

Believe Care Persevere Succeed



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone back in school and to welcome all the new Foundation Stage children too. They have all settled quickly into their new classes and have been visibly excited to see their friends and to make some new ones!

Miss Young

We were all delighted to hear the news that Sarah Young became mum to baby Reuben who arrived safely in August. Congratulations from us all to both Sarah and Cameron who are very proud parents indeed! We have enjoyed meeting Reuben and are looking forward to him visiting us in school soon.

Diary Dates

Additional dates have been included below.

The PTA have announced the dates for some of their activities that they are planning for you this term. Do make a note in your diaries.

Open Mornings

We will be holding Open Mornings this term for parents and carers of prospective September 2025 Foundation Stage children. Please see the dates below.

Swimming

Year 5 enjoyed their first swimming session at Tadley pool on Tuesday. They will be going weekly this half term. Their lessons are delivered by the pool's qualified swimming instructors as part of the national curriculum for PE.

Bikeability

Our Year 6 children took part in cycle training last week to support them in safe cycling and road awareness. As they develop more independence, and in preparation for their move to secondary school next year, we see this as an important part of their provision this year. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme and is delivered by trainers who come to the school for a full 3-day programme. Well done to our Year 6 children who impressed our visitors with their skills, effort and positive attitude.

Hurst Year 6

We were delighted to welcome the Headteacher and representatives from The Hurst this week. They led an assembly for our Year 6 children and gave out information about the school. For your information,

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they are holding an information evening and open days for prospective parents, details of which are available on their website.

The application window for Year 7 school places for September 2025 is now open and all applications should be submitted by 31st October. Further information can be found by following this link. [School admissions | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Iron Sam

You may have heard about the fundraising efforts of our mentor, Sam Dunn, who is undertaking a 100 mile bike ride and then a marathon run, to raise money for the mentoring programme that he leads to support the children in our Tadley schools. Sam is with us every Wednesday and has made a huge difference to a number of our children over the time he has worked with us.

His event takes place on Friday 20th, the bike ride, and Saturday 21st, the marathon. You will be able to see him at Sainsbury's in Tadley on both days. He will be doing the cycle challenge on an exercise bike in the entrance of the store. The marathon will take place on a route which passes through Sainsbury's entrance throughout the day on Saturday. He would greatly appreciate any support on the day so if you happen to be shopping in Sainsbury's do try to spot him and give him some encouragement.

If you would like to support the cause with a donation, please click on the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ironsam>

All funds raised go to support the ongoing, full time work of Tadley's Children and Youth Community Pastor and community volunteers who support primary and secondary schools in and around Tadley.

Parent Meetings

A reminder that the Phase Leaders will be holding short meetings for parents to share information relevant to specific year groups. These meetings are being held during the school day in the afternoons. Please see the dates below. There will be those of you who are unable to attend due to work commitments but please don't worry. The information will be available separately after the meetings and will be sent home to everyone via email.

Kind regards,

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INSET Days 2024-2025

Friday 25th October 2024, Monday 6th January 2025, Tuesday July 22nd 2025

DIARY DATES

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September 2024	
Tuesday 17 th	Year 3/4 Parent Meeting , 2.45pm
Wednesday 18 th	Year 1/2 Parent Meeting , 2.30pm
Thursday 19 th	Year 5/6 Parent Meeting, 2.45pm
Friday 20 th	Iron Sam cycle fundraising, Sainsbury's, Tadley
Saturday 21 st	Iron Sam marathon fundraising, Sainsbury's, Tadley
Thursday 26 th	Foundation Stage Parent Meeting, 2.30pm
Friday 27 th	Individual School Photographs
October 2024	
Thursday 3 rd	Foundation Stage 2025 Open Morning 1
Saturday 5 th	Basingstoke Variety Show
Tuesday 8 th	Book Fair
	PTA Movie Night
Thursday 10 th – Saturday 12 th	Art Festival – St Mary's Church
Thursday 10 th	PTA Annual General Meeting 6pm
Monday 14 th	Parent Consultation Week
Wednesday 16 th	Year 5/6 Ancient Greece Workshop
Friday 18 th	Key Stage 2 last sharing assembly before half term
Tuesday 22 nd	FS/KS1 last sharing assembly before half term
	Year 5 final swimming session
Wednesday 23 rd	Foundation Stage 2025 Open Morning 2
Thursday 24 th	Harvest Festival (am)
Friday 25 th	INSET
HALF TERM WEEK (28.10.24 – 01.11.24)	
November 2024	
Monday 4 th	Return to school after half term
Friday 8 th	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Monday 11 th	Remembrance Day Collection for Royal British Legion
Tuesday 12 th	PTA Movie Night
Friday 15 th	Children in Need
Friday 29 th	PTA non-uniform day in return for tombola items for Christmas Market
	Tadley Christmas Light Switch on – all children invited to sing

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December 2024	
Friday 6 th	PTA Christmas Market, 3.30 – 5.30pm
Wednesday 11 th	Rock Steady concert
Saturday 14 th	PTA Breakfast with Santa
Sunday 15 th	PTA Breakfast with Santa
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Dinner – wear red, green, tinsel and/or Christmas jumper