



# NEWSLETTER

## Friday 12th June 2026

# WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



Trumpet are off to a flying start with this term's learning and their theme 'Carnival Time'.



In The World lessons, the children have started learning about a different carnival each week and have so far learned about the Rio Carnival and Carnival De Venice. They have watched videos of the carnivals, explored sensory trays to enhance their understanding of the carnival experience, made tin foil gondolas to float on the water, decorated carnival masks with stickers and sticky gems, and used ALDs to discuss what they can see in the videos of each carnival.



In Literacy they are learning all about writing postcards and this has linked beautifully with their World learning, as they explore the features of a postcard and the type of information they might include on a postcard from each of the festivals they learn about - you won't catch them just talking about the weather!

In Numeracy, while they continue to also work on recognising numbers, counting, and making sets of objects for numbers,



they are also learning all about money: sorting coins from notes, having a class café to help them understand the purpose of using money for a transaction, and recognising coins to find the right one to pay for their chosen item. The hardest bit is getting them to choose something other than a cake for 50p, so that they can learn some of the other coins too!



In art they are learning about collage and have explored a vast array of materials, including feathers, coloured mesh, ribbons, tissue paper, sequins, and a lot of PVA glue! Over the course of the term they will be developing their use of these materials to make carnival masks, headdresses, and individual and group collages of carnivals.



Trumpet Class are also continuing their Monday morning outings to Andover town library, where they are learning to use their library cards to borrow and return books each week, and Cafe Nero, where they choose, order, pay for, and thoroughly enjoy what they want for snack and demonstrate their beautiful manners and excellent waiting skills in the queue.

They are excited to learn about other carnivals over the course of the term, including, Notting Hill, Mardi Gras, and our own local Andover Carnival and for all the upcoming Summer Term events.

## SPORTS DAY!

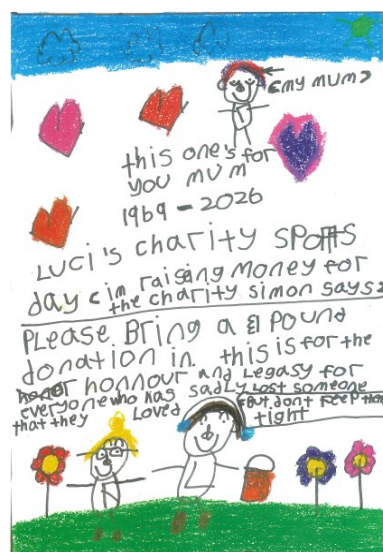
The rearranged date for Sports Day is :  
**Wednesday, 17th June—10am start.**



Not long now and the weather is looking good! Please see the school newsletter of 22.05.26 for details

## Donations to Simon Says:

As explained in our previous newsletters and ClassDojo (School Story) we will be collecting donations for Simon Says which is a fantastic charity that helps children with bereavement. If you wish to be sent stickers for your child's t-shirt (as explained in ClassDojo (School Story 05.06.26), please see the item made available on Parent Pay (minimum donation of £1).



## PARENTS' COFFEE GROUP

The next meeting is being held on **Wednesday 24th June at 1.30pm.**



Come along and have a hot drink and biscuit among friends. All welcome.

*"I look forward to the coffee group meet up, it's a chance to meet with others who "just get it" without judgement. The laughter, random chats and of course the biscuits are a bonus!!"*

*Sarah, Chloe's mum (Drum class)*

## **BLUE SCHOOL JUMPERS AND PE TOPS**

As you all know by now, we are slowly discontinuing our blue school uniform items. However, we are still holding a large amount of stock: which we are encouraging parents to buy while still available.



The sizes we have are:

Jumpers & Cardigans

24" (age 4) to 40" (M) chests

PE tops

26" (age 5) to 36" (S) chests



**We will also be holding a stall at the Summer Fete selling these items and second hand jumpers and cardigans in both the blue and burgundy.**

### **Please note:**

Just to make matters clearer—the change in colour regarding polo-shirts is in response to parental requests following a questionnaire/poll sent out earlier in the academic year. This is due to the difficulty in keeping white polos as clean as parents would like, especially after their child has been enjoying messy play—and we know how much they enjoy that!

*With enquiries regarding which shade of blue polo-shirts are required—we are going to leave it up to personal preference—light blue, royal blue, dark blue .... it is up to you. Also, your child would prefer to carry on wearing white polos, please feel free to do so.*

# SIGNS OF THE WEEK



<p>Tap twice</p>	<p>Thumb traces cross on outside of arm</p>		
Father's Day	nurse	ill	pain
<p>Little finger makes circular movement just inside the top of non-dominant hand</p>	<p>Place as appropriate</p>	<p>Shake hand over forehead</p>	
medicine	plaster	headache	sick



We had such a wonderful time today meeting the siblings of some of our students in the Upper School and FE.

They spent the majority of the morning with their sibling and then participated in a communication workshop with Beth. After lunch they took part in the Sibling Experience workshop with Paul in which he explained his own experiences in having a sibling with learning difficulties and then encouraged them to describe, share and reflect on their own experiences. They then went back to spend the rest of the day with their sibling.

We hope the experience served them well and they gained an understanding of the way we teach students here which is a little bit different to what they are used to in a mainstream school.

## SUMMER TERM

### JUNE

- 17th Sports Day @ Charlton Athletics Track  
(approx. 10am start)
- 19th Trout Fishing, Wherwell—FE
- 19th Makaton Workshop for Parents (9.30-10.30am)
- 22nd QE2 trip no. 3
- 23rd QE2 trip no. 4
- 24th Parents' Group Meeting (1.30pm)
- 25th Non-Uniform day (school fete donations)
- 25th Hampshire School Games
- 26th Icknield Trust Charity Golf Tournament
- 30th Mercury House Trip (new date)



### JULY

- 3rd Summer Fete (1.30pm –3.30pm) @ main school
- 6th Y14's/leavers—holiday
- 6th Transition afternoon—whole school
- 8th Venus House Trip
- 9th **INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)**
- 13th Y14's/leavers—holiday
- 13th Transition afternoon—whole school
- 14th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
- 16th Dream Night at the Hawk Conservancy (6-8.30pm)
- 17th Boat trip, Wet Wheels (Chimes)
- 17th **INSET DAY (FE ONLY)**
- 17th Special Celebration Assembly—2.30pm
- 17th FE Prom Night
- 22nd **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR**

## AUTUMN TERM 2026-27

### SEPTEMBER

- 1st **INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)**
- 2nd **INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)**
- 3rd **RETURN (WHOLE SCHOOL)**



## SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes	- Jack
Drum	- Chloe S
Maracas	- Chloe W
Tambourine	- Alex
Triangle	- Archie
Trumpet	- Amelia
Oboe	- Matthew
Banjo	- Gustavo
Harp	- Donnell
Cello	- Ellie



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

Chloe loves to admire her reflection in mirrors and windows! She enjoys dressing up as Ash from Pokemon and will often be heard naming characters as she pretends to catch them in her Pokeball.

Her art is becoming very independent as she looks so carefully at the model to copy the steps.

Her transition to using school transport recently has gone smoothly and we are proud of the way she has managed this change in routine.

## FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

*(Personal, Physical, Independence,*

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