

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE
Friday 18 September 2026



I wanted to start by thanking everyone for the warm welcome I have received. It has been a pleasure getting to know the children and seeing first-hand what makes our school such a special place.

Having had a lengthy connection to the school, including teaching here in the past, one of the questions I have been asked is whether the school is as I remember it. Obviously, over the years initiatives come and go and education practice evolves and responds to new challenges. However, one of the things that has remained consistent is the vibrant, welcoming culture of the academy. I have been so impressed with the way our children embody our LIGHT values every day. Whether I am visiting classrooms, walking around the school, attending collective worship or spending time on the playground, I regularly see pupils demonstrating respect and kindness, and a genuine enthusiasm for learning. They take pride in their work (I have a steady stream of headteacher award recipients daily), support one another and contribute positively to our school community. The positive atmosphere around the school has been wonderful to see and I feel really privileged to be part of such a talented staff team.

Over the past week I have really enjoyed seeing how well our new entrants in Turtles and Penguins have been settling in and doing my best to learn new names! Conversations with our youngest children are always interesting – especially as I was quizzed by one young pupil as to why I didn't have much hair! I was pleased also to see a number of clubs up and running... I dropped in to watch one of the netball clubs and was really impressed with the standard of play (and coaching!). I was also incredibly impressed with the number of keen runners attending cross-country club this morning! It was also really nice to drop into the Year R coffee morning for a catch-up and see how the first couple of weeks have been – I hope parents new to the school have been made to feel welcome.

Thank you once again for the warm welcome. I am delighted to be part of the Hook-with-Warsash family and look forward to an enjoyable and busy first term.

Early Morning Groups – Some children in the school attend early morning extra tuition sessions. These are by **invitation only** and will begin on **Monday 21 September for Y1 to Y4 and Y5 & Y6 on Tuesday 29 October**. Teachers have carried out assessments with the children and contacted parents of children that they wish to attend.

Harvest Festivals – Harvest Festivals will take place in **St Mary's Church on Monday 5 October**. The Infant Service will take place at 9.30am and this will be followed by the Junior Service at 10.45am. We welcome anyone associated with the school who would like to join us for these events.

We would be grateful for any donations of food that we can distribute to local organisations and food banks. If you are happy to send food in for this, please deliver your non-perishable contributions on the morning of **Monday 5 October** into class with your child.

Parents Evenings – Face to face parents' evenings will take place on **Monday 5 October** (3.30 – 8.00) and **Tuesday 6 October** (3.30 – 5.30pm). Details of how to book an appointment will follow in due course.

Whole School Flu Vaccine Immunisation – The NHS school Immunisation Team are coming into school to administer the latest Flu Vaccine to all pupils on **Tuesday 13 October 2026**. If you have not already done so please register your child on the online platform ([Flu Vaccination Consent Form](#)) to confirm whether or not you want your child to have the vaccine.

Curriculum Links – Our curriculum links inform you of what will be studied in each year group during each half term. The ones for the first half of the Autumn term are available on our website under **Curriculum/Curriculum Links** (<https://www.hookwithwarsash.co.uk/curriculum-links/>).

Data Collection Forms – Each year we are required by the DfE to check that we have up to date contact and medical details for every pupil. Please look out for a **light blue Data Collection Form** and **mauve Medical Form** that your child will be bringing home in their book bag over the next few weeks. We will be starting with Year 6 and working our way down through the school. When you receive these forms please can you **check ALL the details thoroughly (especially email addresses and contact numbers)**, make amendments where necessary, sign and date it and return it to the school office. If there is only one contact on your sheet please can you provide a second, **we are legally required to have a minimum of two contacts for each child**. Please be aware that this must be done for every child and we will keep chasing until all forms have been returned.

Vacancy – We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Starting School 09/2027 – Do you have a younger child who is due to start school in September 2027? Please see the attached flyer from Hampshire admissions.

MacMillan Cake Sale – Mrs Osborne-Stewart will be holding a cake sale on the junior playground on Friday 25th September when school finishes at 3:20. There will be individual cakes and also trays to buy. Nothing will contain nuts. Parents can pay with cash or scan the MacMillan QR code to donate directly to them. If anyone would like to donate cakes or bake anything for the sale, please could they get in touch with Mrs Osborne-Stewart on 07958031998 to let her know.

School Uniform – The children have returned to school in many new items of clothing. Please can I ask that in an effort to reduce lost property, can you please label all items of uniform etc. with your child's name. Mr Bartlett found a **named** jumper in the village last night and was able to reunite it with its owner this morning!

Shining Lights - We like to celebrate our school values of **Love, Independence, Growth, Happiness and Trust** within school every day and we would like you to share anything at home that your child does that you feel shows a good example of our school values. This could include, for example, children who are offering to help at home or being trusted to get on with tasks independently. If you would like to share this with us you can nominate your child for a 'Shining Light Award' which we can celebrate in school and your child will receive a 'Shining Light' sticker. Please see the PDF attached if you would like to do this.

Regards

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Attachments: Starting School Flyer / Lunchtime Vacancy / Shining Light Form

Next Week

21 – 25 Sept		Y5 Dorset Residential	
Mon	21 Sept	Early morning Groups Start for Y1 to Y4 HMS Music – Woodwind	NO Y5 Netball
Tue	22 Sept	HMS Music – Guitar	Lunchtime Spanish Lunchtime Y3/4 Football (2/10) 3:30/4:30 Y1/2 IDPE Dodgeball 3:30/4:30 KS2 Hockey (1/10)
Wed	23 Sept	HMS Music – Brass & Keyboard Y3/4 Reading Presentation 3:35pm (3H & 4PS)	8:00/8:45am Y3/4 Dodgeball (2/10) Lunchtime French 3:30-5:30 Judo 3:30/4:30 Y5/6 BOYS Football (2/10)
Thurs	24 Sept	Rock2theBeat	Lunchtime Y5/6 GIRLS Football (2/10) 3:30/4:30 Y6 Netball (2/10) 3:30/5:00 Showstoppers
Fri	25 Sept	MacMillan Cake Sale 3:20pm (Junior Playground) Y6 Swimming (3) HMS Music – Drums	8:00/8:45 KS2 X-Country (2/10) 3:30/4:30 Y3-6 IDPE Dodgeball

Future dates

Mon	28 Sept	INSET DAY / IDPE Sports Club
Tue	29 Sept	Early morning Groups Start for Y5 & Y6
Thurs	01 Oct	Census Day – Aspens Theme Menu
Fri	02 Oct	X-Country Race Portsdown Hill 4:15pm
Mon	05 Oct	Harvest Festival @ St Mary's Church Inf. 9:30am; Jnr. 10:45am Parents Evening 3:30pm-8:00pm
Tue	06 Oct	Parents Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm
Wed	07 Oct	Stubbington Parents Meeting 2:35pm
Fri	09 Oct	Cross Country – Portsdown Hill 4:15pm PTFA Harvest Bake Sale 3:30pm
Mon	12 Oct	YR & Y6 NCMP Height & Weight Measurement

		YR Curriculum Meeting 2:30pm & 7:00pm
Tue	13 Oct	NHS Whole School Flu Vaccine Immunisation
Fri	16 Oct	X-Country Race Portsdown Hill 4:15pm
Sat	17 Oct	Stubbington Study Centre Open Day
Sun	18 Oct	Dig Day
Wed	21 Oct	PTFA AGM 7:30pm
Thurs	22 Oct	New Year R Sept 2027 Open Afternoon 1:45pm
26 – 30 Oct		Half Term
Sat	31 Oct	Y7 Admission Portal Closes
Sun	01 Nov	New YR 09/2027 Admission Portal Opens
Tue	03 Nov	Y3 Butser Hill Trip
Thurs	05 Nov	PTFA Fireworks Aspens Theme Menu New Year R Sept 2027 Open Afternoon 1:45pm