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Week 3 – 22nd January 2026 newsletter

Message from Miss Hughes

We're already halfway through this half term – hard to believe how quickly it's going. It's been very wet this week, so we're more than ready for spring to finally arrive!

It's been another busy and positive week in school. Owls Class went swimming again. It has been great to see their skills improving. Their class assembly this week was brilliant with children speaking confidently about their learning and Dharya's showing off her karate skills!

Jays Class had a fantastic visit from the Wessex Rivers Trust, taking part in a brilliant workshop and heading down to the river as part of their learning and exploring all the creatures found and what they can do to protect the river.

It was so lovely to see so many families in school for See and Celebrate yesterday. Thank you for coming along.

Year 5/6 football today has also been excellent, with lots of effort and teamwork on show.

Next week is Jays Class Assembly, and we're looking forward to seeing parents there.

We'll also soon be advertising for a Supervisory Assistant at lunchtime. Details will be on the website shortly.

Have a lovely weekend, Amy (Headteacher)

Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a **nut-free school**. This is to help keep children and staff with **nut allergies safe**, as even small traces can cause serious allergic reactions. This means **no nuts or nut products** should be brought into school, including items such as:

- Peanut butter
- Nutella or other chocolate nut spreads
- Cereal bars or snacks containing nuts
- Cakes or biscuits made with nuts

We ask all families to **check ingredient labels carefully**, as nuts can be hidden in many everyday foods.



PTA Globes

Thank you to our PTA for their generous purchase of interactive globes for every class. They have already become a huge hit—children have loved exploring them, asking questions, and discovering the world in such an engaging, hands-on way. We're very grateful for your continued support and for enriching learning across the school.



Dojo Champions

Ducklings – Aaditya and Murad

Kingfishers –

Robins – Evie and Horus

Swifts – Kuzey and Henry

Skylarks – Roha and Chimananda

Jays – Shivani and Amelia

Owls – Amelie and Finn

Kestrels – Ryan and Raya

The winning house this week is...

HEROES!



Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book winners this week. Our winners are...

Robins – Aishleen and Avayah

Swifts – Mahir and Joudy

Skylarks – Skylar and Roha

Jays – Karolina and Zian

Owls – Amara and Finn

Kestrels – Harper and Dylan





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Uniform Reminders

It's that time of year when many of our children are shooting up! If you are replacing any uniform over Christmas, please remember, children need:

- a white shirt or blouse or polo shirt
- grey or black trousers
- grey or black skirt or pinafore dress
- bottle green jumper or cardigan
- brown or black shoes (These can be trainers, but must be plain black or plain brown.
- No jewellery except stud earrings or a watch.
- No make up or nail varnish

Wearing our uniform helps build a sense of pride, unity, and belonging in our school community.

Please ensure that all uniform is named.



PE Days

Mondays –
Tuesday – Kestrels / Kingfishers
Wednesday – Jays / Robins
Thursdays – Owls / Swifts
Fridays – Skylarks



Upcoming Dates

- 26th January – Owls Swimming Lesson
- 27th January – Jays Class Assembly
- February – Random Acts of Kindness Month
- 2nd February – Owls Swimming Lesson
- 3rd February – Skylarks Class Assembly
- 9th February – Owls Swimming Lesson
- 10th February – Safer Internet Day
- 10th February – Swifts Class Assembly
- **16th February – Half Term**
- 23rd February – Start of Spring 2 Term
- 24th February – Parents Evening
- 24th February – Robins RE Day with City Mission
- 25th February – Parents Evening
- 2nd March – World Book Week
- 3rd March – Robins Class Assembly
- 3rd March – Jays RE Day with City Mission
- 5th March – World Book Day
- 6th March – Lower School Cross Country Championships (4pm)
- 13th March – Upper School Cross Country Championships (4pm)
- 16th March – Science Week
- 20th March – Red Nose Day / World Poetry Day
- 24th March – Swifts RE Day with City Mission
- 24th March – City Mission Easter Assembly
- 25th March - Owls RE Day with City Mission
- **27th March – End of Term**

PTA Socials

Our wonderful PTA have a Facebook group and social media accounts. Please follow along as they update it regularly and you can get in touch directly with them if needed. They're always looking for volunteers so get in touch: pta@bitternemanor.net

Office Hours

The school office is open 8:30-4:30.

