Y4/5/6 New Entrance Stay & Play 1:30pm-2:30pm
Thurs	21 May	Y6 Paultons Park Trip Theme Menu New Entrance Stay & Play 1:30pm-2:30pm
25 – 29 May		Half Term
Wed	03 Jun	Y1 Winchester Science Museum Trip

Tue	09 Jun	Y2 Arundel Castle Trip
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
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 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
Thurs	16 Jul	Theme 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
Fri	22 Jul	Inset Day
22/07 – 31/08		SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Tue	01 Sept	School Restarts (Y1-Y6)