



Newsletter 10th January

Dear all,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. It has been great to see the children back in school this week. They have all settled back into routines very well and are enjoying the start of their new learning journeys! We've already had two exciting ukulele workshops for Robin and Falcon class, all the children will have cricket coaching every Tuesday from next week, and Robin class are travelling back in time to the Anglo-Saxon period- so look out for some Anglo-Saxons making their way to school on Monday!

The children loved playing in the snow on Thursday, but we noticed that some children didn't have a coat and hat/gloves. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for this very cold weather. If it snows again, they may want to bring/wear their wellies when in the playground.

We are excited to launch our new School Values this term! These have been written by staff following the feedback we received from children and parents. Over the next few weeks we will be talking about each of these in further detail during our school assemblies. Please talk to your child about what they mean and how they can strive to demonstrate them.

Finally, we are looking for some volunteer readers to help our children. If you could spare just 10-15 minutes one morning a week after you have dropped your child at school, we would love to hear from you. If you're not sure what this entails or would like some advice on how to do this, please talk to myself or Mrs Curtis and we would be pleased to support. Just 10 minutes a week could make a significant difference to a child.

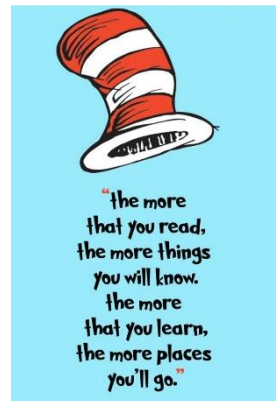
I look forward to working with you all in 2025!

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Mrs Beulah Letchford

Headteacher

Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Emmy, Ella R, Grace, Toby V.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Tahlia, Alexis, Acorn Class, Rose.

School Council Mural Competition

Inspiration and Colour to Brighten Our School!



The School Council are launching a competition open all students to get creative and design a mural with an uplifting and inspiring message to brighten our school! The winning murals will be chosen by the School Council and displayed around the school for everyone to enjoy. We hope to even get the best ones painted on to the walls! Let your creativity flow, and help make our school a brighter place!

Competition Guidelines:

Theme: The mural must carry an inspiring and positive message that helps to create a happy, motivating environment for all students.

Design: Your mural can be on paper, canvas, or digitally created. It should include colours, patterns, and shapes that evoke a positive, welcoming feeling.

Submission Deadline: January 24th

Where to Submit: Bring your design to the School office or email a digital version.

Our School Values



Respect: We show respect for people and property by being thoughtful, kind, patient, inclusive and polite.



Determination: We show determination through setting aspirational personal goals, striving to be the best we can be, embracing mistakes, reflecting on learning and putting effort into all we do.



Collaboration: We show collaboration through valuing teamwork, supporting others, being attentive listeners, being able to compromise and sharing our ideas.



Responsibility: We show responsibility through understanding how our choices can impact others and by developing behaviour that promotes trust and personal development.



Curiosity: We show curiosity through exploring, investigating, questioning and showing an interest in the world around us.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you looking for a new challenge for 2025? Would you like to make a big difference to the strategic direction of the school? We are seeking dedicated parents to join our governing body as governor. This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the direction of our school and ensure the best possible education for all our children. If you are interested please talk to Peter Burroughs on the playground or email at chair@burghclerepri.co.uk for further information. Details of how to apply will come out in January.

Ukulele Workshops

Good Vibes Music Academy provided ukulele workshops for the children in Robin and Falcon class this morning! As part of our ongoing work with the company, and the lessons that parents purchase for their children, we received these workshops for free! The children were great and took to the instruments very quickly. If your child is keen to learn to play the ukulele, guitar, or any other instrument, please take a look at the Good Vibes Music Academy website: <https://www.goodvibesmusicacademy.co.uk/>

Attendance

We have put together a model letter informing parents if their child's attendance falls below 90%. We are already working with some of you to support your child with their attendance, however we are still required to send this letter to you. If your child's attendance is below 90%, we want to work with you to get this back on track, so please do come and talk with us about how we can support your child.

Dates for the Diary

Each newsletter we will publish the dates of events happening during the term. Please be aware these may change and therefore it is important to check them each week. We will highlight changes in red when they first appear. Not every event is relevant to every parent. Look out for further information or letters with more detailed information for the events relevant to you.

Monday 13 th January	Robin Class Anglo-Saxon workshop day Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics @ The Clere- selected children only
Monday 20th January	Y5/6 football v Whitchurch - selected children only
Tuesday 21 st January	Netball Tournament @ Park House- selected children only
Friday 24th January	Parent Liaison Group meeting - 9.00am
Thursday 23 rd January	Archery @ Park House- selected children only
Friday 24th January	Burghclere Book Swap - Barn after school
Thursday 30 th January	Y5/6 football v Ashford Hill- selected children only
Friday 31st January	Young Voices rehearsal - 3.15pm-4.15pm
Tuesday 4 th February	Y1/2 Speed Stacking- selected children only
Wednesday 5 th February	PBS Parent Coffee morning in hall - 9.00am-10.30am

	Young Voices concert @ The O2 Arena
Thursday 6 th February	Y5/6 Speed Stacking- selected children only Y5 St Gabriel's Maths Challenge- selected children only
Tuesday 11 th February	KS2 Cross Country event in Hampshire-selected children only
Wednesday 12 th February	Governor Visit Day
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Children return
Tuesday 25 th February	Parents Evening
Thursday 27 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 7 th March	Reading Café - 8.45am