

Believe Care Persevere Succeed



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Pedestrian Gate Security

You may have noticed that work to the pedestrian gate entrance from Newchurch Road has begun. It is not quite complete but should be operational sometime next week.

Parent Consultations

It was good to see so many of you attending parent consultations this week to discuss your child's learning. If you were unable to come in, the teachers will be contacting you to make other arrangements to talk to you.

Questionnaires

Thank you for completing the parent questionnaires while you were waiting to see the class teacher. For those of you who haven't yet filled one in, there are paper copies available in the school office and we will send an electronic version home for you to complete and return.

Ancient Greece Workshop

Year 5/6 enjoyed their Ancient Greek themed day. Thank you for supporting their involvement with costumes and props – they looked fantastic! Our visitor who led the workshops praised the children for their enthusiasm and participation, commenting on their positive learning behaviours and engagement.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the school so far this term remains at just over 95% this week. There are still incidents of lateness, however, which need to be improved. Most are only a few minutes after 9.00am so please make every effort to leave a little earlier in the morning to ensure your child arrives in their classroom on time. It is an uncomfortable start to the day for a child if they have to walk into the classroom when all their friends are already settled and have started their day. Please help make the beginning of every school day as happy and relaxed as possible. As always, if you want any help or support, do approach any member of staff you feel comfortable to talk to.

Half Term Starlings

Bookings for Starlings Care Club for the half term break are currently very low. If you are intending to use the provision during the week of Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November, please ensure you have made your booking by Tuesday 22nd October. Thank you.

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Art Festival at St Mary's

You may have visited the Art Festival over the weekend and seen the whole school piece contributed to by all the children. In case you missed it, here it is in all its glory! The words below are a beautiful explanation of what it means and how it represents our school. On its return to school, we will be placing this wonderful piece on permanent display.



A Spiral of Hope

This piece of art was created by all the children of Burnham Copse Primary School. It is a representation of the school itself. Each circle is a child and each colour is a year group.

Many of the children mixed shades of their given colour and all created their own designs. The youngest children are cocooned in the centre of the circle and as the children grow older their circles move out from the centre. The oldest children, form the outside circle ready to move on to new adventures. The rainbow created is a symbol of inclusion, hope and promise. The school staff strive to create such an atmosphere in the school, where all are valued and given belief in themselves. All are bonded by the hope that they can, through their caring create a better world. Finally they have the promise of a future where through perseverance and hard work, they can have a successful future whatever shape that may take.

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Harvest Festival Assembly

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival Assembly next Thursday at 9.15am. Each class contributes to the event and parents and carers are all welcome to attend. We will be collecting items to donate to the local foodbank and these can be brought in to school at any time throughout next week. Currently the foodbank are asking for the following:

| <i>These items are most needed Please avoid donating out of date items</i> | <i>We have plenty of the following in stock so please choose other items – thank you</i> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tinned fruit• Rice pudding• Nappies size 5 and above• Instant coffee• Marmite• Small packs of tea• Tinned meat• Sweet spread (jam, marmalade etc)• Savoury snacks/crisps• Squash• Hot and cold desserts (jelly, sponge pudding, angel delight) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pasta• Rice• Tinned baked beans• Pulses• Hot and cold cereal• Not-dairy milk• Sanitary pads• Baby food• Baby formula• Nappies size 4 and below• Hand soap |

Have an enjoyable weekend,

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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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| October 2024 | |
| Monday 21 st | Year 3/4 Local Walk |
| 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 (9.15am) |
| Friday 25 th | INSET |
| HALF TERM WEEK (28.10.24 – 01.11.24) | |
| November 2024 | |
| Monday 4 th | Return to school after half term |
| Wednesday 6 th | Foundation Stage 2025 Open Morning 3 |
| Thursday 7 th | Foundation Stage to Pamber Forest for Bear Hunt |
| Friday 8 th | Whole School Flu Immunisations |
| Monday 11 th | Remembrance Day Collection for Royal British Legion |
| Tuesday 12 th | PTA Movie Night |
| Thursday 14 th | PTA Laser Firework Show |
| 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 |
| 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 |