



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE Friday 19 December 2025



Dear Parents,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had with the class parties, Christmas Fair and the Rock2theBeat and Listen2me concerts. It was lovely to see many of you at our Nativity and Carol Services earlier this week where the children enjoyed sharing the Christmas story with so many people. The retiring collections for the **Friends of Fareham Community Hospital Memory Group** raised **£632.59**. In addition to this we were able to deliver a large amount of donated food, toys and gifts to the Salvation Army in Portsmouth on Wednesday. Thank you so much for your generosity with all of these collections. We have shared a number of photos of recent events on our Facebook page which we hope you have enjoyed seeing.

Staffing Update – Mary Nadolski has retired from the school, having worked for since 2018 supporting many children during this time. We have been extremely grateful for all that she has done for the school and wish her a relaxing and happy retirement. We are pleased to have appointed Kerry Turner as Mary's replacement. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Griffiths back from maternity leave in January when she will be teaching class 4GR on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Early Morning Groups – If your child is invited to attend early morning groups it would be greatly appreciated if they could arrive promptly for an 8:20am KS1 or 8:30am KS2 start. If they arrive late they often miss inputs or important pre-teaching information. Morning groups will restart on **Monday 5 January 2026**.

School Lunches - Please remember to order your child's lunches for January when we come back. Likewise, please can you cancel any orders if your child is off sick. We would also ask that you discuss choices with your child as we get a number of children every day requesting to change their meal choice.

Curriculum Links – The Curriculum links for Spring 1 2026 are attached for your information and have been uploaded onto the school website. <https://www.hookwithwarsash.co.uk/curriculum-links/>

Y5 Swimming - Swimming for Year 5 will restart on the **first Friday back, 09 January 2026**. Please remember to send your child in with their swimming kit and hat.

Y6 SATs Parents Information Evening - We would like to extend an invitation to parents of Year 6 children to attend an information evening about Y6 SATs on **Monday 12 January 2026 at 6pm**. The aim of the evening is to provide parents with an understanding of the experiences the children will face next May as well as answer any questions you may have. Please let us know whether you are able to attend by completing the form accessed via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/XaTffegA9n>

Music Lessons - We would like to remind you that if you have not already paid for the year in full, next terms fees of **£80** per child (£76 for 2nd child) are due on our return to school. Reminders will be sent home during the first week and payments should be made by the **16 January 2026** at the very latest.

Children due to start school in September 2026 - Please note that the deadline for applications for children due to start school in September 2026 is **Thursday 15 January 2026**. If you require help, or have any questions regarding the application process, please either contact the school office or Hampshire Admissions on 0300 555 1377. Parents can apply:

- Online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. Using this option will mean that you are advised of the outcome by email instead of by post. Applications can be changed or amended at any time up to the deadline. (Hampshire's preferred option)
- Using a paper application available from the school office of any Hampshire infant or primary school.

School Performance Tables – Earlier this month, the primary school performance tables for 2025 were published, and we are very proud to say that our previous year 6 children performed extremely well and the tables show that they achieved the highest attainment scores in the Hamble Valley constituency. You can view the results [here](#).

Day Closures – Our day closures for the remainder of this academic year will take place on:

Friday 13 February 2026

Monday 13 April 2026

Wednesday 22 July 2026

School Calendar – Did you know that you can synchronize the calendar on the school website with your own? To do this click on "Subscribe to this calendar" and follow the instructions on the calendar page of the website - <https://www.hookwithwarsash.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/12/>

Online Safety Newsletter – Please find attached the latest Online Safety Newsletter for your information.

Wellbeing – Please click on the link below or the ones contained in the attached flyer to access wellbeing support for the Christmas period which you may find useful.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/christmas-coping-tips/>.

We would also be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this year's wellbeing questionnaire accessed via the following link. <https://forms.office.com/e/54uC2NnZ5Z?origin=IprLink>

Governor Update from Julia Birt Chair of Governors – We have had some changes on the governing board recently. Lauren Mott is our new parent governor and we look forward to Lauren's contribution especially considering her background in primary education.

Chrissy Forder has resigned as a governor after nearly 8 years. Chrissy has carried out many key roles and we are pleased to inform you that Chrissy's expertise has not been totally lost as she has agreed to be a member of the Trust. We would like to thank Gill Gailor and Nick St. John for their contributions to the Trust and to Anne Ford who is a current governor and has also agreed to become a member.

This term, the governors have been focusing on the recruitment and selection process for the new headteacher. We are making good progress. The job advert has been out for nearly a month with a closing date of 16 January 2026. Governors have also been active in school life. We are aiming to increase our attendance at events such as Parents' Evenings, the Harvest Festival, Remembrance and Christmas services and the Christmas Fair. These are all special occasions where it is lovely to see our close-knit school community in action. A special thanks from the governors to members of the PTFA who oversaw the fabulous fireworks event.

On behalf of the governing board and the members of the Trust, the Governors would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 5 January 2026**.

Yours sincerely

Sara Willoughby

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Attachments: Spr1 2026 Curriculum Links / Mental Wellbeing Flyer / Online Safety Newsletter

20/12 – 04/01		Christmas Holiday	
Mon	05 Jan	Welcome Back - First Day Spring Term Early Morning Groups Start Y5 Bikeability	Fun-nastix 3:30-4:30pm
Tue	06 Jan	Y5 Bikeability Y4/5 Art of Jesus 3:30-5:00pm	Lunchtime Spanish
Wed	07 Jan	HMS Music – Brass/Woodwind/Keyboard starts Y5 Bikeability	Judo 3:30-5:30pm
Thurs	08 Jan	Rock 2 the Beat HMS Music – Drums	Showstoppers 3:30-5:00pm
Fri	09 Jan	Y5 Swimming	

Future Diary Dates

Mon	12 Jan	Y6 SATs Parent Information evening 6pm
Tue	13 Jan	HMS Music – Guitar starts Y1-2 Dodgeball starts 3:30/4:30pm
Wed	14 Jan	Lunchtime French Club starts
Thurs	15 Jan	New Year R 09/2025 Applications Portal Closes Census Day
Fri	16 Jan	Y3-6 Dodgeball starts 3:30/4:30pm Music Tuition Instalment deadline
Fri	13 Feb	Inset Day – School Closed