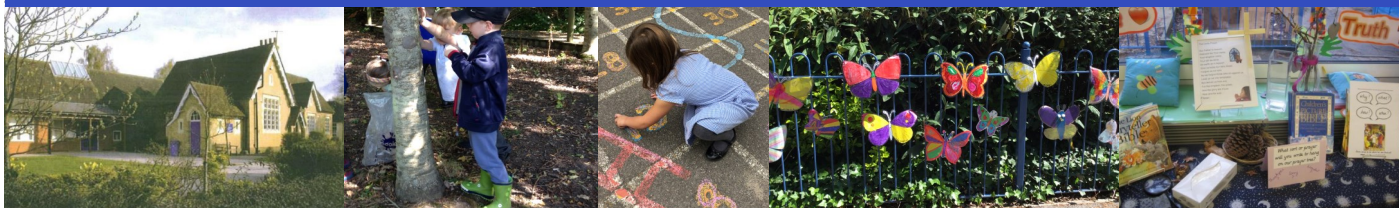


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Message from Mrs Atkins

This week we are very proud to have become a Simon Says Champion School. This means that through the hard work of our dedicated ELSA, Mrs Besant, all staff are now equipped and trained to support children through any bereavements or loss. Thanks to funds raised by Mrs Jerome, our amazing Year 2 teacher, climbing Mount Snowdon, the school has also developed a wonderfully comprehensive bereavement kit. If you would like to know more about the Simon Says Champion Schools Programme please visit:

<https://www.simonsays.org.uk/.../simon-says-champion-school/>

This week the children have been working really hard and it has been lovely to welcome so many of them to receive their merit cards from me. Whenever I have shown visitors around the school, it has been a pleasure to see our values demonstrated by all the children, from a cheery 'hello' to a desire to show the amazing work they have done. It has been particularly great to hear the nursery rhymes being sung and explored in Holly and Oak class - takes me back to when my children were small. It is so important for children to hear rhyme and rhythm, so we encourage you to sing along with your children at home. If you have forgotten, or are unsure of which nursery rhymes the children may know, please ask one of our staff. Don't forget that next Wednesday is School photo day so we ask all children to come in their smart school uniform.

Have a lovely weekend

Sally Atkins

Parent Consultations

Don't forget to book your 10 minute slot via the Arbor Portal for our Autumn Parent Consultations on **Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October**, between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. If you need help to book, please contact the school office.

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Diary Dates

October

- **WEDNESDAY 8TH**
FRASER PORTRAITS- INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS
- **THURSDAY 9TH**
SYCAMORE CLASS LED COLLECTIVE WORSHIP 2.45PM
- **MONDAY 13TH**
PINS WORKSHOP 1-2PM, ALL PARENTS WELCOME
- **TUESDAY 14TH**
PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- **WEDNESDAY 15TH**
PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- **TUESDAY 21ST**
Y1 TRIP TO MARWELL ZOO
- **TUESDAY 21ST**
PTA AGM
ALL WELCOME (ADULTS ONLY) 6.30PM
- **WEDNESDAY 22ND**
YR PARENTS CURRICULUM MEETING 6.30PM-7.30PM
- **THURSDAY 23RD**
HARVEST SERVICE- ST JOHNS CHURCH 9.45-10.30AM, ALL WELCOME
- **THURSDAY 23RD**
AUTUMN DISCO
- **MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST**
HALF TERM BREAK

November

- **TUESDAY 4TH - MONDAY 10TH**
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL 2.45PM - 3.45PM
- **FRIDAY 14TH**
CHILDREN IN NEED
- **FRIDAY 14TH**
PINS WORKSHOP 1-2PM, ALL PARENTS WELCOME
- **WEDNESDAY 20TH**
NASAL FLU IMMUNISATIONS
- **THURSDAY 27TH**
CHRISTMAS ART DAY - PARENT HELP
- **FRIDAY 28TH**
INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

Bible Verse for the Week

Philippians 4:13

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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School Photographs

Fraser Portraits, our school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 8th October** for individual photos of your child.

Sibling groups will be taken in school. If you would like a sibling group with children not at MIS please come along to the school office at 8.15 am. **Please note this is a smart school uniform day for all year groups** (not PE uniform).



This week we are celebrating...

Holly Class

Penny L and Elijah H

Oak Class

Leo J and Nanayaa A

Elm Class

Hollie M and Gypsy G

Rowan Class

Charlotte J and Daniel A

Beech Class

Giulia CK and Excel U

Sycamore Class

Felix S-B and Theodora J

PTA AGM

A letter was sent out today via email inviting all parents to our AGM on **Tuesday 21st October** at 6.30pm in the school hall.

To continue as a PTA and provide those lovely memories and vital extra funding, we need some vital roles filled: PTA Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and of course a group of willing volunteers to help run events. If you think you can help in any capacity please come along and put your name forward.

All parents are invited to this meeting so please come and find out about what we do, give your ideas and meet like minded parents and staff.

Thank you
PTA Team



Autumn Disco

We would like to invite all the children to an evening of music, fun and games with their friends on **Thursday 23rd October 2025**.

	Arrival	Collection
Year R	4.00pm	5.30pm
Year 1	4.30pm	6.00pm
Year 2	5.00pm	6.30pm

Tickets will cost £3.50. Please order your tickets by returning the letter slip or pay by card via the 'Clubs' area on Arbor. Please order by the end of the day on **Wednesday 22nd October**. (A limited number of tickets will be available on the door but please pre-order if you can). A physical ticket will not be issued, there will be a list on the door of paid participants and payment will also show on your Arbor portal.

Tuck will be on sale before you enter so your child can choose their treat and this will be put in a named bag for them to enjoy at snack time. We will also be selling glow toys (£3.00 each)

We need extra help to run this event so if you can volunteer for one or multiple sessions, please email adminoffice@marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk to let us know in advance.



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Nasal Flu Immunisations

Your child's annual Nasal Flu Vaccination is now due. The vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness.

Click the link below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. You will need to input the School Code below to complete the form. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: SH116299

Session date: Thursday 20th November 2025

Year Group: Year R – 2

Link to website: [Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/)

The nasal flu vaccine contains products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). To opt for the porcine gelatine free inactive flu injection, select NO to the nasal flu immunisation and you will be given further options. More information for parents is available from www.nhs.uk/child-flu.

Alternatively, if you decide you **do not** wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, **please complete the form to record your decision**. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service



You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

What parents can expect to take away:

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com



School Age Immunisation Service
Get protected against flu



FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. **Protect your child** - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. **Protect you, your family and friends** - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. **No injection needed** - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.
4. **It's better than having flu** - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide
5. **Avoid costs** - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

COMING SOON

The Immunisation team will be coming to
Marchwood C of E Infant School
to administer the flu nasal spray to the students on:
20th Nov 2025



Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form (even if you wish to opt out)

School Code
SH116299

For more information, visit our website:
www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/

www.marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk

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Kids With Bricks

The theme for this half term is **The Ancient World**.

The children created models of the Colossus of Rhodes. The models were amazing! The children learnt that the legendary Colossus of Rhodes was a statue that was as tall as the Statue of Liberty. The children discovered it was built about 2,300 years ago, to celebrate when the people of Rhodes defended their city against a massive invasion. The Colossus took 12 years to build using iron bars for a skeleton, similar to modern skyscrapers using steel frames and bronze from melted down enemy weapons. Unfortunately, it only stood for 56 years due to an earthquake!

When everyone had finished their model, the best one was voted for and a photo was uploaded to the competition page of the Kids With Bricks website. At the end of the term the results from the leader board are looked at. For the school that has gained the most points that term, prizes are sent to all the children in the club! Anyone can vote for the best model, so have a look and place your vote before Monday.

Please use the link below and select our school.

<https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page>



Harvest Festival

Please look out for information coming home soon on how you can support the Waterside Food Bank with donations to celebrate Harvest. The service will be on **Thursday 23rd October** at St John's Church, Marchwood, 9.45am - 10.30am. All of our families are invited to attend. We will also be looking for parent help (child free) to walk to and from the church.



Food Shortages

400g Potatoes (tinned)
400g Rice Pudding
100g Coffee
40's Tea bags
300g Carrots (tinned)
Ginger Cake
Sponge Puddings
FRUIT (TINNED)
UHT MILK (1 LITRE AND 500ML PACKS)
TOILETRIES (SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSH ETC)

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Starting School in September 2026

New Entrants
Open Mornings & Afternoons

If you have a child due to start school in September 2026 and you would like the opportunity to look around our school, Mrs Atkins would like to invite you to have a guided tour and an informal chat on:

Tuesday 23rd Sep - 9.30am
Wednesday 24th Sep - 9.30am
Wednesday 15th Oct - 1:30 pm
Friday 17th Oct - 9.30am
Monday 17th Nov - 1:30 pm

If you would like to come along, please register at the school office.
023 8086 8819
adminoffice@marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk

Gardening Club

If you have any spare indoor planting pots that are in a good condition, please consider donating them so we can put them to use! Thank you.

Mr Warren



www.marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk

Telephone: 023 8086 8819

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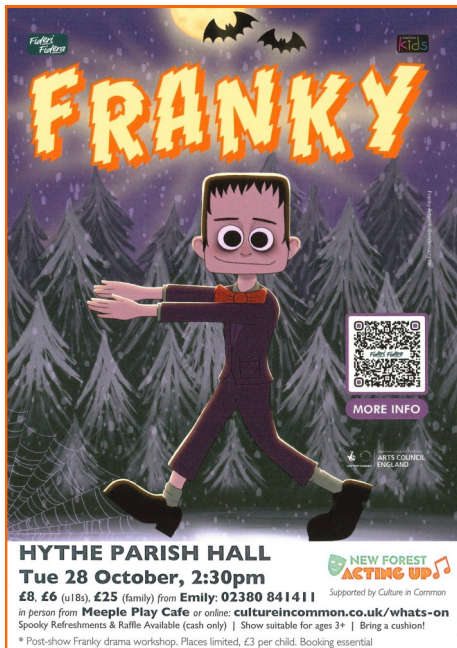
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FRANKY

HYTHE PARISH HALL
Tue 28 October, 2:30pm
 £8, £6 (u18s), £25 (family) from Emily: 02380 841411
 in person from Meeples Play Cafe or online: cultureincommon.co.uk/whats-on
 Spooky Refreshments & Raffle Available (cash only) | Show suitable for ages 3+ | Bring a cushion!
 * Post-show Franky drama workshop. Places limited, £3 per child. Booking essential

NEW FOREST ACTING UP! Supported by Culture in Common

October 2025

HAMPSHIRE PARENT CARER GROUP
 enabling voices to be heard

Get Togethers

2nd October, 10 - 12pm: Fleet Get Together - Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet Hampshire GU51 5FA -

8th October, 10-12pm : Basingstoke Get Together - The Viablos Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ ****SENDIASS ATTENDING to offer 1:1 support****

14th October, 10-12pm: Havant Get Together - Horizon Havant, Civic Centre Road, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 2AY

21st October, 10-12pm: Eastleigh Get Together - St Francis Hall, Nightingale Avenue SO50 9JH

22nd October, 8-9pm: online Evening Get Together - Meeting ID: 890 6612 2644 Passcode: GT

- Connect with other parent carers
- Relax over a cuppa in a friendly, non-judgemental space
- Share experiences & local issues
- Give feedback on services supporting your children & young people

This month Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the **Basingstoke** session. They will be available to offer 1:1 time to discuss your personal journey and will offer in the moment guidance to help your young person 0-25.

For more information please contact: participation@hpcn.org.uk

ACE SPORTS
HOLIDAY CLUBS
 Action Packed Holiday Club FUN!!

October Half Term 2025

BARTLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL
 New Forest

TUESDAY 28TH TO THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER
£29 PER DAY OR JUST £82 FOR ALL 3 DAYS!!

10% DISCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS!!
 FULL WEEK BOOKING DISCOUNTS!!
 8.30PM TO 4.30PM
 EXTENDED DAY PASSES TO 5.30PM AVAILABLE
 HALF DAYS FOR YEAR R'S UNDER 5 (ACE MINI'S)

FOOTBALL, DR MARTENS, NETS, JACKEY, LADDER, TAG, FOOTBALL, PAD BODING, CRICKET, HADRON, CURLING, HOCKEY, GLADIATORS, & MORE!!

Ofsted Registered
 Childcare Vouchers accepted!!
 02380 379617
acesportsandeducation.com



In collective worship this week we have been thinking about our school value of 'Hope'.

Year R: Ask me about my favourite activity or object I have used this week?

Year 1: Ask me about my new character, who goes to the party.

Year 2: Ask me about food chains.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone who is supporting good attendance and punctuality. Each week we will be celebrating the class with the highest level of attendance and they will win Stella, our attendance star in their class for the following week.



Attendance for 29th September - 3rd October 2025

Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
93.72%	94.09%	100%	94.64%	96.9%	95.52%

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