



WEEKLY

Week 6 – 9th October 2026 newsletter

Message from Miss Hughes

Another busy week at Bitterne Manor! Our INSET day was a real success, with staff taking part in an inspiring training session led by a **speech and language therapist**. The learning will support us greatly as we continue to meet the needs of all our children.

The **Book Fair** arrived this week and has already been a huge success. Thank you to all the families who have visited, supported it, and shown such patience during busy collection times.

We also held the first of our **Reception parent tours**. Our new **prefects** led the tour brilliantly and received wonderful feedback from visiting families. We are incredibly proud of how confidently they represented the school.

An **external consultant** visited us this week and commented on how friendly, articulate and energetic our children are. They were extremely impressed — as are we, every day.

Voting for our **new school flags is now under way**, and we look forward to seeing the children's choices.

On Thursday, we held a **mental health assembly**, and today the school was full of yellow for World Mental Health Day. Thank you to everyone who donated; we have raised over £120 for charity.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the families who signed up for **flu vaccinations** today. Our admin team led a seamless operation alongside the school nursing team. There were lots of little brave bears, and we are super proud of every one of them.

Have a lovely weekend!

Our Amazing PTA

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for their incredibly generous donation towards a new class set of Chromebooks.

This is going to make such a difference across the school, giving every child even more opportunities to learn, create and explore using technology. We are so grateful for the time, energy and support our PTA gives to the school community. We are hoping to have them ready after half term!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Harvest Collection

Our annual Harvest collection is a chance for our school community to support local families during the cost-of-living crisis. Donations will go to City Mission's Southampton Basics Bank, which distributes essential items across the city. The Basics Bank needs:

- Tinned meat and fish, tinned macaroni cheese, cook-in sauces, pasta and rice, soup and custard, tea and coffee, packets of noodles, tinned fruit and vegetables, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste

Every donation, however small, is greatly appreciated.

Dojo Champions

Puffins – Dani and Oscar
Ducklings – Ciyona and Raya
Kingfishers –
Robins – Quincy and Maeve
Swifts – Taha and Nahla
Skylarks – Elif and Willow
Jays –
Owls – Lucie and Max
Kestrels – Kian and Oluchi



Golden Book

Robins – Rory and Aaleyha
Swifts – Alexander and Horus
Skylarks – Willow and Flora
Jays –
Owls – Elma and Oliwia
Kestrels – Sahar and Evie





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Sporting Joy

Our football team battled hard in a tough 2-1 loss, with Kian scoring our goal. Despite having a goal disallowed and a (some might say debatable!) penalty given against us, the team showed great resilience and kept fighting until the final whistle. They made noble choices when faced with tough decisions and continued to stick together and support one another, showing our school values brilliantly!



Book Fair Continues

Next week, the Scholastic Book Fair continues on Monday! 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

Parents/Carers Evening

Next week, you will be able to sign up for **Parents' Evening appointments** through the **Arbor App**, which will take place after half term.

The meetings will be held after school and will be a lovely opportunity to look through your child's books, celebrate their learning, and find out how they are settling into their new year group.

Contributions to Trips

We firmly believe in the importance of school trips in providing enriching experiences that bring the curriculum to life. Where possible, we subsidise these trips heavily in school already and never charge more than the cost of the trip. Unfortunately, trips cannot go ahead without parent contributions as school budgets are tight. Any donation towards costs helps.

