



NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th February 2026

WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



Team Trumpet is back and raring to go for another term of learning fun with their new topic 'Wonderful Weather'. They are looking forward to learning all about the different types of weather around the world, the different climate zones, and the amazing animals and their adaptations that make them able to live in the different climates!

In Literacy the students are going to be looking at poems and rhymes about the weather and try their hand at writing their own. They will learn about rhyming couplets, acrostics, and maybe even a haiku or two, once they master counting syllables!

Their Numeracy this term is focussing on addition and subtraction and measuring weight. The children have already been playing interactive whiteboard games to identify the heaviest and lightest item, explored a big bag of objects to sort them into heavy and light, and are looking forward to using measuring equipment to weigh things in the classroom and school environment (Laura says she will not fit in the weighing scales though!)



In Art this term, they will be trialling new sketchbooks to explore their ideas and techniques, developing artistic skills and the ability to evaluate their work and how they can improve it. The students will be studying work by the talented Natalie Rymer, an artist who paints beautiful scenes of the South Downs, and Sussex areas and having a go at creating their own pieces inspired by her style. This week they have created self portraits for their sketchbook front covers, using mirrors to look at their facial features.

The students have already enjoyed the first of five different pasta salad recipes of the term in Cooking this week, where the children are working on a range of skills including using a knife safely to cut vegetables, measuring using cups, and mixing.

And, of course, not forgetting their favourite part of the week, they will be continuing their Friday walk to Tesco to shop for cooking ingredients and visit the café. It should be even more enjoyable if the spring weather is here to stay!





SKATING AROUND!

Chimes class had an awesome time ice skating at the end of last half term. They got to experience the change in temperature from the warm winter sun to the cold ice rink.

Phoebe loved whizzing around the ice whilst sitting on the little blue car, and Missy felt the cold breeze on her cheeks whilst wrapped up toasty and warm.

Jack enjoyed wearing ice skates and feeling how his feet moved on the ice. He quite rightly bigged himself up and said “I was amazing at ice skating wasn’t I?!”

Abel grinned and giggled the whole way back after thoroughly enjoying his time on the ice.

AVAST YE HEARTIES!

It is World Book Day next week and we will be celebrating all things bookish on Friday 6th March. Just in case you have missed the School Dojo message sent out, we are going with a pirate theme. “Why?” you may ask..... Just because we aargh!



All students are being encouraged to wear something relating to pirates on the day (no wooden legs or hooks please!). If your child is more of a landlubber and would prefer to dress up as another type of literary character then that’s fine, and so is not dressing up at all.

Enough parley! We’re off to look for a parrot and some pieces of eight....

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



	<p>Mime berry in mouth and pulling stalk away</p>	<p>Show vein + Mime small berry shape against opposite finger</p>	<p>Stroke fingers down nose and close onto thumb - repeat movement</p>
fruit salad	raspberry	blueberry	strawberry
<p>Hands indicate shape of pineapple and leaves</p>	<p>Finger tips make small forward twist at left thumb tip</p>	<p>Hand makes one small forward circle</p>	<p>Move hand to side and close thumb and fingertips together</p>
pineapple	plum	peach	lemon

SPRING TERM 2026

MARCH

- 3rd Governors Curriculum Meeting (1.30pm)
- 6th World Book Day (Pirate theme!)
- 13th Immunisations Catch up (yrs 9-11)
- 17th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
- 17th Partial upper school—cinema visit
- 20th Comic Relief
- 20th Down Syndrome Day (Odd Socks)
- 24th Hants Music Special Event, Winchester

27th **INSET DAY (FE only)**

30th-10th April—**SPRING BREAK**



SUMMER TERM

APRIL

- 13th-15th Partial Upper School Residential, Calshot
- 17th HPV Immunisations (Yr 8)
- 24th **INSET DAY (School & FE)**



MAY

- 4th **Bank Holiday**

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE....

Panashe, Harp 12 yrs old
Sean, Headteacher 60 yrs old



BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND ARE...

Kobi, Harp 11 yrs old



SHARON QUOTE

We will be featuring a "Sharon Quote" now and then in the newsletters . Remember to keep an eye out for them and try to take time to reflect.

'I should give myself the same care and attention I give to others'

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes	- Phoebe
Drum	- Charlotte
Maracas	- Delilah
Tambourine	- Jacob
Triangle	- Jojo
Trumpet	- Terrence
Oboe	- George
Banjo	- Shelby
Harp	- Ben
Cello	- Jaycob



The School Superstar of the Week is SHELBY!!!

Shelby has transitioned well to the Upper School and enjoys many of the activities as a whole, having built up good relationships with the adults supporting her. She is very polite and always remembers her “Ps and Qs”. She has enjoyed going swimming and her confidence in the water has grown. Shelby is inquisitive and likes to know what is going on even if it’s from afar. She has pulled out some great one-liners and can be very funny. Her talent lies in art and she also enjoys role play and drama. Shelby looks forward to shopping trips and has developed a new love for forest school.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

CHAMPIONS



Jack

and

Zac

