



NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th July 2025



A TROUSTASTIC FE TRIP!!!

Thanks to the wonderful Hants & IOW branch of the Masonic Fishing Charity, five FE students had the incredible opportunity to go fly fishing at Wherwell Trout Fishery. Each student was paired with an expert fisherperson, learning to cast, retrieve and land fish. They all learned quickly, with every single student catching at least one whopper of a trout, although Nirjor left his monster catch to almost the very last cast of the day. What a wonderful experience for them all, especially with the lovely weather and lunch which was also provided.



SUMMER FETE

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Summer Fete last Friday—although the weather was perhaps a little too hot for some, it was a tremendous turn out and you all managed to raise a fantastic £735 for the school which is an amazing feat in such a short space of time!



Many thanks go to Kelly and her team from the Upper School who organised the event and for your kind donations of bottles, sweets, raffle prizes and bric-a-brac. We also received donations from many local business which helped with the fundraising considerably. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and meeting other families, and look forward to another successful event next year.

TEST VALLEY BRASS BAND

We were delighted to welcome The Test Valley Brass Band yesterday. They entertained all our students throughout the school with a variety of recognisable tunes including The Circle of Life; Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious (that's easy for you to say/spell); Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, I Would Walk 500 Miles and the theme tune from Pirates of the Caribbean. The children enjoyed clapping and playing along with the music with our own instruments. We would like to say a huge thank you to the band for taking their time to visit the school and wish them well in their future shows around the local community.



UPPER SCHOOL—LEPE VISIT

This week, Upper School visited Lepe Country Park as part of their topic 'The Great Outdoors.' They used the vast and varied landscapes at Lepe to explore, understand and compare different environments with different activities in each area.

In the wildflower meadow, pupils were encouraged to look for flowers of different colours and take photos to develop their ICT skills.

On the beach, pupils had to collect different resources, describe them and use them to create a piece of artwork.

In the woodlands, pupils needed to collect different natural materials that met different adjectives, such as smooth, green and soft. They also used paper and crayons to make bark and leaf rubbings.

Throughout the day, pupils were encouraged to use their senses to explore and understand their environments. They ended the day with a visit to the park.



The students enjoyed the variety of activities they had taken part in—here is a few of their observations

- ◆ Amelia loved playing with the sand on the beach
- ◆ Luci and Karalina said they liked everything but especially enjoyed being with their friends and looking for crabs
- ◆ William liked the beach and looking at the pretty wild flowers
- ◆ Jaycob enjoyed being with Monika and making artwork from the items he found on the beach
- ◆ James had fun popping seaweed and exploring the beach.
- ◆ Fergus loved holding a crab in his hand.
- ◆ Ben liked collecting different shells on the beach.
- ◆ Finlay enjoyed throwing stones into the sea.
- ◆ Danny loved finding crabs and feeling them in his hand.
- ◆ Tinashe said “Thanks for taking us to the beach!”



HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL GAMES

On Thursday 26th June, Trumpet Class had the opportunity to attend and participate in a variety of sporting activities at the Hampshire School Games, alongside schools from all over the county.

Their first activity was Target Practice games - goal shooting, axe and ninja star throwing, and Nerf wars aplenty! Danny and Ellie got stuck straight into the action, kicking and throwing the footballs at the different height nets with gusto! Terrence showed a particular affinity for throwing ninja stars and axes at the targets, managing to get some of them to stick in the target, which is more than can be said for the attempts of some of the Trumpet adults! Then onto Nerf wars, where it quickly became obvious that the Trumpet adults were indeed the targets. The children absolutely LOVED this particular activity and chose to remain at this station for a double slot, instead of moving onto the final station - Laura and Donna bore matching Nerf bullet bruises after being shot at close range by a very skilled Nev!

Then it was onto Fencing (thankfully the swords were rubber). Trumpet class completed several different activities at this station: learning to move forwards and backwards with correct foot placement and in time with their opponent, sword positions, hitting a stationary target, and then hitting a moving target. Gus enjoyed hitting the target as Ellie dropped it for him, Danny had a brilliant time practising his sword skills with our chaperone, Holly, and Ellie proved a dab-hand at whacking the falling target with her sword!



After re-fuelling at lunchtime they were ready to get going again for the afternoon fun.

First was karate, where a hidden Trumpet sensei was revealed— Tinashe! He completed a block, duck, jump sequence as an adult used a pad for him to fight, showing no signs of tiring and buckets of enthusiasm. All the children threw themselves into learning movement sequences, and defending against an attack from a pad.

Their final activity of the day was dodgeball. The children were hot and tired by this point but they rallied hard for a game of dodgeball and once again, the targets seemed to be the Trumpet staff. Although the children were split into two teams to do battle, it quickly devolved into adults versus children and, safe to say the children came out on top, showing fantastic teamwork and target skills to hit their opponents!

The day was exceptional fun, a wonderful experience for the children, an opportunity to work alongside other schools from the surrounding area, and to experience a range of sports they might not otherwise get to do. The children's behaviour was exemplary, and they were an absolute credit to Icknield, doing us all very proud!



MESSAGE FROM SHARON - FAMILY SUPPORT PRACTITIONER



During our successful Parent Coffee Afternoon last week, Julie Jeans and I received a great amount of feedback and support regarding cards, passes and programmes to provide discounts, together with a list of places and activities to visit during the summer holidays. Please see below:-

CEA (Cinema Exhibitors' Association) Card

This is designed to provide disabled individuals with access to the cinema experience, without any additional ticket costs, and the support of a companion. With this card you receive free access for a SEN child. However, it takes 2-3 weeks to process so it would be advisable to plan in advance.

The Big Sister Programme

This initiative provides mentoring services to young girls. It aims to empower girls through physical activity and, as a Places Leisure facility, this service is available at Andover Leisure Centre. It provides free and discounted gym membership for girls between the age of 9-15.

Carer's Pass

This identifies the holder as a carer and gives discounts and benefits for that individual. When a carer's pass is used to book a session at a Leisure Centre, free admission with a disabled adult or child is given.

Over 18's

Disabled adults can visit the gym at the Andover Leisure Centre at a discounted price of £22.50 a month.

More information will be provided regarding holiday activities and places to visit in the next few newsletters.

Sharon

CONGRATULATIONS!!!





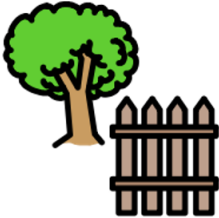



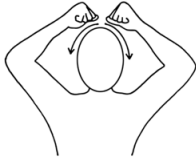
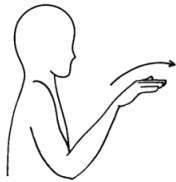


We would like to say a huge congratulations to Chloe Winterbone who is working as a Learning Support Assistant in our Tambourine class.

She has been awarded the Work Based Apprentice of the Year Award 2025 by BCoT (Basingstoke College of Technology). This is what they had to say about her:

“Chloe is a recent school leaver herself and is now working with children who have learning difficulties. She is so knowledgeable and embraces all challenges and training to support the children. She is compassionate and understanding, and her face lights up when we talk about her practical work. Chloe has her own challenges, but always submits informative work and does not let anything hold her back. She is speeding through her work and is proactive in seeking support and guidance when needed”.

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



				
				
sun cream	hat	outside	water	ice cream

DREAM NIGHT AT THE HAWK CONSERVANCY

Many thanks to the Hawk Conservancy for enabling many of our students and their families to attend the Dream Night last night. We are extremely grateful to Helen Pugh and her team for organising this amazing event and arranging extra spaces for us as they know it is one of the highlights in our school calendar. We hope those who attended had a wonderful time and created lovely memories.



SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes - Olly
Drum - Jesse
Maracas - Ajax
Trumpet - Archie W
Oboe - Kieran
Banjo - Chloe
Cello - James



The School Superstar of the Week is JESSE!!

Jesse has an engaging smile and is now keen to greet everyone as he shows off his walking skills in his walker. He is an enthusiastic learner having a go at everything put in front of him. He adores water and will quickly be soaked through if left with a tap or bowl of water. He also loves music, requesting it on the whiteboard and going to the classroom door if he hears another class in the hall with music playing.

DIARY DATES — SUMMER TERM 2025

JULY

8th QE2 trip (day three)
9th Governors' Curriculum Meeting (1.30pm)
10th **INSET DAY—WHOLE SCHOOL**
11th **INSET DAY—FE ONLY**
11th FE Prom—evening
11th Beach trip (Chimes)
15th Earth House Trip
15th Eastleigh Splash Park (Drum)
15th Full Governors Meeting (4pm)
18th End of Year Celebration Assembly afternoon
22nd **LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM**



SEPTEMBER—AUTUMN TERM 2025

3rd **INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)**
4th **BACK TO SCHOOL/FE**
16th Flu Immunisations (Yrs R to 17yr olds incl.)

Please note the school calendar is available on our website.