



WEEKLY

Week 5 – 1st October 2026

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Message from Miss Hughes

As we reach this point in the term, it is quite natural for children (and staff!) to begin feeling a little under the weather, a little more tired, and sometimes a little tetchy with one another. The initial adrenaline of the new year is wearing off and the routines and expectations of school can be overwhelming at times as the term progresses. Thank you to all families for communicating so well with us about what is happening for children, both at home and in school. Those conversations make a real difference, helping us to understand, support and encourage each child as an individual. Please do continue to keep in touch; working together in this way is so important.

It was a real pleasure to welcome so many **grandparents** to our EYFS Stay and Play today. The children were delighted to share their learning and their setting with such special visitors. A huge thank you also to our **Year 6 ambassadors**, who represented the school so warmly and confidently while serving teas and coffees.

Last week, we celebrated National Teaching Assistant Day, and today is **World Teachers' Day**. Teaching is an ever-changing, ever-demanding and often all-consuming role, made more challenging by limited resources and the many pressures facing schools. Yet, each day, our staff bring patience, creativity, expertise and care to their classrooms. They continue to find brightness in the sparks of hope, curiosity and possibility sitting in front of them every day. I am incredibly proud to lead such a dedicated team, and grateful for all they do to make our school a place where children are known, supported and encouraged to thrive.



Sporting Triumphs!

Some of our **Year 1 and 2 children enjoyed Sportshall Athletics** on Monday. It was lovely to see so many budding athletes giving their very best, encouraging one another and showing great determination throughout the activities. Well done to everyone involved.

The football team also had a fantastic afternoon, playing two brilliant games and representing the school with excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. They won the first game 4-1, with Karol scoring and Kian netting an amazing hat-trick! The second game was a tough battle, with Kian scoring twice to put the team ahead, but unfortunately they ended up losing 3-2. Despite the disappointment, the team stuck together and continued to encourage and support one another, showing one of our key school values in action. Their positive attitude and support for each other, especially after a difficult result, was fantastic to see and they should all be very proud!

Reminder: INSET School closed

A quick reminder to all parents and carers that **school will be closed to children on Monday 5th October** for an INSET day.

Dojo Champions

Puffins – Dani and Doni
Ducklings – Rose and Kaydis
Kingfishers – Reggie and Hoda
Robins – Love and Amira
Swifts – Kairo and Musa
Skylarks – Jude and Flora
Jays – Ibrahim and Ava
Owls – Elma and Jacob
Kestrels – Rogan and Mohammad



Golden Book

Robins – Gaia and Finley
Swifts – Elsie and Abdul
Skylarks – Miles and Johnpaul
Jays – Ibrahim and Ellie
Owls – Hope and Zian
Kestrels – Amelie and Maya





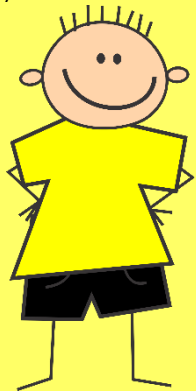
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Wear Yellow!

On Friday next week, we will be celebrating Mental Health Day, with our annual **Wear Yellow** to spread some joy! We will be asking for a **£1 donation for Young Minds**, a charity that supports youth mental health, reminding children that they are not alone and that how they feel matters.

Please note, children do not have to wear yellow. They can wear their uniform as normal if they wish.



Book Fair

Next week, the Scholastic Book Fair will be in town! This is a lovely opportunity to buy some new books, but also support the school. Last year, we raise over £900 which was spent on new books in book corners. Please come along after school if you can!

Upcoming Dates

- **5th October – INSET Day (school closed to children)**
- 7th October-9th October – Book Fair
- 8th October – Football Team match 3:15-5:15
- 9th October – Mental Health Day: Wear yellow
- 9th October – Flu immunisations
- 12th October – Harvest Collection begins
- 14th October – Year 3 Trip to Stonehenge
- 16th October – Harvest Assembly
- 16th October – PTA AGM at 3:30-4:30
- 19th October – Year 5 trip to Winchester Science
- 21st October – Year 1 Trip to Tudor House
- 22nd October – Football Team match 3:15-5:15
- **26th October – HALF TERM**
- 2nd November – Poppy Sale this week
- 3rd November – Parents Evening
- 4th November – Parents Evening
- 11th November – Remembrance Day
- 16th November – Anti-Bullying Week / Odd Sock Monday
- 20th November – Children in Need Pyjama Day £1
- 7th December – Church Service 4pm
- 14th December – Grandparent Christmas Carols 9:15am-10:30am
- 15th December – Dress Rehearsal for young families and babies of Christmas Performance 1:45-2:45
- 16th December – Christmas Performances 1:45 and 5:00
- 17th December – Christmas Hamper draw, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch Day
- 18th December – Last day of term

Flu Vaccinations

Friday is our annual flu vaccinations. The vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness. The vaccine will help your child to build up immunity which means your child will be better able to fight off flu. You have until Wednesday to sign up!

<https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=CW116089>

Miss Edwards Maternity

We are saying goodbye to Miss Edwards on Monday for a slightly earlier than planned maternity leave. We wish her all the best for her exciting new arrival!

