



# WEEKLY

Week 6 – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

newsletter

## Message from Miss Hughes

Doesn't time fly?! In only 35 more school days, our Kestrels will be flying off to secondary school and our youngest Kingfishers will have completed their first full year in big school! What an adventure it has been!

It has been another wonderfully busy and inspiring week in school. This week, we have been taking part in Walk to School Week and it has been fantastic to see so many children arriving on foot, full of energy and ready for the day ahead. Thank you for supporting this - small changes like this make a real difference, helping our children build healthy habits while also caring for the environment.

We have also enjoyed our **Shakespeare Festival**, which has been a real highlight. Opportunities like these matter so much because they remind our children that the world is full of possibilities. Whether performing, speaking confidently, exploring language, or simply experiencing something new, these moments help to build aspiration and show our children that anything is possible for them.

Looking ahead to after half term, we will be celebrating **Gardening Week**. As part of this, we'll be holding our annual **'Bring a Plant to School'** day on the **Monday or Wednesday** of that week. If you are able to, please send your child in with some seeds, seedlings, or a small plant that we can add to our outdoor spaces and enjoy watching grow together.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break!  
Amy Headteacher

## Shakespeare Festival

We had a fantastic time at our Shakespeare Festival yesterday! Our children have really grown in confidence in performing in front of so many people. It was lovely to see such a great turn out. See the photos below!



## Dojo Champions

- Ducklings** – Lola and Sehr
- Kingfishers** – Mia and Dylan
- Robins** – Yugan and Desponia
- Swifts** – Hunter and Kuzey
- Skylarks** – Chimamanda and Maria
- Jays** – Keeva and Elma
- Owls** – Donya and Jessica
- Kestrels** – Kiran and Dylan



The winning house this week is...

**CHAMPIONS!**

## Golden Book

- Kingfishers** – Leon and Finley
- Robins** – Alfie and Abdul
- Swifts** – Maria and Rudie
- Skylarks** – Maria and Olivia T
- Jays** – Timothy and Bella
- Owls** – Elsie and Jenson
- Kestrels** – Mishkah and Ella





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### Big Tennis Weekend

📍 Portswood Lawn Tennis Club is hosting for a fun-filled afternoon of tennis, open to all ages and abilities.

Portswood Lawn Tennis Club, Abbotts Way,  
Southampton, SO17 1QT 📅 Sunday 14 June 2026 |  
12:00 – 14:00

The FREE Taster Sessions are the perfect way for children (aged 4-15) and adults to give tennis a try in a friendly, supportive setting. Sessions are tailored by age group, starting with our youngest players in the Blue/Red group (ages 4-7) at 12:00, right through to adults (16+) at 13:30.

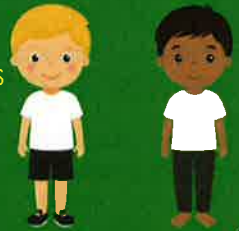
What's on:

- Free taster sessions across all age groups (please book in advance to secure your place)
- Free open play for everyone between 12:00 and 14:00
- Cakes and snacks available throughout

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NTAHampshire/EventsV2/Summary/d32de97b-0579-4bcf-a765-2fcc1446023c>

### PE Days

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



### Upcoming Dates

- **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
- 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)
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – SATs results published
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – End of Year Reports come home
- 9<sup>th</sup> July – Kestrels to Paulton's Park
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – Robins to Manor Farm
- 14<sup>th</sup> July – Right to Reply parents evening
- 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production 1:15pm (TBC)
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – last day of term

### More Baby News!

There is definitely something in the water at Bitterne Manor as we have another new arrival coming in the Autumn term! Miss Edwards will be heading off on maternity leave around October for her second child. We're very excited for her and I'm sure you'll join us in wishing her lots of good luck as she prepares for her new arrival.

