

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE
21 November 2025



Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all for all the kind comments I have received since my news of last week. The Governors have been working hard to prepare to advertise the role and will be doing so shortly.

We have had a very busy few weeks since the start of term. The Fireworks evening was a great success and it was lovely to welcome so many people into school on Remembrance Sunday. We have had two dress up days and I can assure you there are many bright outfits in school today. The atmosphere in school on Wednesday afternoon was so exciting with the Y6 £5 Grow sale and their efforts raised an impressive £1071.64. As ever we thank you for your support with all of these events.

Safeguarding re Roblox - We have been made aware of a pop-up that is appearing on Roblox, encouraging children to download an app called pollybuzz (or pollyfuzz in some spelling cases). The app seems quite simple where children are asked questions, and it generates an Artificial Intelligence 'friend' – this starts off quite innocently but then begins to show extreme content (including suicide, self-harm and pornography). It may be helpful to remind children about not clicking on pop-ups in games and to report anything that is worrying or inappropriate to a trusted adult. Roblox has parental controls and instructions of how to put these on can be accessed via this link: [Parental Controls Overview – Roblox Support](#). Parental controls will stop some pop-ups, but not all, so appropriate supervision is still essential.

Shoebbox Appeal – Thank you so much for all your shoebbox donations which we know will be greatly appreciated by children in other countries. **118 boxes** have been collected this morning and are now on their way to an Operation Christmas Child depot.

Heartstart – The amazing Heartstart team will be leading sessions with Y6 children over the next two weeks. Y6 will be taught how to deal with emergencies including how to cope with a choking incident and how to administer CPR. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a long-standing association with this charity, who are completely made up of dedicated volunteers.

Christmas Jumper & Uniform Sale – The PTFA are holding a Christmas Jumper and uniform sale on **Wednesday 26 November from 3.20pm** onwards. With Christmas jumper day coming, and as part of our partnership with the schools eco-committee, we are inviting you to recycle your old Christmas jumpers (and uniform) and buy a preloved one for purse friendly prices! If you have any uniform or Christmas jumpers to donate please drop them to the container by the infant playground. Please note that children will be asked to wear Christmas jumpers to school on Thursday 18 December.

Whole School Flu Vaccine Immunisation – A reminder that the NHS School Immunisation Team are coming into school to administer the latest Flu Vaccine (nasal spray) to all pupils **next Friday, 28 November 2025**.

Christmas Choir – At **7pm on Friday 5 December** the Portsmouth Citadel Salvation Army Band will be leading a carol concert with the **Hook with Warsash School Christmas Choir** at St Mary's Church Warsash. The band will also be collecting non-perishable food items and presents for children under 16 (must be new) that will be distributed as parcels to people in Portsmouth, one of the poorest areas in the country. Any help that you can give will be appreciated. If you cannot come to the concert but can contribute, please drop any items into the school office. We will have a collection box in the office reception area from **Monday 1 December**.

Christmas Services - Christmas Services will take place later this term at St Marys Church. As usual we would like to invite you to join us at these special events. The dates and times are:

Infants Tuesday 16 December	09.30am - P, 1H, 2D	10.45am - T, 1J, 2B
Juniors Wednesday 17 December	09.30am - Led by Y6 accompanied by Y3 & Y5 ,	
	10.45am - Led by Y4 accompanied by Y5 & Y6	

School Christmas lunch is being held on **Thursday 18 December** this year. The menu choices on the day are:

- **Christmas Roast & stuffing**, Roasties, Vegetable Medley, Gravy and Yorkshire Pudding
- **Carrot & stuffing Puff Pastry Plait** with Roasties, Vegetable Medley, Gravy and Yorkshire Pudding.

Followed by Sprinkle Cookie or Festive Fruit medley

So that the kitchen can prepare for the increased number of meals that are usually taken on this day they have requested that Christmas meals are pre-ordered via the Aspens Select website by **Friday 05 December**.

Early Years Food Safety – The Dept for Education has recently issued schools with detailed food safety guidance. Within it there are recommendations of how to reduce the risk of children choking. Our kitchen is following this guidance when preparing hot school dinners, but we are mindful that some children have a packed lunch. We would ask that parents follow the following DfE recommended safety measures:

- Remove any stones and pips from fruit
- **Cut small round foods (grapes, strawberries & cherry tomatoes) lengthways and into quarters.**
- Cut large fruits (melon) and hard fruit and vegetables (raw apple & carrot) into slices instead of small chunks.
- Cut cheese into strips instead of small chunks.
- Do not give children popcorn as a snack
- Do not give children marshmallows or jelly cubes as they can get stuck in the throat
- Do not give children hard sweets

ALTHOUGH THIS GUIDANCE IS FOR EARLY YEARS CHILDREN WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE GRAPES, STRAWBERRIES AND CHERRY TOMATOES GUIDANCE IS ADHERED TO FOR ALL CHILDREN.

Voluntary One-Way System – As you know the congestion on Church Road at drop off and pick up times causes a lot of issues. We would like to suggest a voluntary one-way system to reduce this issue. The idea behind this is that you approach the school via Osborne Road, joining Church Road at the bottom end and then depart from the school up Church Road towards Warsash Road. This route enables you to turn left into the school site and makes traffic flow more fluid. We would appreciate your support with this initiative.

School Email - Please be aware that the email hookwarsash@scopay.com is **NOT** received by the school unless you are replying to an email sent to you from that address. If you initiate an email to this address it will just disappear into the ether! Please use admin@warsash.hants.sch.uk for all emails to ensure they are received and always quote your child's name and class in the subject field.

Yours sincerely

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Attachments: Salvation Army Band Carol Concert / MyClothing Uniform Discount Flyer /

Next Week

Mon	24 Nov	Y6 Heartstart Session 1 (Am)	KS1 Art Club 3:30-4:30pm Fun-nastix 3:30-4:30pm Chess Club 3:30-4:30pm LHTA Tennis 3:30-6:30pm
Tue	25 Nov	HMS Music – Guitar	Y5 Netball 8:00-8:45am Spanish Lunchtime Y3 Football Lunchtime IDPE Dodgeball Y1/2 3:30-4:30pm Hockey 3:30-4:30pm (3/3)
Wed	26 Nov	HMS Music – Brass/Keyboard/Woodwind Christmas Jumper Sale (PPA Rm) 3:20pm	Y3/4 Netball/Dodgeball 8:00-8:45am French Lunchtime Judo 3:30-5:30pm Art Club 3:30-5:00pm
Thurs	27 Nov	HMS Music – Drums / Rock2theBeat Y6 Heartstart Session 2 (Am) Y4 Listen2Me Concert 2:30pm-3:10pm	Y6 Netball 8:00-8:45am Y5/6 GIRLS Football Lunchtime Art Club 3:30-4:30pm Showstoppers 3:30-5:00pm Y5/6 BOYS Football 3:30-4:30pm Christmas Choir 3:30-4:30pm (in 5H) LHTA Tennis 3:30-6:30pm
Fri	28 Nov	Y5 Swimming (3/8) NHS Whole School Flu Nasal Vaccine Immunisation PTFA Christmas Wreath Making Evening 6pm	Y4 Football Lunchtime IDPE Dodgeball Y3/6 3:30-4:30pm Cross Country Training 3:30-4:15pm

Tue	02 Dec	EYFS Forest Day Y6 Heartstart (Am)
Wed	03 Dec	EYFS Forest Day
Thurs	04 Dec	EYFS Forest Day
Fri	05 Dec	Non-Uniform Day for Fayre Donation Salvation Army Christmas Carol Service @ St Mary's Church 7pm
Sat	06 Dec	PTFA Christmas Fayre

Thurs	11 Dec	Rock2theBeat Concert 2:40pm
Tue	16 Dec	Infant Christmas Service 09.30am – P, 1H, 2D 10.45am - T, 1J, 2B
Wed	17 Dec	Junior Christmas Service 09.30am – Led by Y6 accompanied by Y3 & Y5 10.45am - Led by Y4 accompanied by Y5 & Y6
Thurs	18 Dec	Christmas Lunch; Class Christmas Parties; Christmas Jumper Day
Fri	19 Dec	Last Day before Christmas Break
22 Dec – 02Jan		Christmas Holidays
Mon	05 Jan	New Term Starts Y5 Bikeability
Tue	06 Jan	No Guitar Lessons
Thurs	15 Jan	New Year R 09/2026 Admissions Portal Closes Census Day