

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE
Friday 27 March 2026



Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the church on Monday and Tuesday for the Easter services. The retiring collection from the Infant Service in aid of Helpful Hounds totalled **£164.84** and the Junior Services in aid of Brain Tumour Research totalled **£161.36**. Thank you so much for all of these donations.

I have been told that the Easter Hat parade this morning was enjoyed by all and I thank you for supporting this Hook tradition with such creativity. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend due to being in Stubbington but loved looking at all the hats on my return.

Giant 2Kg Easter Egg Raffle – The lucky winner of the GIANT 2Kg Easter Egg donated by the Rotary Club of Locks Heath was Ava in Penguins. The princely sum of **£556.00** was successfully raised for the school through this kind donation.

Art of Jesus Exhibition – There will be an exhibition of the children's work from the Art of Jesus after school club in St Mary's Church from Easter Saturday 04 April to Tuesday 14 April starting at 10am. We would encourage you to pop in and take a look.

A Message from Some Year 6 Children - We are writing to you to say thank you for kindly bringing in your cakes for our bake sale. All the children enjoyed them very much -nearly everybody wanted more! We are delighted to say that we have raised a massive **£202!** We couldn't have done it without your help so thank you again for your participation and help in raising money for a worthy cause.

The bake sale was a huge success! From Phoebe, Izzy, Frankie, Frank, Alfie and Joseph (Year 6)

New Headteacher – Further to the letter from the Governors in February regarding Mr Bartlett's appointment as Hook's new Headteacher, I would like to say how pleased I am to have one of my ex colleagues returning to the school. Justin and I worked together for about 6 years and he has always remained a friend of the school. We have had an initial meeting discussing the transition of role and have further ones booked in during the summer term. We are planning for him to spend a day in school meeting the children and the staff during the summer term. Alongside this he will come out onto the playgrounds at either drop off or pick up time. We will let you know when this will be nearer the time.

Governor's Update - This term the governors' work has been focussed on the appointment of our new Headteacher. Thank you again to everyone who was involved in this successful process.

There have been a few changes on the Board:

- Emily Ransley's term as a staff governor has come to an end. Luke Bailey has resigned as a governor after 9 years' service.
- Luke has had a major influence at Board level and was our Chair for 4 years.

Both Emily and Luke will be missed by all of us and we thank them for all of their contributions.

We are preparing an advert for the governor vacancies and this will be distributed after Easter.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at the Easter services where the children sang and performed exceptionally well. On behalf of the Governing Board and Members of the Trust, I would like to wish everyone a restful and Happy Easter!

Parking - This week the coach carrying our Y6 children back from a visit to Itchen College was unable to access Church Road due to the fact that parents had double parked on the roadside. Consequently, staff had to ask a resident to move their vehicle in order to allow the coach to safely pass, however the resident was unimpressed given that he had parked responsibly earlier in the day. Please may we remind you again about the importance of not double parking to allow larger vehicles and emergency vehicles easy access.

Sports Clubs – School led extra-curricular sports clubs will restart week commencing **Monday 20 April**. Links for signup permission will be sent out by email the first week back after the Easter break.

Day	Morning 08:00-08:45am	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Y5 Netball Y5 Cricket	Y3/4 Football
Wednesday	Y6 Cricket	
Thursday	Y6 Netball	

New Menu – Aspens have introduced a new menu (attached) which will start after the Easter holidays. Please remember to order your child's lunch **BEFORE 9:00am** on the day. Preferably meals can be ordered

days/weeks/months in advance. Please can we also ask you to cancel any meals ordered if your child is off school unwell or if you have sent them in with a packed lunch.

Music Tuition – A reminder that if you haven't already paid in full, the final instalment for Hampshire Music Service Tuition is due by Friday 24 April 2026.

And finally, we wish you all a fun filled and happy Easter holiday. Don't forget that the CLOCKS GO **FORWARD** at 1am on Sunday 29 March! We look forward to seeing you back in school on **Tuesday 14th April**, following our Inset Day on Monday 13 April.

Yours sincerely

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Attachments/Flyers: Menu / Online Safety Newsletter /

Diary Dates

30 Mar – 10 Apr		Easter Holiday	
Mon	13 Apr	Inset Day – School Closed	
Tue	14 Apr	School Restarts Early Morning Groups Re-start	Spanish Lunchtime
Wed	15 Apr	HMS Music – Brass/Woodwind/Keyboard Whole School Class Photos	Judo 3:30-5:30pm
Thurs	16 Apr	Aspens Theme Menu Y0 Longdown Dairy Farm Trip NO HMS Music Lessons – Drums New Year R 09/2026 Notification Day	Showstoppers 3:30-5:00pm Production Choir 3:30/4:30pm
Fri	17 Apr	Y4 Swimming (7/8) PTFA Uniform Sale	

Mon	20 Apr	Y6 Choreography 3:30-4:30pm (Hall) Starts Fun-nastics 3:30-4:30pm (PPA Rm)
Tue	21 Apr	Y5 Netball 8:00-8:45am Starts Y5 Cricket 8:00-8:45am Starts Y3/4 Football Lunchtime Starts Y1/2 IDPE Dodgeball 3:30-4:30pm Starts
Wed	22 Apr	Y6 Cricket 8:00-8:45am Starts French Lunchtime Starts
Thu	23 Apr	Y6 Netball 8:00-8:45am Starts
Fri	24 Apr	Y4 Swimming Last one IDPE Dodgeball Y3/6 3:30-4:30pm Starts
Tues	28 Apr	Book Fair
Fri	01 May	Y3 Swimming starts
Mon	04 May	Bank Holiday
Wed	06 May	New Entrance Meeting 2:10pm & 7:00pm
Thurs	07 May	Circus
Mon	11 May	SATS week – NO Music Lessons
Tues	19 May	New Entrance Stay & Play 1:30-2:30pm
Thurs	21 May	Aspens Theme Menu New Entrance Stay & Play 1:30-2:30pm
25 May – 29 May		Half Term