

A message from the Chair of Governors: What a wonderful start to the term. The governors have loved seeing the children back at school looking so smart, and we're especially happy to see all our new starters in reception. Welcome! A highlight so far for us has been the harvest festival. We're sure the singing gets louder each year, and an incredible amount of food was been donated to the local community, thank you. It really shows how the school community embrace our LIGHT values. You may have seen some of us at the recent parents evening and we are always happy to talk to you about what we do in school and strategic plans for the year. Shortly we will restart our "adopt a governor" programme giving the children a chance to meet their class governor and ask questions about our role. Again, we are accessible if you want to reach out to us.

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	

This is the last year that we will be splitting the junior services between Y4 & Y6. The reason we have done this over the last couple of years is because the Y6 cohort of children were impacted by COVID in Y2 and didn't have the opportunity to participate in the Nativity in that year group. From December 2026 both of the junior Christmas services will be led by Y4 only.

Reception September 2026 Tours - We are conducting individual tours of the school for any parents whose children are due to start in September 2026. In addition to this we will be holding a second Open Afternoon on **Thursday 6 November** at 1:45pm. If you know anyone with a child due to start next September, please ask them to contact the school office for further details. The portal for on-line applications opens on **Saturday 01 November 2025**.

Shoebbox Appeal –We are collecting shoeboxes again this year for the Operation Christmas Child initiative and half term is an ideal time to fill your box. This has been explained to children in Collective Worship this week and leaflets have been sent home. If you would like a second or third leaflet, spares can be picked up from the school office.

Fareham Christmas Lights - Christmas is fast approaching! Fareham Christmas Lights switch on event is being held on **Saturday 23 November from 10am-7pm**. This year will be a 'golden' theme. There will be an indoor festive market, food concessions, children's activities, funfair rides, circus workshop, street performers and performances on stage. The lights will be switched on at 5:30pm. More information about the event can be found on the attached flyer or online at www.fareham.gov.uk/christmaslights

Year 6 Parents – Reminder that Year 7 applications for a secondary school place are currently being accepted via the Hampshire Admissions online portal (<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>) and the deadline for applications is midnight on **Friday 31 October 2025**.

Poppy Appeal - Poppies and other Remembrance items will be on sale in school from **Tuesday 04 November**. Items are available for the suggested minimum donation below. Please ensure your child has the **correct money** as no change can be given.

Pin Badge	£2	Key Ring	50p
Lanyard	£2	Poppy	20p
Wrist Band	50p (Rubber)	Sticker	20p
Festival Band	50p (Fabric)		

Flu Vaccine - Please remember to complete the online registration form, by clicking on the link below, to approve/deny permission for your child to receive the flu nasal spray vaccination on **Friday 28 November 2025**.

<https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> School Code: **SH138719**

New Menu - Please find attached the new menu from Aspens which takes effect after half term. Please can we ask that you go through it with your child and pre-order their lunches via their website weekly in advance or as a minimum before 9am on the day required (<https://select.aspens-services.com/account/index>).

Free Girls Dynamos Cricket Sessions – Burrridge CC - This autumn, Burrridge Cricket Club has teamed up with the Hampshire Cricket Board to deliver an exciting new Girls Dynamos Cricket programme for 8–11 year olds. The programme includes 8 weeks of free cricket sessions, led by our team of qualified coaches. Every participant will also receive a Dynamos Cricket New Balance top.

Where: West Hill Park School – Sports Centre, Saint Margarets Ln, Fareham PO14 4BS

Dates: Pre-Christmas (Saturdays, 10:30–11:30am)

- 8th November
- 22nd November
- 6th December
- 13th December

Post-Christmas (Saturdays, 5:00–6:00pm)

- 3rd January
- 10th January
- 17th January
- 24th January

Sign up link: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/f61fd4d8-04e9-4715-8895-652fed3b116a?venue=BurridgeCricketClub2020>

Use the discount/promo code: VNOB4

St Mary's Church Nativity Service & Workshop - Workshop Sat 13 Dec 10:00 - 15:00 and Church Nativity service Sun 14 Dec at 10:00. Please join us for our nativity weekend. As we have done in previous years, we will be running a workshop on the Saturday and then performing the nativity in St Mary's Church on the Sunday. Details on the poster. If you would like your child to be in the nativity and the workshop, please complete the link below by 14 Nov:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2GDZBHW>

Regards

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Attachments: Aspens Menu Autumn 2/ Fareham Christmas Lights Flyer / St Mary's Church Nativity Service Flyer

Next Week

Sun	26 Oct	Clocks Go BACK	
27 -31 October		HALF TERM HOLIDAY • 31/10 Y7 Admission Portal Closes • 01/11 New Year R Admissions Portal Opens	
Mon	03 Nov	INSET DAY	
Tue	04 Nov	HMS Music – Guitar Poppies Go on Sale	Y5 Netball 8:00-8:45am Spanish Lunchtime Y3 Football Lunchtime IDPE Dodgeball Y1/2 3:30-4:30pm
Wed	05 Nov	HMS Music – Brass/Keyboard/Woodwind PTFA Firework Spectacular Aspens Theme Day Menu	Y3/4 Netball/Dodgeball 8:00-8:45am French Lunchtime DT Club 3:30-4:30pm (4/5) NO Judo 3:30-5:30pm NO Art Club 3:30-5:00pm
Thurs	06 Nov	HMS Music – Drums / Rock2theBeat New Year R Sept 2026 Open Afternoon 1:45pm	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 LHTA Tennis 3:30-6:30pm
Fri	07 Nov	Y6 Swimming (8/8) Remembrance Cake Sale	Y4 Football Lunchtime IDPE Dodgeball Y3/6 3:30-4:30pm Cross Country Training 3:30-4:15pm
Sun	09 Nov	Remembrance Service in school 10:30am	