



Newsletter

15th May 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear all,

Acorn class had a fabulous trip to **Marwell zoo** on Wednesday! The children learnt so much about the different animals and enjoyed sharing some of these facts alongside photographs in our Celebration assembly this afternoon. **Have a look at our Facebook page for more photos.** Well done to Miss Rist for organising the day.

Well done to Mrs Field and the Falcon team for ensuring our **Y6 children were relaxed and ready to take their Y6 SATs** this week. They enjoyed their celebratory film and donuts afternoon on Friday!

On Monday I met with the **Parent Liaison Group** to discuss some of the points raised in the parent feedback survey. Firstly, was **communication** with some parents expressing there was too much and for others too little. We are trying hard to make sure we find **the happy balance** and to ensure that communications, as much as possible, are given in good time for parents. This newsletter is central to this, and we ask all parents to **put events in the Dates For Your Diary in their own calendars and to set reminders** for those applicable to their children. We will always highlight new events in red. As always, if unsure please do ask.

We also discussed the **newsletter** and making it more concise. Sports events and other learning events are shared on our Facebook page with plenty of photos so do take a look at everything that is going on!

School lunches provided by Chartwells were also discussed. Mrs Thelwell, one of our governors, shared feedback from the recent monitoring visit she had done as part of the governors responsibility for ensuring the school and the lunch provider are meeting government guidelines- which she felt they were. We also clarified the **school's position on packed lunches provided by parents** as per the policy: *Parents/carers are asked to provide healthy balanced packed lunches for their children. In line with the school lunch offering, no confectionary, sweets or fizzy drinks should be included.* Thank you to all parents who are supporting the school with this and providing a **healthy snack at breaktime.**

Finally, we discussed how we can **support children with anxiety**. Miss Burton and I will be setting a date for a parent workshop on this topic next term. Workshops for children on mindfulness etc were also suggested and this is something we will now look into. If you, or someone you know, might be able to lead these or support the financing of some, we would love to hear from you. The **Hampshire CAMHS website has a wealth of information for parents:** <https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/help/parents-carers/anxiety-professionals/>

We'll continue to discuss other areas of the questionnaire in the next meeting and share the outcomes with you through the newsletters.

So, the above newsletter item wasn't as concise as we are aiming to be! But hopefully there is useful information in there for everyone.

Have a good 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: Jessica, Toby D, Willow.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in celebration assembly: Avery, Brooklyn, Sienna Ba.

Key Notices

A message from FOBS!

We would also be grateful if parents and carers could start saving clean jars and bottles for some upcoming activities at the Burghclere Funfest. These will be used by the children to decorate at home and create "jolly jars and bottles," which we hope will be a popular part of the event. Please ensure that no jars that have contained nuts or pickles are sent in. More details, including information about a non-uniform day, will be shared soon. Thank you for your support. The FOBS team!

Yellow Zig-Zag Lines

Please do not park on these lines when dropping children off for school. This blocks the vision for those crossing the road, making it unsafe. Thank you.

Second hand uniform

If you would like any items of second-hand uniform, please contact Emily on 07557780875 and she will be happy to assist - we have lots of good stock!

Staffing News

We are looking for a new member of the team to work in our growing **after-school club**. If you, or someone you know, is interested in this role, please contact Vanessa.

Lost Items

Please ensure all items of clothing, drinks bottles and snack boxes are named so that items found can be returned to their owners asap.

Lunch Ordering

Please ensure you have ordered your child's lunch before the start of the week- even if they are having a school packed lunch we need to know. If children haven't ordered, they won't have a lunch. Miss Pummell does always check on a Monday, however this is taking up an increasing amount of her time.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 19th May	Y5/6 Girls Cricket - selected children only cancelled
Friday 22 nd May	Y3/4 Shuttle run @ Thorngrove School - selected children only FOBs end of term disco!
Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May	Half term
Monday 1 st June	Children return
Wednesday 3 rd June	NWN Y6 Leavers photo
Thursday 4 th June - Friday 5 th June	Robin Class one night stay at Ufton Court
Monday 22 nd June	Robin Class trip - please respond with consent
Saturday 27 th June	FOBS Summer Funfest
Tuesday 30 th June	Y5/6 Cricket - selected children only Girls Dodgeball - selected children only
Tuesday 30 th June - Monday 6 th July	Travelling book fair every day after school under the barn
Wednesday 1 st July	Freestyle Football Workshop! KS2 Dodgeball - selected children only
Friday 3 rd July	Sports Day 9:00am-12:00 followed by family picnic on the field
Friday 10 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 13 th July	'Moving up' afternoon
Tuesday 14 th July	Falcon Class play to parents - PM (times TBC) KS1 Multi-skills - selected children only
Thursday 16 th July	Rocksteady performance to parents (of children who have lessons) 10:00-10:30
Friday 17 th July	Acorn & Oak Class trip - more details to follow
Wednesday 22 nd July	End of term