



NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th March 2026

WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS

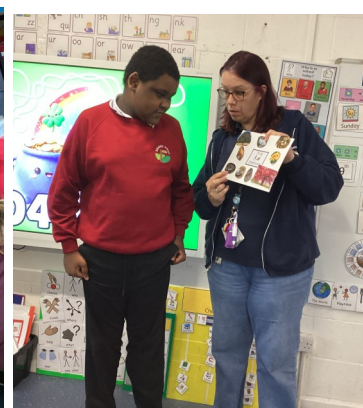
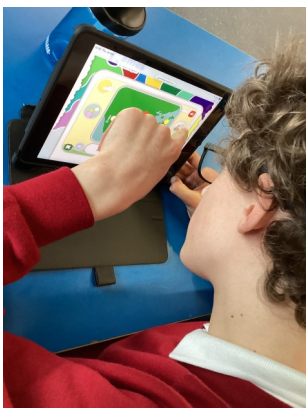


Harp Class have had a fantastic start to the term and are really enjoying their topic, Wonderful Weather.

In Literacy, pupils have been exploring a range of weather-themed poems through reading, sequencing and comprehension activities, while also learning about rhyme. They are looking forward to writing their own poems soon and sharing them at an in-class poetry talent show.

In numeracy, pupils have been learning about weight. The class have become experts at spotting what's heavy and what's light (nothing in the classroom has escaped being compared).

Next, they will explore different weighing equipment and also begin using their new skills in cooking to decide if they need a little more or a little less to reach a target weight. Cooking sessions have been lots of fun! They have made Sunshine Pasta Salad and Raindrop Pasta Salad, while practising skills such as safe cutting, measuring and mixing. They have also

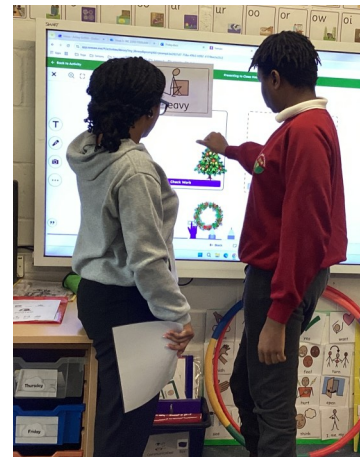


enjoyed weekly trips to Tesco to buy ingredients and a challenge to choose an appropriate pasta type to reflect the weather focus of the week.

They are excited to continue learning about different types of weather around the world, including climate zones and the amazing animals and plants that live in them. Soon it will be time to explore the water cycle through experiments.

In RSHE, the classroom has turned into a mini drama studio. They have been acting out different scenarios to learn about appropriate behaviour with family, friends and trusted adults at school. The students have also been learning about kind and unkind behaviour. With the amount of dramatic flair on display, we might have a few future stars on our hands.

Throughout the term so far, ICT has been helping them learn in fun new ways. It's been brilliant watching pupils grow in confidence as they use digital tools to support their learning across all subjects.



HEDGING

On Wednesday 4th March a group of eight FE students spent the day in Romsey planting hedges. They joined a group of volunteers from the CPRE (The Council for the Preservation of Rural England) to help to improve the environment at the Hillier's Growing site, by planting a diverse range of saplings to create a beautiful hedgerow that will provide habitats and food for a wide selection of wildlife.



They learnt all about how hedgerows work, why they are important and how we can all help wildlife to thrive. They also learnt how to plant trees to give them the best chance of survival.

All the students worked hard in teams of two, with an expert volunteer to support them. They worked in a beautiful, sunny corner of the field and had the best views for a day of hard work. They all surprised themselves with how much they enjoyed the day with Tim even saying that it 'wasn't the worst way to spend a day' – this is high praise, as being outside is not usually his thing!

Rhyan and Gemma were incredibly proud of how well the students represented the school and what they achieved. A big well done to Jamie, Jorge, Summer, Nirjor, Tim, Tomas, Caynan and Haoran.



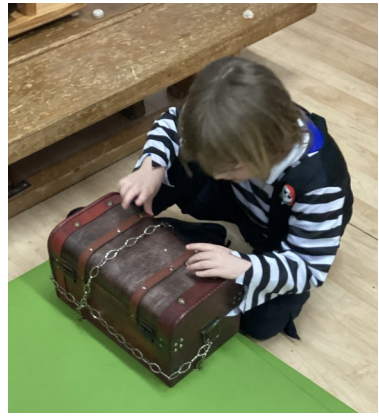
EDC DANCE SHOW

On Saturday 28th February, five students took to the stage to showcase their amazing dance skills. They were Ayla, Danny, Ben, Panashe and Arthur, supported by Donna C, Savannah and Cerys. The students had been practising two dances at our After School Club with dance coach Kayleigh. The first dance, using rainbow scarves, was to Sia's "I Can See A Rainbow", and the second dance was "You've Got a Friend in Me" to which they signed, sang and danced along. They rehearsed on stage in the late afternoon and then waited in their dressing room until it was their time to shine. The students received big cheers from the audience which were very well deserved—they did us proud.



WORLD BOOK DAY

As promised, we have a few more World Book Day photos to share with you. Once again, well done to everyone who took part.



FRIDAY, 20TH MARCH

We are heading for a double-whammy next Friday. There are two fundraising events being held nationally, both of which are close to our hearts so we try to support them each year. They are Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) and Odd Socks Day (Downs Syndrome).

All students are invited to participate in these events and we are suggesting a donation of £1 each, i.e. £2 for the day. However, this is totally down to parental choice—you may wish to donate more or only to one of the events (if this is the case, please put in a marked envelope indicating which charity you would like to donate to).





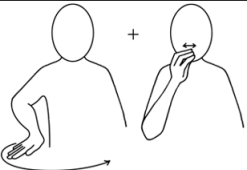
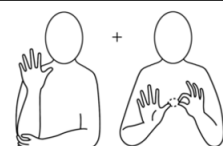


We look forward to seeing red noses—they can be drawn on faces if preferred, and brightly coloured odd socks. Why not make a fashion statement and send your child in wearing both?



There is no pressure to donate and there is also no pressure to participate.

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



			
Spring	grow	flower	tree
			
garden	leaf	grass	plant

SPRING TERM 2026

MARCH

- 17th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
- 17th Partial upper school—cinema visit
- 18th Parents' Group Meeting—1.30pm
- 20th Comic Relief (Red Nose)
- 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)
- 17th TDIPV/Men ACWY catch-ups (Yr 9 onwards)
- 24th **INSET DAY (School & FE)**

MAY

- 4th **Bank Holiday**
- 12th Full Governors' Meeting



BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND ARE...

Archie W, Banjo

12 yrs old

Happy birthday!



Against Breast Cancer is registered charity funding research at the Centre for Cancer Immunology at the University of Southampton.

They have a fundraising walk coming to our area and have requested details be available to anyone who wishes to participate.

Breast cancer has affected quite a few of our staff in the past, so we are eager to get behind this fund-raiser. If you wish to join in this event, here is the link: <https://breastwalkever.org/>

SHARON QUOTE

'I am not an endless resource for others. I must stock up on reserves and not get too drained. I deserve and need a Golden Moment every day.'

PARENTS' GROUP NEXT WEEK

Don't forget! **Wednesday, 18th March at 1.30pm** at school. Refreshments will be available while having a general chat.

ALL ARE WELCOME



ICKNIELD TRUST
CHARITY
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

- Bacon bap & coffee on arrival
- 18 holes of golf
- Two-course meal
- Charity raffle & auction with great prizes

FRIDAY

26TH JUNE

TEST VALLEY GOLF CLUB
MICHELDEVER ROAD
OVERTON

Arrival from 8:00am

Texas scramble start 9:00am

£75 per player
Teams of 4 players

All proceeds will support further education for children with physical & learning disabilities from Icknield School, Andover. Hole sponsorship is available.

Register now, space is limited

Email: admin@icknieldtrust.com



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WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you are a keen golfer or know of anyone else who would consider participating in the above event, either as a player and/or a sponsor, please spread this news far and wide!

Auction and raffle prizes are also being sought. All funds raised will benefit your child either now or in their future education.

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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



Chimes - Abel
Drum - Órlaith
Maracas - Frankie
Tambourine - Noah
Triangle - Oscar
Trumpet - Chloe
Oboe - Neil
Banjo - Freya
Harp - Finlay
Cello - William



The School Superstar of the Week is ÓRLAITH!!!

Órlaith is a cheeky, full of life child who is keen to interact with adults and watch what her friends are doing. She loves musicals, in particular Frozen and Moana, and enjoys role play by dressing up and acting out scenes from her favourite movies.

Now she knows how to use the communication book, she asks for a variety of items continuously keeping staff on their toes!

Órlaith's favourite lesson is PE and Music Mark's visits are always welcome.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

CHAMPIONS



Jorge

and

Caynan





ARMY
FLYING
MUSEUM



EASTER FUN AT THE MUSEUM!



Join us each week day from the 30th
March to the 10th April
for themed crafts -
10.00 to 12.30
Spot the **Easter Bunny trail**
available throughout the holidays.

31st Mar & 11th Apr
Model Making
10.00 to 15.00

3rd to 6th Apr
Easter Weekend
Easter Egg Hunt*
Keep your eyes peeled
over this weekend
for the two **golden eggs**.

1st Apr
**Three Bees
Project**
10.00 to 14.00



2nd Apr
**Spring flower
seed planting**
11.00 to 13.00

11th Apr
**The Hampshire
Reptile Trust**
10.00 to 15.00

armyflying.com 01264 781086

*please note, additional charges
may apply

