



Newsletter

21st November 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Dear all,

Apologies, but this week's newsletter covers last week too!

Last week was **Anti-bullying week**. The theme was '**The Power of Good**' and children were encouraged to think about they could use their powers of good to make sure bullying behaviour doesn't happen at Burghclere. On **Friday afternoon they worked collaboratively in their houses**, taking part in role play activities and producing work for our anti-bullying display- see the photo below. We encourage everyone in our school community to **tell a trusted adult if they see or experience bullying behaviour**. We will investigate it fully and support both the victim and the perpetrator, as per our anti-bullying and behaviour policies. As with all negative behaviours, there are often complex reasons why the behaviour is happening, and we will do all we can to understand this so we can provide the appropriate support. We hope everyone is able to show **compassion and understanding** as our children learn to regulate their emotions, and to talk with us directly if there are concerns.

It's been a busy couple of weeks for **sports fixtures** for some of our Y5/6 children! Please take a look at our sports reports to find out more. We give the opportunity for all our children to sign up for events- please encourage your child to put themselves forward or take up an opportunity they are given.

A fantastic well done to **Miss Burton and our school choir** who sang in Newbury on Saturday afternoon as part of the Christmas light turning on celebrations. They sounded brilliant and we all look forward to hearing them again over the festive season.

Have a great weekend!

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Mrs Beulah Letchford
Headteacher



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in celebration assembly: Elsie O, Philip, Evie, Josh, Josie, Nancy, Darcie, Toby V.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in celebration assembly: Ivo, Scarlett O, Lily, Enid, Tamara, Izzy O, Hugh, Isaac.

Key Notices

School Decoration

On Monday 1st December Hampshire council will begin the redecoration of our external walls. There will be a welfare unit set up on the field and scaffolding and fences in different parts of the grounds. It is expected to take about six-eight weeks. We look forward to seeing our outside area looking super smart!

Cold Weather

The temperature has dropped this week, however we have some children coming into school without a coat. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing to go outside during break and lunchtimes.

Lost Property

We have an increasing number of clothing items that have been left behind at school. These aren't named and so we can't return them to their owners. There is currently a boxful by the Oak class entrance. Any unclaimed items will be given to FOBS to resell or donated to charity.

Parent Liaison Group

Parent representatives didn't have any questions to bring to Mrs Letchford. The actions from the previous meeting were discussed: Muddy Monday option to change clothing had been well received; communication around the SIP and writing had been given; images of ASC activities had been shared on Facebook page; tax-free childcare vouchers still being looked into by finance manager; the school uniform policy will be updated next year.

In this meeting Mrs Letchford asked about a potential PE uniform top- parents liked the navy blue hoody but asked whether a zipped version was available; why there were few entries in our reading and writing competitions- representatives to ask parents why; would parents use the new Eco-shop products- the response depended on quality of the product and price; why some parents are not giving their children healthy snacks- representatives thought having a list of items might help; parents asked if there was an option for Arbor to send calendar dates- there isn't- as they liked the reminders sent by the office. Mrs Letchford explained this takes additional time and it's hoped parents read the newsletter and put events in their diaries so less reminders need to be sent.

LSA Vacancy

We have a position available supporting one of our KS1 children from 8:45/9-12:00 each morning. If this is something you, or someone you know, may be interested in, please talk to Mrs Letchford or Miss Pummell to find out more.

Sports Reports

Y5/6 Rugby

A good start to our rugby league campaign this afternoon with the first round of four. Two matches were played- we won one and lost one. The team improved and learnt a lot. Great work by all the players!



Y5/6 Thorngrove Netball Festival

A great afternoon of netball at the Thorngrove hi-five netball festival! We had two teams (Y5 and Y6) who played different matches. Each time the players rotated their positions to give everyone a chance to improve their skills. They all did brilliantly! Well done everyone!



Y5/6 Football

Our team went to Park House to take part in the West Berkshire football competition. We were placed in a league with six other schools and so had six 7-side matches of six minutes one way. The team played some good football with great passing, shooting, tackling and team work. There was also a last minute fabulous save from our goalkeeper Barney in the final match, securing us the top spot! The team were awarded gold medals and secured a place in the finals later in the month! A great achievement! Well played Barney, Eoin, Teddy, Scarlett, Marley, Zach, Dylan (our Y4 super sub!) and Jackson!



Hi-Five Netball

Our first league match took place at St Martins on Tuesday. In hi-five netball only five players are on court and after each section the players rotate positions following a predetermined order for a squad of seven. The team played some good netball and their passing, footwork, creation of space and shooting were particularly good. St Martins played very well and won the game 17-10. It was a great effort from all the players! Well done to Eoin, Teddy, Scarlett, Tamara, Georgie, Rose and Grace. Player of the match was Scarlett.



Y5/6 Rugby- Round Two!

The team got off to a tricky start but they soon remembered everything they learnt last week and got themselves together! They showed some great team play, and their defensive work really improved throughout. There were some super team and individual tries in both games. The improvement across the two games was excellent! We came away with a win and a draw! Well played Eoin, Scarlett, Eleanor, Carson, Barney, Jackson, Polly and Ella!



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 25 th November	Y5/6 Netball v Tadley - home 3:15 - selected children only
Friday 28 th November	FOBS Market Day
Thursday 4 th December	FOBS Wreath Making (time TBC) Y5/6 Football v Tadley - home 3:15pm - selected children only
Friday 5 th December	Choir performance at the Paddington statue - 2.00pm - choir members only
Thursday 11 th December	Acorn & Oak Nativity to parents - 2:00pm
Friday 12 th December	Secret Shopping
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 (Robin and Falcon) Carol Service - 5pm at the church TBC
Wednesday 17 th December	Pantomime Trip
Friday 19 th December	Carole service at the church - 9:30am - families welcome