



NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th January 2026

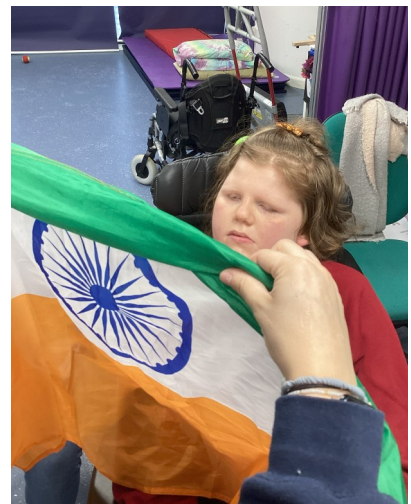
WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



Chimes class welcomed in the new year by sharing what they had been up to over the holidays and making collages of all their lovely photos, practising their fine motor skills to cut and stick.

Their new topic for this term is all about India which they are excited about, especially focusing on foods, clothes and culture. The students started by exploring the Indian flag and reading the story 'The Wheels on the Tuktuk'. They will be reading a variety of different stories about India and exploring these with all their senses.

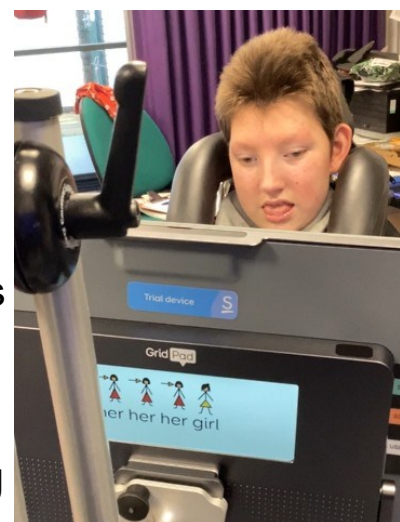
In art the class is looking forward to combining printing and textiles to create exciting pieces of art work related to the India topic and to the different celebrations throughout this term. They have also been playing around with AI—see if you can guess which couple of photos have been created this way!



Everyone continues to work incredibly hard on their physiotherapy skills. Jack is standing so tall with the Molift and is enjoying getting into the hydropool. Missy loves bouncing on the giant peanut, taking turns to initiate the bouncing. Olly is finding himself hilarious flipping onto his tummy. Phoebe continues to build her strength and does so with the biggest smile for whoever she is working with. Meanwhile Abel enjoys being trunk-supported on the roll while rocking backwards and forwards and being more communicative.



The staff recently had the opportunity to trial an eye gaze device which provided the students with the opportunity to communicate by looking at the message they would like and then the device speaks it out loud. Olly loved chatting away with staff using the eye gaze, getting excited and looking at “speak”, “talking”, “want”, and other vocabulary. Delilah loved playing games on the eye gaze, learning how to target and fixate in order to be able to progress to using it to communicate in the future—if we can acquire one!



WINCHESTER SCIENCE MUSEUM

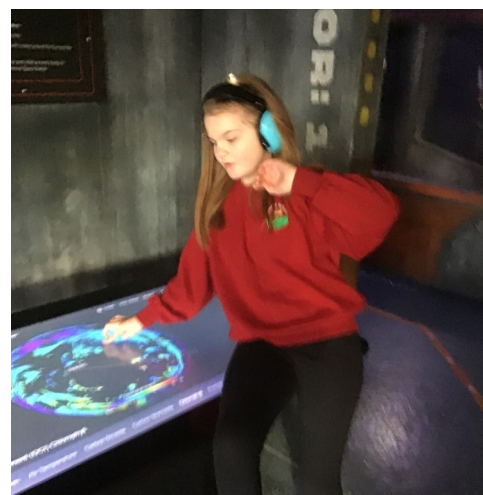
The upper school students visited the Winchester Science Museum and Planetarium earlier this week to launch their new topic 'Moon Zoom'.



They had the most fantastic day exploring the hands on and interactive exhibits, learning about forces and rockets in a 'Blast off!' workshop and sitting back and enjoying a journey into space in the planetarium show.

Shelby loved "playing astronauts" in the space exhibit, and both Lincoln and Neil clapped excitedly as they visited new planets during the planetarium show.

Whilst watching the show Terrence said, "Oh my gosh, Laura! Look! Space, the moon! Cool!" George enjoyed finding all the different metal components to tap whilst



Jakey was fascinated by the ball maze table. Ruby said it was “an amazing day” and Danny summed up the day perfectly; “It was the most banging day ever!” “Thank you for having us Science Museum” - Shelby.

Luci liked the planetarium because she knew that Neil Armstrong was the first person to land on the moon, and she enjoyed having fun in the Little Big room at the end of the visit, along with Jaycob and William. Ellie and James liked the workshop while Karalina liked everything and would like to go back with her family on her birthday. Marley enjoyed learning new facts about the solar system in the planetarium and Leon liked the quiet room with Claire.



WELCOME

A big warm welcome to Alex who has joined our Tambourine Class. Alex comes to us from Portway Infants and has settled in very quickly while being spotted around the school enjoying exploring his new environment. We look forward to him having many happy years here and making life-long friends along the way.



BABY NEWS!

We are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Maisy Eva who was born on 22nd December 2025 weighing 6.5lbs.



What a beauty! She is the first daughter for Kerris (Maracas LSA) and her husband Liam and is a sister to Logan and Archie who we are sure will dote and keep an eye on her as she grows up!



Maisy has already paid the school a visit and brought it to a stand still with staff stopping to admire her and a students asking lots of questions. Let's hope it is the first of many visits.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND ARE....

Nirjor, Glastonbury

19 yrs old



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



table	chair	book	pencil
paper	draw	write	colour

SPRING TERM 2026

JANUARY

- 13th Farleigh After School Club starts
- 21st FE Table Top Cricket Competition, Treloars
- 26th Immunisations—Td/IPV & MenACWY—
Yr 9s + catch ups
- 27th ZooLab (1-3pm)



FEBRUARY

- 3rd FE—The Point Theatre, Eastleigh (FE)
- 3rd Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
- 13th **INSET DAY (FE only)**
- 16-20th **HALF TERM**
- 23rd **INSET DAY (School & FE)**
- 26th Wheelpower Festival (FE)

Please note we are trialling a change to our Friday Assembly. There will be two assemblies—one for the Lower School at 2.30pm, followed by an Upper School and Chimes assembly at 2.45pm. This is to aid the growing number of students who are unable to cope with excessive noise and crowded areas.

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes - Missy
Drum - Charlotte
Maracas - Matthew
Tambourine - Ayla
Triangle - Oscar
Trumpet - Terrence
Oboe - Jakey
Banjo - Alfie
Harp - Danny
Cello - Luci



The School Superstar of the Week is JAKEY!!

Jakey is a cheeky young man who enjoys flapping his hands and dancing while listening to "5 Players" on HelpKidzLearn. He looks forward to visiting the SPLAT Room where there can be rough and tumble play alongside spinning inside the red spinning top and bouncing on an exercise ball. Jakey is a master at cuddles and has a very infectious laugh, so is a great student to be around if anyone needs cheering up.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

CHAMPIONS



Haoran
and
Oscar



A BIG SHOUT OUT TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED AT THE
FE CLEAR UP WORKING PARTY

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL THAT YOU DID ON THE
DAY (2nd January 2026)
THANK YOU!



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**What a creative masterpiece by the FE
to show their appreciation!!**