



# WEEKLY

Week 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

newsletter

## Message from Miss Hughes

Normally, this section of the newsletter is written for our parents and carers, but today, this message is for our wonderful Year 6 children.

As you head into your SATs next week, I want you to know just how incredibly proud we all are of you. Not simply because of the hard work you have shown over many months, but because of the way you have carried yourselves throughout this journey.

You have shown maturity, calmness and determination. You have supported one another, kept your sense of humour, and faced challenges with real bravery. Every single one of you has truly modelled our school values of being brave, motivated, proud and supportive, and that matters far more than any test score ever could.

SATs are important and we wish you all the luck in the world next week, but please remember this: SATs are only one very small part of your journey at Bitterne Manor. They do not measure your kindness, your creativity, your character, your friendships or the brightness of the futures ahead of you.

Go into next week believing in yourselves as much as we believe in you. We are all behind you, every step of the way. Good luck, Kestrels! You have already made us incredibly proud!

## Kingfishers' Search for the Gruffalo

Kingfishers went on a wonderful trip to Moors Valley in search of the Gruffalo. Such a brave adventure climbing and crawling and throwing themselves into every challenge!



## Dojo Champions

**Ducklings** – Maya and Sofia

**Kingfishers** – Mia and Anais

**Robins** –

**Swifts** – Kuba and Melinda

**Skylarks** – Jasmine and Ava

**Jays** – Olivia and Bodie

**Owls** – Rogan and Mohammed

**Kestrels** – Honour and Zeenat

The winning house this week is...

**HEROES!**



## Golden Book

No Golden Book next week due to SATs taking place in the hall





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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 / cropped tops**

Please ensure that all uniform is named.



### Healthy Snacks

This is a friendly reminder to please ensure that children only bring healthy snacks to school.

Nutritious options such as fresh fruits, vegetables, yogurt and whole grain items help support students' energy levels, concentration, and overall well-being throughout the school day.

We kindly ask that you avoid sending snacks that are high in sugar, salt or artificial additives, such as sweets/chocolate, biscuits, crisps and sugary drinks.

### PE Days

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



### Upcoming Dates

- 11<sup>th</sup> May – SATs Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> May – Shakespeare Festival / Walk to School Week
- 19<sup>th</sup> May – Swifts Class Assembly
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Parents invited to Shakespeare Festival (afternoon – time TBC)
- **22<sup>nd</sup> May – End of Term**
- 1<sup>st</sup> June – Start of Summer Term 2
- 1<sup>st</sup> June - Gardening Week
- 1<sup>st</sup> June – Start of Y4's Multiplication Check
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Owls class trip to Tudor House
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Swifts class trip to Portchester Castle
- 8<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – Welcome Event for New Reception Parents
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 to Tile Barn
- 18<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 to Fairthorne Manor
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 and Y5 return
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – City Mission in Y6
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 6 STEM workshop at Woodlands
- 25<sup>th</sup> June - Hampshire Games for 10 children in Y4/5/6
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – Non-uniform day for PTA Tombola prize
- 20<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 STEM workshop at Woodlands
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – City Wide Transition Day (TBC)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Ducklings/Kingfishers Sports Day and Graduation (time TBC)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – PTA Summer Fair
- 6<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 and KS2 Sports Day (Time TBC)

