



WEEKLY

Week 1 – 17th April 2026

newsletter

Message from Miss Hughes

What a fantastic start we've had to the summer term! It has been a really positive week across the school, with a calm, settled atmosphere and a clear focus on learning. Classrooms have been full of hard work and enthusiasm and I've had the pleasure of seeing some truly impressive writing and Maths brought to my office from children in Robins, Swifts and Owls. Kingfishers have been exploring their new topic with deep-thinking questions about the world around them while Ducklings have been exploring minibeasts! Kestrels have been knuckling down, ready for their SATs in a few weeks while Jays have been finding out about the rise and fall of empires. Meanwhile our Ducklings I had the pleasure of teaching in Skylarks on Monday – what great energy, diligently and poetically exploring emotions, before starting their new book 'The Black Dog'.

It's also been wonderful to see the children making the most of our new steps into the wild garden at the back of the playground. They've been enjoying exploring, playing among the trees, and making the most of the sunshine, which has certainly helped create a lovely feel around school.

With the sun starting to shine, it looks set to be a brilliant half term ahead. We are looking forward to the start of class assemblies next week, as well as our Shakespeare Festival at the end of term. Behind the scenes, teachers are also busy organising a range of exciting trips for each class. A great start and plenty to look forward to!

Have a great weekend, Amy

New Reception 2026

This week we've had some exciting news as we found out who will be joining our new Reception class in September, following National Offer Day on Thursday.

We're delighted to be welcoming our new Kingfishers! It's especially lovely to see that 18 of our new starters are siblings of children already in school – it really does feel like the family is growing. Around half of the class are currently in our preschool, so there will be lots of familiar faces ready to take that next step.

We're also very much looking forward to getting to know the 8 families who are completely new to our school community. A very warm welcome to you all!

We've got lots of plans in place over the coming months to help everyone feel settled, confident and excited about starting school. We can't wait to begin getting to know our new Kingfishers and their families.



Dojo Champions

Ducklings – Ohanna and Raya

Kingfishers – Doni and Hallie

Robins – Aishleen and Ryan

Swifts – Savannah and Marley

Skylarks – Ellie and Anastazja

Jays – Tobias and Zian

Owls – Megan and Alina

Kestrels – ChuChu and Tyler

The winning house this week is...

CHAMPIONS!



Golden Book

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

Kingfishers – Zala and Oscar T

Robins – Marley and Evie

Swifts – Melinda and Johnpaul

Skylarks – Roha and Ella

Jays – Noah and Iqra

Owls – George and Alice

Kestrels – Raya and Patsy





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Uniform Reminders

Wearing our uniform helps build a sense of pride, unity, and belonging in our school community. 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
- **No branded logos on PE kit / jumpers / hoodies**

Please ensure that all uniform is named.



Building Work

The special funding that we received before the holidays has already had a huge impact on our EYFS playground space with a huge outdoor canopy and extension of the play area. The toilets are underway and we are awaiting a door being knocked through into the back of the Y1 classroom!



PE Days

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



Upcoming Dates

- 13th April-24th April – PTA Penny Power
- 21st April – Owls Class Assembly
- 22nd April – Class Photos
- 28th April – Jays Class Assembly
- 30th April – See and Celebrate Book Look (2:45pm)
- **4th May – Bank Holiday**
- 5th May – Skylarks Class Assembly
- 8th May – PTA Cake Sale for VE Day
- 11th May – SATs Week
- 18th May – Shakespeare Festival / Walk to School Week
- 19th May – Swifts Class Assembly
- 20th May – Swifts to Portchester Castle
- 21st May – Parents invited to Shakespeare Festival (afternoon – time TBC)
- **22nd May – End of Term**
- 1st June – Start of Summer Term 2
- 1st June - Gardening Week
- 1st June – Start of Y4's Multiplication Check
- 4th June – Y5/6 Cricket Tournament (TBC)
- 8th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Week
- 9th June – Primary Track and Field Event
- 10th June – Welcome Event for New Reception Parents
- 17th June – Y5 to Tile Barn
- 18th June – Y4 to Fairthorne
- 19th June – Y4 and Y5 return
- 23rd June – City Mission in Y6
- 26th June – Non-uniform day for PTA Tombola prize

