



NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th January 2025

WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



CHIMES CLASS

Their topic this half term is 'all about animals' and they are focusing on the book "Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See" by Bill Martin Jr and Eric Carle. The students are looking at three animals from the story in more detail - a white rabbit, green snake and a red bird.

The class had the pleasure of meeting Laura's rabbits, Penny and Rolo. Everyone got several chances to hold each rabbit, stroking from their head to their tails, feeling their long, soft ears and little feet moving around. Missy loved the rabbits and was independently holding and stroking them. Abel and Olly loved having one on their laps!

In class there is a very cheeky red bird puppet that squawks and squawks which Olly finds hilarious. They are hoping to have a bird visitor this half term. As well as that, the students have been making bird feeders to put outside to attract the birds so they can watch them.



Along with the other animals in the story, in art, the class is making its own touchy, feely picture book, focusing on textiles, exploring fabrics, picking them up and sticking them on.

Physio is always a big part of Chimes' week and the students work so hard. They are currently practising to transfer their stretching skills learnt in physio into daily life. Phoebe practises standing in the pool independently to become stronger and



more independent when standing on the floor. Missy works hard lifting her head in the pool and this helps her when she is sitting up in class.



Smile platform update! We tried the new drive deck which is essentially an electric wheelchair platform that students can control themselves. At this stage students are using a switch to control when they move and to stop the platform, following a straight line. Missy loved this so much she didn't want to come off it! It links nicely to their numeracy of 'direction' by looking at directions starting with go and stop. They have been listening to songs with go and stop in, following those instructions and giving their own instructions using pre-recorded switches to say when to go and stop various things, including when moving around school and when playing with the parachute.





NAK AND BOCCIA TOURNAMENT



Cello class was invited to a NAK (New Age Kurling) and Boccia tournament at Peter Symonds College on Tuesday. They had great fun playing alongside other schools in the area. Everyone was well behaved and did their best during the tournament. Here is what they had to say about the event:



James said he liked New Age Kurling and talking to a boy called Danny from a different school.

William managed to win the New Age Kurling competition in his group of which he was very proud. He also enjoyed the chat on the bus on the way back with his friends.

Luci said she enjoyed the journey to get there while **Summer** enjoyed talking to George all day.



Jack found it all great fun and **Maciej** chose the bus journey as the most exciting part of his day. Meanwhile **Tomas** enjoyed playing boccia the most and had a totally fun time. They were all in very high spirits when they returned to school.

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

Did you know that the Fire Service can visit homes to work out a fire evacuation plan and give extra smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors so every floor has one. They can also put you on a list so, in the event of an emergency they are aware of a vulnerable person living in the house.



Here is the link that will give you further information:
<https://www.hantsfire.gov.uk/safety/home-safe-home/safe-and-well/safe-well-visit-referral/>

SEN PUSHCHAIR

Just in case anyone is considering purchasing a large MacLaren pushchair, which we know can be quite expensive, Sarah (our on-line shopping extraordinaire) has managed to locate a company who sell a similar style chair for a more reasonable price. If you Google “Excel Elise buggy” you will find a wide variety of buggies and accessories which should suit many needs.



WELCOME

We have a new member of staff to broaden our lunchtime team. Carla joined us yesterday and had already spent time with the students earlier in the week to get to know them. We look forward to working with Carla and are sure she will settle in quickly.



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



feeling	How are you?	OK	morning	afternoon

DIARY DATES — SPRING TERM (1) 2025

JANUARY

27th Theme Week (2 of 3) —Video & Film

FEBRUARY

4th ZooLab visit
 4th Full Governors' Meeting
 11th Marwell Zoo trip no.1 (Lower School)
 12th Marwell Zoo trip no.2 (Lower School)
 14th INSET DAY (FE only)
 26th Mercury House Trip (*moved from 11.02.25*)
 28th INSET DAY (Whole school)



MARCH

6th Hants Fire Brigade visit (FE)
 7th World Book Day
 10th Class Group Photos
 17th Theme Week (3 of 3) - Holi
 18th Governors' Curriculum Meeting (09.30am)
 18th Hamlet performance, The Lights (7pm) - ticket only
 21st Down Syndrome Awareness Day
 21st Comic Relief
 24th Wiltshire Air Ambulance visit (FE)
 15th Full Governors Meeting (4pm)

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes	- Missy
Drum	- Lincoln
Maracas	- Matthew
Tambourine	- Mikey
Triangle	- Akosua
Trumpet	- Terrence
Oboe	- Chris
Banjo	- Oscar
Cello	- Marley



The School Superstar of the Week is ...LINCOLN!!

Lincoln is a cheeky boy who loves to tell you what he has seen by either signing or speaking. He enjoys letters and will make or write words that are familiar to him. His favourite toys are animals and puzzles and he knows the names of a huge number of animals. He is well known at lunchtime for requesting more toast with a current record of nine pieces being eaten!

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

CHAMPIONS



Zac and Clifford



BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE....

Ayla, Drum	5 years old
Lincoln, Drum	6 years old
Shelby, Tambourine	11 years old
Jack, Cello	16 years old



BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND ARE...

Alfie, Triangle	9 years old
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