



# WEEKLY

Week 6 – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026 newsletter

## Message from Miss Hughes

What a scorcher! Again! It's been another busy week as we've all been surviving the heat while keeping the learning going! There's still lots happening in classrooms as children finish off topics, celebrate their achievements and get ready for their next step.

Reports came home this week and, I have to say, it was an absolute pleasure reading all 231 of them. Every single report reflected the progress, determination and individuality of our children. There is so much to celebrate and so many achievements to be proud of. Thank you, too, for the support you give at home. It really does make a difference.

We've got one more week to go and we're looking forward to making it a great one!

Try to stay cool over the weekend! Amy

## School Budgets

Some parents have asked how we're future-proofing the school, particularly during periods of hot weather.

We are looking into options such as air conditioning, but the reality is that the cost is currently beyond our budget. We receive around **£6,000 each year** for all maintenance and building work and currently have around **£2,000 left to last until March next year.**

We also currently have over **£80,000 of recommended works.** This includes replacing fencing, removing the mosaic at the front of the school, refurbishing the toilets, replacing the boiler (which is happening this summer to help prevent another cold-weather closure) and a range of other essential repairs. You may also have seen the news today reporting that **Southampton schools have over 120 high-risk building defects** between them. Thankfully, our school is not one of those identified, which shows that, whilst we have improvements we'd like to make, our building is in a relatively strong position compared with many others across the city.

However, this is before we even consider the things we'd like to invest in for our children, such as **new laptops, sports/playground equipment, classroom furniture, instrument lessons** and a **new sound system for the hall** for performances, alongside the day-to-day costs of staffing, spiralling energy bills and all the everyday resources like pens, pencils and exercise books.

Like many schools, we have been operating with **a budget deficit for several years** and are working to recover this through an agreed recovery plan with the local authority. We had hoped to balance the budget this year, but increasing costs have made that unlikely.

If you are able to support the school through fundraising, or if you have contacts in local businesses who might be able to help with donations, sponsorship or materials, we would love to hear from you. Every bit of support helps us continue improving our school for our children.

## Sports Day Updates

In the 243th (!) update to sports day, we are going to attempt to do Sports Days next week. To try to keep things as cool as possible, we are going to do it on separate mornings, so classes can work at their own pace, have as many breaks as they wish and do it in the cool of the morning. Unfortunately, parents are still unable to attend.

Children will need water bottles, PE kit (including House coloured T-Shirt if they wish) and sun lotion.

- **Monday Year 3 and Year 4**
- **Wednesday Year 1 and Year 2**
- **Thursday Year 5 and Year 6**



## Dojo Champions

None this week



## Golden Book

None this week



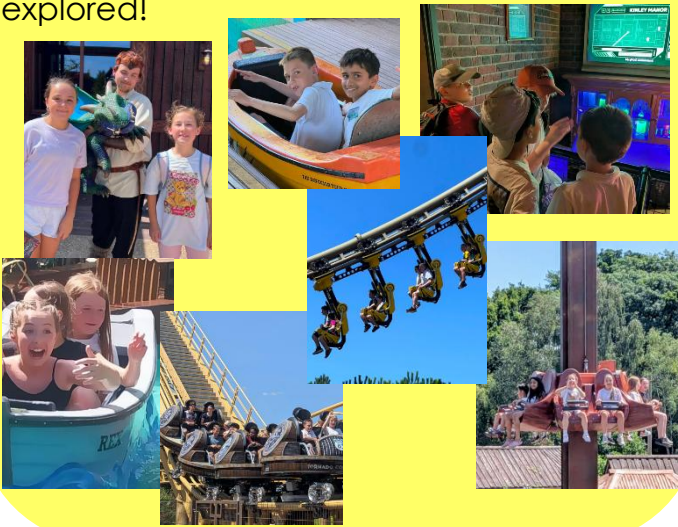


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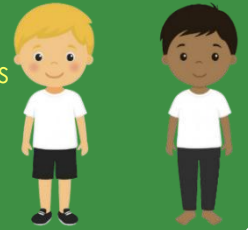
### Kestrels Paulton's Adventure!

Year 6 had an exciting adventure to Paulton's this week to celebrate the end of year! Every ride and rollercoaster was explored!



### PE Days

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



### Upcoming Dates

- 14<sup>th</sup> July – Right to Reply parents evening 3:30-5:00
- **15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production 1:15pm arrival for 1:30pm start (Please bring water / cool clothes / mini-fan if needed – it's likely to be hot in the hall)**
- 16<sup>th</sup> July – SATs results published
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – last day of term
- 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> July – INSET days (school closed to children)

### NEW YEAR!

- **1<sup>st</sup> September – INSET day** (school closed to children)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Term starts for children
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Kingfishers Group A in all day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Y4 and Y5 Meet the Teacher 3:30
- 4<sup>th</sup> September – Kingfishers Group B in all day
- 7<sup>th</sup> September – All Kingfishers start school
- 7<sup>th</sup> September – 8:45am SCC Admissions Visit for parents to support Y6 Secondary School Transition
- 7<sup>th</sup> September – Y6 Meet the Teacher 3:30
- 9<sup>th</sup> September – Y2 and Y3 Meet the Teacher 3:30
- 10<sup>th</sup> September – Y1 and YR Meet the Teacher 3:30
- 25<sup>th</sup> September – National Teaching Assistant Day
- **5<sup>th</sup> October – INSET Day** (school closed to children)
- **26<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Poppy Sale this week
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Parents Evening
- 4<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening
- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week / Odd Sock Monday
- 20<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Pyjama Day £1

### Summer Camp

We will be hosting summer camp during the month of August at Bitterne Manor. Four weeks of non-stop fun, adventure and activity for children aged 4 to 12.

 Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> August 2026

 Time: 9am-3pm daily

 Price: Just £25 per day



Please check your emails for further info.

