



NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th March 2026

WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



WONDERFUL WEATHER IN WONDERFUL OBOE!

This half term Oboe Class are learning about the weather through their topic 'Wonderful Weather.' Each week, they learn about a different type of weather - thus far having learnt about rain, snow, wind and weather in general.

In Literacy, they are reading the poem 'Wonderful Weather', focusing and exploring onomatopoeias and movement words that each weather creates. George loves the thunder drum and enjoys pulling the metal cable to listen to the rumble. Jakey's favourite is using the cellophane to make the snow crunching sound effect and also peering through it to see changes of colour.

In Numeracy, they have used weather to learn counting topics. Chris loves the snowball fight counting activity and Mikey enjoys the wind blowing in his face after counting 1 – 3.



In The World lessons, they have learnt about weather through assorted sensory activities. Each week, they learn about the different clothes you wear in different weather, experience a key weather feature (e.g. wet for rain, cold for snow) and participate in a cause-and-effect activity such as melting ice.

Communication is embedded throughout, using Aided Language Displays and communication aids to recognise the different symbols for weather. Pupils have also been using gestural and physical communication to ask for more of what they like and rejecting what they don't like.

In Cooking, they have been making pasta salad. Each week, they practise their chopping skills to cut a variety of vegetables, mix it with their pasta and add a dressing. They then taste it during afternoon snack – everyone enjoys the pasta.... the vegetables tend to be generally ignored. Neil absolutely loves this lesson, is perfecting his chopping skills and always wants more. He even chose the ingredients for next week's pasta salad!



Next week, they are finishing the topic learning about sunshine. Keep fingers crossed for sunny weather!



COME ON THE BLUES!

On Saturday 14th March, a group of nine FE students headed to the Silverlake Stadium to watch the Eastleigh Spitfires take on Rochdale in an exciting football fixture.



For many, it was their first time attending a live match, and the anticipation on the mini bus was a mixture of nerves and curiosity. Any nerves quickly disappeared once the students stepped into the buzzing atmosphere of the stadium. Surrounded by cheering fans, waving scarves, and the roar of the crowd, they were soon swept up in the energy of the game.

Eastleigh put up a strong fight, scoring once, but Rochdale ultimately came out on top with a 3–1 victory. Despite the result, the students were fully immersed in the action—celebrating Eastleigh’s goal, reacting to near misses, and joining in with chants from the home supporters.



By the final whistle, every student was grinning, buzzing with excitement, and already asking when they could go again. It was a fantastic day out, filled with team spirit, community atmosphere, and a shared love of sport.



A big thank you must go out to all the staff who gave up their Saturday afternoon/evening to make this amazing opportunity happen. We can't wait to plan the next match!



I AM INCLUSIVE!

Last week, a group of Upper School pupils attended the 'I AM Inclusive' sports festival led in partnership with Applemore College and Great Oaks School. Throughout the day, pupils participated in five activities: basketball skills, polybat, relaxation and chill out, archery, axe throwing and kurling.



Neil was a polybat pro, watching the bowled ball perfectly and hitting it with force. Freya's favourite was the archery and axe throwing, demonstrating excellent accuracy and power. Destiny said her favourite was the basketball skills, where she demonstrated her great dribbling and shooting skills.



S Suncream smelling of holidays

U Under the shady tree for our picnic

N Noisy children playing in the park

N Nodding flowers feeding the buzzing bees

Y Yummy ice creams on the beach

TIME FOR A LITTLE LIGHT POETRY

Our Upper School students have been hard at work creating acrostic and onomatopoeia poems.

Here are a few of Trumpet's shining examples they have worked on as a whole class and in pairs.

W Whoosh howls the wind

I Inside out blow the umbrellas

N Noisy bins roll away down the street

D Door bang shut

S snowmen standing quietly in the garden

N Noisy children playing snowball fights - squeal and shout

O Outside fluffy snowflakes drift to the floor

W wrapping up warm in a soft blanket

Rain

Drip-drop goes the rain on the rooftops.

Pitter-patter goes the rain on the windows.

Plip-plop drips the rain from the gutters.

Splish-splash go my boots in the puddles.

Pit-a-pat goes the rain on my umbrella.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE...

Tiger, Banjo	11 yrs old
Coulson, Tambourine	7 yrs old
Jakey, Oboe	11 yrs old
Jojo, Triangle	11 yrs old



BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND ARE...

Chris, Oboe	13 yrs old
William, Cello	16 yrs old

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



Easter	Easter egg	Easter egg hunt	cross
Jesus	Easter bunny	chick	chocolate

SPRING TERM 2026

MARCH

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 s)
 24th **INSET DAY (School & FE)**

MAY

4th **Bank Holiday**
 12th Sports Day
 12th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
 19th Mercury House Trip (tbc)
 25th-29th **HALF TERM**



GRID

With more parents becoming interested in purchasing Grid to help with their child's communication skills, we thought you may be interested in the following offer which will be available after the Easter break. If you have any questions about Grid, please feel free to contact Beth, our Communications Co-ordinator, via her email:
Beth.rawles@ickniel.hants.sch.uk.



Coming soon!

Grid for iPad

50% off app sale

20-30 April | Autism Acceptance Month 2026

The advertisement features a circular inset image of a man and a young boy smiling while looking at a tablet. To the right, a large green speech bubble contains the text 'Grid for iPad' and '50% off app sale'. Below this, it says '20-30 April | Autism Acceptance Month 2026'. A small logo with two interlocking rings is in the top right corner of the green bubble.



TRANSFORMING MENTAL HEALTH USING MUSIC INTERVENTION

QR CODE

ANDOVER

ROCKS

FESTIVAL

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3 DAYS OF MUSIC, PERFORMANCES & WORKSHOPS
AT MULTIPLE VENUES ACROSS ANDOVER

MARCH 27TH-29TH

The poster is black with red and white text. It features a QR code in the top left, a heart-shaped photo of a child in the center, and a red diamond with 'AR' in the bottom right. The text 'ANDOVER ROCKS FESTIVAL' is prominent, with 'ROCKS' in a large, stylized font.

It looks as though Andover is going to be pretty lively over the Easter holidays!

There have been many venues organised for the Andover Rocks Festival which is being held between 27th-29th March.

Scan the QR code or Google 'Andover Rocks UK' for a detailed timetable of events. All in aid of Adult Mental Health.

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

- Chimes - Olly
- Drum - Chloe
- Maracas - Ajax
- Tambourine - Zachary
- Triangle - Emir
- Trumpet - Amelia
- Oboe - Chris
- Banjo - Shelby
- Harp - Ben
- Cello - Luci



The School Superstar of the Week is **AJAX!!**

Ajax is an active young boy who is always on the go. He is often found jumping on the trampoline and is a bit of a dare devil on the swing too! Ajax enjoys interaction with adults especially when it comes to tickles and 'peek-a-boo', as well as getting involved with a bit of banter which sets off his infectious giggle.

Ajax now has his own work station where he works hard on numeracy and literacy. He enjoys using his fine motor skills, e.g. threading, puzzles and colouring.

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(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

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