



NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th April 2025



WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS

At the end of last half-term, the FE students finished with a Movie Night! They had a great time playing games, eating Domino's pizza and watching a film together, all snuggled up on beanbags and comfy chairs. It was a great evening and the students are looking forward to having another one together soon. A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their own time to make this possible.



This has been a really busy half term for the FE. It started with an exciting day of hedge planting with the Campaign to Protect Rural England Countryside Charity. A small group of students went to Romsey and planted hundreds of hedgerow plants that will grow over the next few years and make a real difference to the local area. They all had a great day, despite getting quite wet during a downpour! Ed had an amazing time laughing at his friends dodging the rain while he was wrapped up in a big waterproof!



The students have also taken part in an art project with Art @ the Station. They created some amazing artwork inspired by the view from a train window. This artwork is now on display at Andover railway station and it looks amazing! The students were guided through a creative process by Rhyan to support them all to create a unique piece of art that they could be proud of. You can see in the photo that Caynan is very proud of his achievement.



Throughout the half term the students have been baking cookies and cakes to sell for Enterprise. Thank you to everyone who has ordered. They have made an average of £30 each week to go towards their Enterprise total for the year. The money will be used to help improve the FE site for current and future students.



To finish off their very busy half term, all of the students have taken part in a series of travel training trips. They have been on buses and trains to local places and have even been further afield to Basingstoke and Salisbury. The focus of these trips has been using public transport, learning how to buy tickets, how to plan journeys and how to stay safe when out in the community. We are proud of all of our students for their hard work on these trips.



HAMPSHIRE MUSIC SPECIAL EVENT

Some of our Lower School students performed at the Hampshire Music Special Event on Tuesday which was held at the Hope Church in Winchester. Other schools that attended were St Francis, Samuel Cody, Norman Gate, Heathfield and Southview.



The theme this year was all about electricity. The audience were welcomed to the “Bright Sparks Academy” where Joule was hoping to attain her Bright Spark Safety Award. There were different phases she travelled through, accompanied by a rich variety of music and dance created and rehearsed by the staff and children from the special schools throughout Hampshire. Icknield performed the High Energy Dance which highlighted the fact that Joule had blown a fuse—she had had too much and just needed to have time to cool down, clear up, reset and start again—just like a battery.

We hope the parents who attended enjoyed themselves, and would also like to say how proud we are of the students who participated.

SCHOOL SUMMER FETE—FRIDAY 27th June

Just in case you are thinking of doing a spring clean over the Easter break, please could you keep an eye out for any donations you may be able to send into school for the following stalls:



- ◆ Bottle donations (e.g. Bubble bath, alcohol, pop, juice)
- ◆ Soft toys (good condition!)
- ◆ A large teddy / soft toy for guess the name of the teddy
- ◆ General good quality bric-a-brac (e.g. Toys, books, home decorations)
- ◆ Empty glass jars

We will also have the obligatory cake stall at the fete so of course if you wish to start honing your baking skills we never say no to a cake donation on the day.

Thank you.

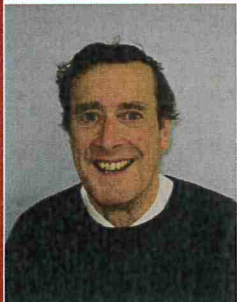


GOODBYE!

Today we said our farewells to Andrew who has taught our Trumpet class for the past year. Andrew is moving on to BCOT (Basingstoke College of Technology) where he will be furthering his career experience. We wish him the very best and hope it all goes well for him.



Beth, who started as a work experience student from Andover College in January 2024 and remained as bank staff this academic year, has worked in many classes in the school. She is leaving to pursue a career in pharmaceuticals. You may see her from time to time in Boots where she is training as a pharmacist. Good luck Beth.



THANK YOU!

Derek Weeks popped in earlier this week to drop off some Tesco gift cards which he has kindly donated for our students to the value of £14 each. As Easter draws upon us, we can guess what chocolatey delights most of the students will be using their gift for. Derek donates these cards to our school every term and we cannot thank him enough for his generosity. We hope Derek has a lovely Easter and is able to get out and about on his walks and cycle rides once more.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE...

Jack, Banjo 13 yrs old

BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS SPRING BREAK ARE...

Fergus, Banjo 17 yrs old

Phoebe, Chimes 9 yrs old

Ed, Victorious 18 yrs old

Ajax, Maracas 7 yrs old


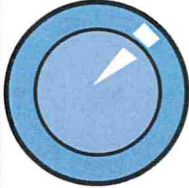
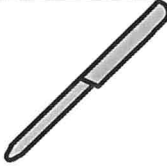


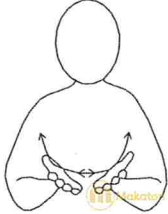




Zack, Drum 6 yrs old

Happy Birthday everyone!



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



				
				
bowl	plate	knife	fork	spoon

DIARY DATES — SUMMER TERM (1) 2025

APRIL

- 7th-21st Spring Holiday
- 22nd INSET DAY (Whole school)
- 23rd Return to School (Whole school)
- 23rd Mercury House Trip—new date
- 25th HPV Immunisations (Yrs 8 + outstanding)

MAY

- 12th Air Ambulance visit to FE
- 13th Sports Morning—Charlton Running Track
- 20th Earth House Trip
- 20th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)

26th-30th Summer Half Term

JUNE

- 3rd Venus House Trip



WORLD AUTISM DAY

A massive thank you to all those who donated to the World Autism Day on Wednesday. We managed to raise £53.40 which will be forwarded onto the charity.



SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

The following students have been awarded the Class Star of the Week Award

Chimes	- Abel
Drum	- Jesse
Maracas	- Ajax
Tambourine	- Archie W
Triangle	- Jake
Trumpet	- Donnell
Oboe	- Chris
Banjo	- Leon
Cello	- Maciej



The School Superstar of the Week is JAKE!!!

A smiley, happy, sensory-loving member of Triangle Class, Jake makes us all melt with his cheeky grin and mischievous sense of humour. He has earned the nickname 'Peter Pan' from the Triangle adults for his love of playing with his own reflection and shadow and his giggle is infectious. Jake loves numbers, puzzles, and flicking anything sensory into the air. We are so proud of him!

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

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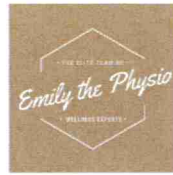


Kya and Zac



HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

**We look forward to seeing everyone back
on Wednesday, 23rd April**



Charity

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, 13th April 2025

A 5km route with clues along the way!
Suitable for runners, walkers, pushchairs, dogs etc
The Wellbeing Hub, Augusta Park, SP10 5RG



Scan QR to register



BOXTROPOLIS

Drop in workshops to create an entire city out of cardboard boxes with cardboard artist and theatre designer Sam Wilde.

**Tuesday 15 April &
Saturday 19 April
10am - 3pm
Chantry Centre, Andover
FREE**

www.thinkandovertowncentre.co.uk

Test Valley
Borough Council 

Hop on over for our

EASTER



Themed Activities

Join us each weekday

From April 7th to 18th

10am to 12.30

Easter trail throughout the Easter holidays

8th & 13th April
Model making
10.00 to 15.00

9th April
Seed Bomb
Workshop
10.00 to 14.00

Easter Weekend
Easter Egg Hunt*

17th April
Crazy Creatures
10.00 to 14.00

*Please note, additional charges may apply. Check out website for details.

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PRESENTS....

CHILDRENS EASTER

KARAOKE

HAPPY
EASTER!

**FREE EASTER
GIFT FOR ALL
SINGERS**

**EASTER BUNNY
VISIT!**

3pm - 6pm Sunday

20th April

White Hart hotel

Andover