



# Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear all,

This week we have been **analysing pupil attendance data** across the school. Our current attendance rate, 95.1%, is slightly higher than the national average, 94.6%. However, we want to work with families, particularly those where a child's attendance is below 90% and they are a persistent absentee, to increase this number as we believe every day at school counts. Our attendance policy is on our website and states clearly the processes the school will go through to improve school attendance.

An email will be sent to parents whose child's attendance rate falls below 90% along with their attendance certificates. All parents can view their child's attendance on the Arbor app. Please ensure that if you haven't given a reason for your child's absence that you contact Miss Pummell to inform her and she can amend the record.

I'd also like to remind parents that classroom doors open at 8:40 and learning starts at 8:45. We have several children arriving after this time which can be difficult for not just the child, but disruptive for the rest of the class who have already settled and started learning.

We obviously understand that children become unwell and sometimes can't be at school, and that unexpected things can happen in the morning which result in a child being late.

We will continue to monitor school attendance and look forward to sharing with you improvements over the term. Thank you for your support.

Have a great week!

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Mrs Beulah Letchford  
Headteacher

## Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in celebration assembly: Scarlett B, Erica, Josh, Evie.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in celebration assembly: Caleb, Bea, Clara, Darcie.

## Sports News

### **Indoor Athletics**

On Wednesday our Y5/6 team walked to the Clere school to compete in the first round of the indoor athletics competition. Each athlete had to run one race, run a relay, compete in a throwing event and a jumping event. All the children tried their absolute best in their events and showed great support to each other throughout. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. The results were announced and we were delighted to finish in first place with a lead of 21 points!! This now means we have qualified for the Basingstoke finals! Well done: Scarlett, Georgie, Eleanor, Emma, Erica, Bea, Teddy, Barney, Eoin, Jackson, Ted and Carson!



### **Hi-five Netball Festival**

On Tuesday, seven of our netballers competed in a Hi-five netball festival at Park House school on a cold afternoon! In hi-five netball there are just five players on the court and after each half they rotate to a different position. This means players have to know how to play in attack, defence and the centre of the court- and adapt very quickly! The team got better throughout, losing one, drawing one and winning one! Well played Polly, Scarlett, Eoin, Jackson, Grace, Georgie and Tamara!



### **Archery**

Six of our Y5/6 children travelled to Park House to compete in an archery festival. They had great fun playing the different activities and their skills improved throughout. They were supportive of each other and represented the school really well. Well done Seb, Vinnie, Ella, Emma, Justin and Ted!



### **Key Notices**

#### **Young Voices**

Well done to all the children who are learning the songs for this amazing concert! Every child attending needs to be able to sing these well. Thank you for your support in helping them to do this so they make the most of this incredible experience.

#### **Lunches**

Mrs Letchford and Miss Pummell met with Chartwells this week, and we are pleased to tell you that, as a result, instant potato will not be served with the sausages going forward. They understand the concerns around portion sizes with regards to the roast dinner and have taken this back to their senior leaders. Bread is now placed in baskets on each table which children can help themselves to.

#### **Trips**

We are very lucky to have several school trips across the school coming up soon. If applicable to your child's class, please remember to complete both the payment and consent forms on Scopay by the stated deadlines. If payments are not received on time, we may be unable to run the trips. Thank you for your understanding and support.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 Maths Challenge @ St Gabriels 1-3pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Netball v Bishopswood (A) - selected children only
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	SENCo Parent info session - everyone welcome in the hall - 8:50am-9:20am
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	District Netball match (H) - selected children only
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Falcon class trip to Ufton Court
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y3/4 Football @ Park House - selected children only
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y2 Speed Stacking @ Park House 4pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5/6 Speed Stacking @ Park House 4pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Maths Challenge @ St Gabriels 1-3pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5/6 Football v Tadley (H) - selected children only
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Robin class Egyptian workshop Parents Evening
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	FOBS Secret Sound Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	FOBS Second hand uniform sale - under the barn after school
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Young Voices
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	FOBS family bingo night - 6:30pm - all welcome