



NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th September 2025

WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



In Chimes class the students are learning about The Forest and reading The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. They have explored the deep dark wood that the mouse journeys through and met each of the characters in the story. They are working on anticipating and joining in with the repeated phrase “A Gruffalo, what’s a Gruffalo?” using switches, words and symbols and vocalisations.

Everyone is working very hard in their physio, starting each day in their standers and finishing each day by working on their floor/bench physiotherapy programmes.

In RSHE the students have talked about their summer holidays and made collages of photos to share with each other so they can see what everyone had been up to.

Chimes wows so far:

- ◆ Missy is smiling away through bucket time and is happy to be back in school with her friends.
- ◆ Jack has joined Chimes class and is doing amazingly in his stander and using the molift.
- ◆ Delilah is very happy on her return to school and is also pushing to stand.



- ◆ Olly has been practising sitting on the physio roll without an adult to lean on.
- ◆ Abel has hopped straight back onto Clover the horse and you wouldn't know he's had a summer holiday break!
- ◆ Phoebe has been busy getting taller and is making great progress using her updated communication book to make requests and comments.



And of course, Cheddar, our school dog, is always there checking everyone is okay and seeing if they would like a cuddle. There have been many takers for Cheddar cuddles on return to school this year!

DO YOU NEED SUPPORT?

Community Pantries - What do they do?

Community pantries offer membership access to a range of food products.

They organise activities, provide wraparound support services and opportunities for social interaction for all of their members. They all offer a friendly and safe space for all their users, creating an environment that encourages a feeling of inclusion and belonging.

They provide groceries at a lower cost than supermarkets or shops, offering a range of fresh, frozen and general foods which can change on a weekly basis. In addition, the pantries are working to help reduce food waste by working with local food businesses.



Who can use them?

Anyone can access their local community pantry—you just need to sign up as a member which then allows you to use the pantry once a week. They aim to support those in financial hardship, food vulnerability and in need of community support, but there are no criteria that must be met and there is no referral system. The membership process is managed through the pantry directly, please contact or visit your local pantry to become a member:

*GCS Community Pantry
The Longmeadow Centre
Cricketers Way
Andover
SP10 5DE*

*ACE Andover Pantry
13-17 Bridge Street
Andover
SP10 1BE*

FOOD BANK VOUCHERS

This is a reminder that if you are in need of Food Bank vouchers, please contact Sharon Portsmouth, our Family Support Practitioner.



ALL REQUESTS WILL BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY

Her contact details are as follows:

School office: 01264 365297

Mobile: 0789 5984244 (call or text)

Email: s.portsmouth@ickniel.hants.sch.uk

There is also the option of contacting Sharon via Clasdojo.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

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| Akosua, Triangle | 8 yrs old |
| Haoran, Glasto | 19 yrs old |
| Gus, Glasto | 17 yrs old |

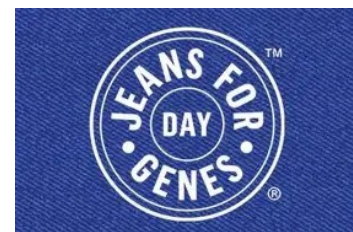


BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND...

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| James, Cello | 14 yrs old |
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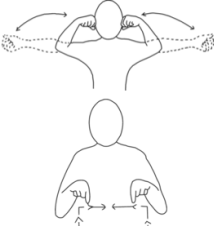


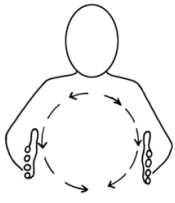




JEANS 4 GENES

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Jeans for Genes Day today. It was great to see so many of our students participating in the event. We will let you know how much we managed to raise in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, if anyone forgot to send money in and would still like to contribute to this incredible charity, please feel free to do so. We will still be taking donations next week.



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



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| SPLAT room | Maths | Literacy | The World |
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| Music | Phonics | Art | PE |

AUTUMN TERM 2025

SEPTEMBER

- 23rd After School Connect Club starts
- 24th After School Dance Club starts
- 30th Farleigh After School Club starts

OCTOBER

- 10th **INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)**
- 13th FE Community Action Project week
- 20th Christmas Shoebox collection week
- 23rd Parents' Evening
- 24th **INSET DAY (FE students only—not Cello)**
- 27th HALF TERM WEEK (WHOLE SCHOOL)



NOVEMBER

- 21st Children in Need
- 28th School photographer (individual & family photos)

Please note the school calendar is available on our website.

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes - Olly
Drum - Sam
Maracas - Jojo
Tambourine - Zachary
Triangle - Archie R
Trumpet - Arthur
Oboe - George
Banjo - Gustavo
Harp - Danny
Cello - Leon



The School Superstar of the Week is !!

Olly has an awesome sense of humour and laughs at all misfortunes that occur in class. He can be a bit of a trickster, pretending he can't do things and then giving himself away with a smile that lights up the room. His new bestie is Jack who is new to the class and they have created their 'secret code' laughing.

Olly is very kind, caring and always thinking of his friends. He loves Marvel, Shrek, ACDC and Nirvana—especially when Beccie says "Do the roar!"

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(*Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication*)

CHAMPIONS



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