



WEEKLY

Week 5 – 15th May 2026

newsletter

Message from Miss Hughes

What a week it has been! A huge well done to **our Year 6** children, who have approached **SATs** week with such maturity, determination and diligence. We are incredibly proud of their attitude throughout the week. They have shown real resilience and focus, and have been a credit to themselves and the school.

Thank you, too, to **all of our classes** across the school who have helped make the week run so smoothly. The calm, quiet mornings have made a real difference in creating the right environment for our children to do their very best.

Of course, school life hasn't stopped there! While mornings have been focused and purposeful, afternoons have been full of creativity as children have continued developing their **Shakespeare performances**. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and talent on display - from a Year 6 pupil confidently reciting the entirety of Henry V's stirring speech to rally the troops, to the Robins energetically dancing around their witches' cauldron in rehearsals! We are very much looking forward to next week's performance on **Thursday at 2:20pm**. We are hoping, once again, to perform on the outdoor stage and families are very warmly invited to come along and enjoy the afternoon with us (rain permitting!).

It is also **National Walk to School Week** next week (see next page for more information). And then... the end of term! Another half term that seems to have flown by! Have a lovely weekend, Amy

Welcome Baby Millie!

While Kestrels class have been busy with their SATs this week, Mrs Southwick has been very busy with her new arrival! Welcome baby **Millie Rose** to the Bitterne Manor family! Born on 2.5.26 at 8lb4oz. Huge congratulations to Amy and her husband!



Dojo Champions

- Ducklings** –
- Kingfishers** – Thea and Hendrix
- Robins** –
- Swifts** – Mahir and Jubilee
- Skylarks** – Oskar and Kira
- Jays** – Hope and Ralph
- Owls** – Alina and Donya
- Kestrels** – Maxwell and Mishkah



The winning house this week is...

HEROES!

Golden Book

- Kingfishers** – Amira and Dylan
- Robins** –
- Swifts** – Kyle and Willow
- Skylarks** – Kyra and Lida
- Jays** – Jacob and Amber
- Owls** – Elliot and Oluchi
- Kestrels** – Max O ad Harper





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Walk to School Week

Next week is National Walk to School Week, a fantastic opportunity to encourage healthy habits, independence and a little extra fresh air at the start of the day.

Where possible, we'd love to see children walking, scooting or cycling to school throughout the week. Even if a full walk to school isn't practical, parking a little further away and walking the final part of the journey can still help children take part.

As well as being a great way to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, walking to school also helps reduce traffic and congestion around the school gates, making the journey safer for everyone.

We look forward to seeing lots of children taking part!



PE Days

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



Upcoming Dates

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

Shakespeare Festival

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Shakespeare Festival next week. Children will all be learning about Shakespeare and developing their performance skills with a short scene, performed on our outside amphitheatre!

See you at 2:20pm on Thursday

