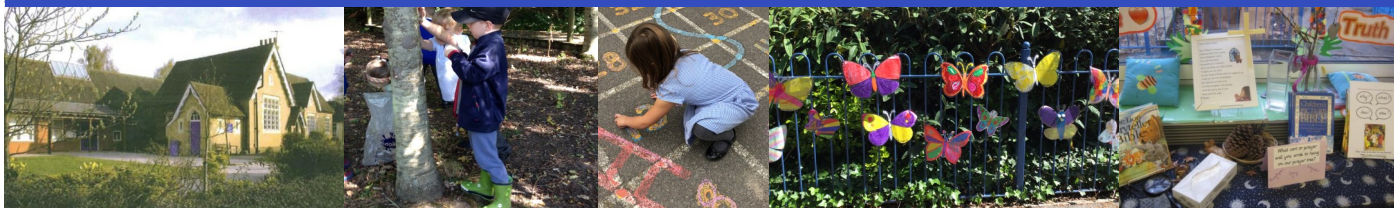


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Message from Mrs Atkins

I feel like we have had all the seasons this week, from rain to hail stones to blazing sunshine. We do recommend bringing in a coat while it is still so unsettled so that we can get the children outside as much as possible.

It was lovely to meet some of the new YR parents this week and to welcome them to our school. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all the staff who gave up their time to answer questions and show people around. Don't forget that there is plenty of pre loved uniform available if your child has grown over the year and we are happy to take in any that is no longer needed.

This week the children welcomed Praizin Hands Puppets into school to help us understand the importance of brushing our teeth twice a day for two minutes. Beech class were astounded when they learned their second set of teeth had to last them for over 60 years!

Don't forget to check out the latest Gardening Club updates and see what the club has done so far on our website under 'Latest News'.

We also held our very special 'Green Day', to raise money for our chosen charity Oakhaven. The children looked fabulous in their green clothes and they walked round the track as classes, to try and reach our total of 26 miles. It's so important for the children to understand that our Christian values of Love, Courage and Hope should be followed when outside school and to recognise the importance of helping those who are not as fortunate as we are. Well done everyone!

Other values we learn about in school are our British values. These include **democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs**. These can be difficult to convey to small children so we incorporate them into our curriculum through voting for class decisions, understanding the consequences of good and poor choices, allowing children to make decisions and ensuring there are positive relationships throughout the school. See if you can work with your children on spotting where these values are celebrated in school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Sally Atkins

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Diary Dates

May

- **MONDAY 18TH - FRIDAY 22ND**
WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK
- **THURSDAY 21ST**
HOLLY CLASS COLLECTIVE WORSHIP
2.45PM
- **MONDAY 25TH - FRIDAY 29TH**
HALF TERM BREAK

June

- **MONDAY 1ST**
GARDENING CLUB
- **MONDAY 15TH**
GARDENING CLUB
- **MONDAY 15TH**
SEP 26 YR TRANSITION AFTERNOON
GROUP A 1.30PM -2.30PM
- **MONDAY 15TH**
Y2 INDUCTION MEETING AT MJS 6-7PM
- **TUESDAY 16TH**
Y1 TRIP TO HAROLD HILLIER ARBORETUM
- **THURSDAY 18TH**
SPORTS DAY 9.30AM
- **FRIDAY 19TH**
FATHERS DAY AFTERNOON 1.30-2.30PM
(NO SIBLINGS)
- **MONDAY 22ND**
SEP 26 YR TRANSITION AFTERNOON
GROUP B 1.30PM -2.30PM
- **TUESDAY 23RD**
M&M THEATRE -WIZARD OF OZ
- **FRIDAY 26TH**
INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
- **MONDAY 29TH**
SEP 26 YR TRANSITION AFTERNOON
GROUP A 1.30PM -2.30PM
- **MONDAY 29TH**
GARDENING CLUB

Bible Verse for the Week

Psalms 25:1

"In You, Lord my God,
I put my trust."

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School Charity Day - The Green Mile

Thank you to everyone that sent their children into school wearing green! The children managed a fabulous 1908 laps which is 212 miles! We hope they enjoyed the walk. Well Done to George R in beech class who managed to do the most laps - 24!

Everyone will bring home a certificate with the number of laps they completed so you will have a number for sponsorship. Don't forget to return your sponsor form and any money collected by Friday 5th June. We can then give you a total amount raised for Oakhaven Hospice.

Thank you so much for your support.



Let's Celebrate!

This week we are celebrating...

Holly Class

Ted M and Penny L

Oak Class

Nanayaa A and Primrose J

Elm Class

Caitlin H and Arthur L

Rowan Class

Findlay S and Arielle F

Beech Class

Samuel W and Elijah E

Sycamore Class

Aierton S and Freya G

Walk to School Week - 18th to 22nd May

Are you ready to put your best foot forward and walk to school next week! If you can't walk all of the way try to park and stride.

WALK to SCHOOL WEEK 2026
Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

Designed by Kerim from Four Lanes Federation

Your school is supporting 'Walk to School Week' Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

How can I help?

- Walk with your child and discuss potential hazards such as driveways, junctions, parked cars and bends
- Work out together the safest route even if this involves a slightly longer journey
- Let your child suggest places to cross and discuss their choice
- Practice the green cross code on your way to and from school - reminding them to stop, look, listen and think

I don't have time to walk!

- Park the car some way from the school gates and walk the last part of the journey

What are the advantages of walking?

- Try to find time to walk with them once during the week
- Your child will qualify for a certificate if either option is taken
- The chance to teach important road safety skills
- The chance to learn about the local environment
- A chance for a chat about the day
- Less congestion at the school gate
- A healthier way to start the day

stop look listen think

Hampshire County Council

THINK

There are certificates to be won for all children at the end of the week.



If your child is receiving an award, you will be invited to celebrate with them on Friday at 2.30pm. Invitations will be sent on a Wednesday.

Parents of children with birthdays or certificates outside of school are also welcome to attend.

If your child is away, you may join us the following week.

THE GREEN CROSS CODE

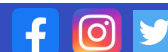
A thorough knowledge of the Green Cross Code is vitally important to primary school children over 7 years:

1. First find a safe place to cross
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb
3. Look all around for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass, look all around again and listen
5. When it is safe go straight across the road - do not run
6. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross

STOP - LOOK - LISTEN

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Kids With Bricks

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

This week the children created models of either a snowmobile or a roadrunner. They were amazing! The children learnt about record breaking hot and cold places. Antarctica is the coldest place on earth, the lowest temperature recorded was minus 89 degrees Celsius, which is colder than dry ice and the freezer. The hottest place is the Lut Desert in Iran with recorded temperatures of 70 degrees Celsius, which is hot enough to fry an egg on the rocks. The children discovered that some animals live in the desert. There's a speedy little bird called a roadrunner, famous for running really fast across the sand chasing lizards, insects and even snakes. It doesn't mind the scorching heat and hardly needs any water. The children also discovered that in Antarctica your breath can freeze into tiny ice crystals as soon as it leaves your mouth!

Thank you for so many votes last week, Marchwood C of E Infant School achieved first place for their entry. Well, done!

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 online for the best model, so have a look. **Votes are now made on their Facebook page.**

From Sunday each week, after all schools have uploaded their photos, there is a 'competition post' and all you have to do is give our school's build a like. The school with the most likes wins.

Please use the link below which will take you to the website, click on VOTE NOW

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



Gardening Club

This week we planted the rest of our herbs, including some mint, basil, sage, rosemary, and some large lavender plants too. We also used some hanging pots donated to plant some companion plants to help keep the slugs off our herbs and veg! We added some tomato plants from Mrs Atkins to our vegetable beds and gave everything a good water and tidy.

We will be working towards growing some summer flowers from seeds in our new greenhouse and will be on the look out for some ferns for our new shady planting benches at the top of the field too. Finally, we have made top-tip posters to help each class look after their new snake plant.

Mr Warren



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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 11th May - 15th May 2026

Holly	Oak	Elm	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
99.09%	87.27%	99.29%	96.21%	98.33%	97.5%



"ASK ME ABOUT..."

In collective worship this week we have been thinking about how we can be a good citizen.

Year R: Ask me about what split pin animal I made and how I made it?

Year 1: Ask me about where do I want to go in London and why?

Year 2: Ask me about what a charity is and what charities do?

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

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WHO?
Children aged 4 - 11 years old

WHERE?
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WHEN?
Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May

TIMES:
Full Day - 7:45am - 6pm
Half Days - 7:45am - 1pm or 1pm - 6pm
School Days - 8:30am - 3:30pm

OFSTED Registered Childcare
All Childcare Vouchers Accepted

BOOKINGS:
Planet_kids@hotmail.co.uk

Hythe Village Fete

Bank Holiday
Monday 25th May 2026
11am till 4pm
Ewart Recreation Ground, Jones Lane, Hythe

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Whit Fayre
16th May • 11am - 2pm

Ploughman's Lunch
Books & Toys
Plants
Bits & Bobs
Tombola

at St John's Church Hall

Fundraiser for the St John's Roof Restoration Project



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BE CREATIVE
May Half Term
24 - 31 May 2026
INDOOR ACTIVITIES
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INDOOR CRAFTS
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Included in Castle admission, free for members
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For more information, please visit: highcliffecastle.co.uk

WHAT'S ON May 2026

May Half Term

Drop off your young people

Southampton Culture Club for Kids: Story Worlds (6½-12yrs)
Tue 26, Wed 27, Thu 28 May
10.30am-4pm
SeaCity
£35, £90 all three days

Bugs in Boxes (4+)
Tue 26 May
10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2pm
Tudor House
£6

Tour for All: Southampton Myths and Mysteries (6+)
Tue 26 May 11am
Tudor House
£10 (children FREE)

Art for All: Clay Capybaras (5+)
Wed 27 May
10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm
Art Gallery
£8

Art for All: Birds, Beetles and Butterflies with Watercolour (7+)
Thu 28 May
10.30am, 1.30pm
Tudor House
£8

Art for All: Make a Clay Stitch! (4+)
Thu 28 May
10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm
Art Gallery
£8

Toddler Time: Under the Sea (under 4's and friends)
Fri 29 May 10.30am
SeaCity
£6

Art for All: Minecraft Mosaic Worlds (7+)
Fri 29 May
10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm
Art Gallery
£8

See our "What's on" brochure or venue websites for details on events and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com

MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Tues 26 May
Clay Sculptures
Ages 8+ | 10-12 | £8 | Limited places | St Barbe Museum | Adult supervision required for under 13 years

Wed 27 May
St Barbe Out and About—FREE family activities
Ages 3+ | Drop-in 3-4:30 | Free | Pennington SO41 8EJ

Wed 27 May
St Barbe Out and About—FREE family activities
Ages 3+ | Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free | Sway SO41 6BB

Thurs 28 May
Anything Goes
Ages 3+ | Drop-in 10:30-12:30 & 1:30-3:30 | Free | St Barbe Museum

www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk
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A Handy update!

May 2026



Welcome to our May newsletter! Please share with as many people as you can. For those who don't know who we are – we are THE HANDY TRUST. A full youth support service running in the Waterside area offering youth clubs, holiday clubs, detached work, individual support and much more! We hope you enjoy getting more updates on what we're up to!

May half-term

We will be open again this May half-term for lots of fun! And come and join us for the Bank holiday fete where there's loads to do! All the details are included in this newsletter.

SUMMER!

Before long, it will be the summer holidays! We are already planning in lots of activities, including trips so keep an eye out for news on Facebook for how to get involved. Spaces always go fast, so please don't hesitate to book. Let's hope for lots of sun for lots of waterslide use.

What else...

You will see us out and about even more now the lighter evenings are here! We will be around the local community available for young people to talk to, as well as anyone who would like to say hi!

Or catch us helping out at Pennington youth club on a Thursday evening, or Sway on a Friday!

Hythe hub sessions continue every week, with the additional teen hub on alternative weeks – check out our poster below!

UPDATE - Marchwood youth club session will no longer be running after the 19th May. If you would like to know more regarding the decision on this, and plans for Marchwood, please get in touch.

