

May Half Term 2026 Newsletter

Message from Mr Stear

Happy Half term!!!

I hope you enjoy this newsletter that is crammed full of information and details about what the children have been achieving this past half term.

Thank you to those of you who completed the form I sent out in last week's bulletin - I will read through and collate any responses on the theme of 'aspiration and ambition' and share with you some headlines after the break.

Our new caterers will be in place on our return and a new system of ordering - School Grid. Please ensure you check your emails (including junk box just in case!) so that you are ready. Infant meals now need ordering online as well as junior meals.

Our term dates for 2026/27 can be found below and bar one day in June, fully match and align with Farnham Heath End, something I hope will make logistics a bit easier for parents.

PLEASE NOTE - we are only having a one week half term in October.

Take care,

Mr Stear

Year R

This half term our theme has been "Ready, Steady Grow!"

Whilst we have learnt much about what plants need to help them grow we have not had much success trying to grow anything ourselves. All sixty-three children planted a bean seed, and we couldn't wait to be able to climb up to the giant's castle. Not one single seed has germinated!

The absolute highlight of our half term has been our trip to Bocketts Farm. It was a great day out for all. A great big thank you to all of the adults who volunteered to come with us, we couldn't have done it without you. During our day we went on a tractor ride, petted some smaller animals, always remembering to be gentle and just use one finger, had the opportunity to feed some large animals and watched a very exciting pig race. The day with time to play in the park, just as the rain started, we were back on the coach ready to return to school. A very busy but fun day.









Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed learning about the past in relation to the history of William Cobbett Infants and also about schooling in Victorian Times. Badshot Lea Infants were very kind in inviting us to visit them where we learnt differences between Victorian and present day schools.

The following week, we held our own Victorian Day where we all dressed up and took part in lots of activities to learn more about what it was like to be a Victorian child at school - most of us agreed we prefer schools now! We re-enacted a Victorian photo and tried hard to look very serious as children didn't used to smile in photos as it took so long for a photo to be taken.

During the day we went into the hall and sat in rows for a Victorian lesson, we talked about and drew some Victorian items lent to us from Farnham Museum and played traditional games and sang old-fashioned rhymes in the playground.







Year 2

We have had a fantastic start to the Summer Term with our exciting new topic, "Coastline".

The children have been exploring the British Isles and our surrounding coastlines, developing their map-reading skills and learning how to interpret map keys. They have

also been identifying human and physical features of coastal areas, while sharing their own experiences of visiting a variety of seaside towns and resorts.

There is a great sense of excitement among both children and staff as we look forward to our upcoming visit to Hayling Island. This promises to be a memorable experience, filled with beach exploration and plenty of fun!

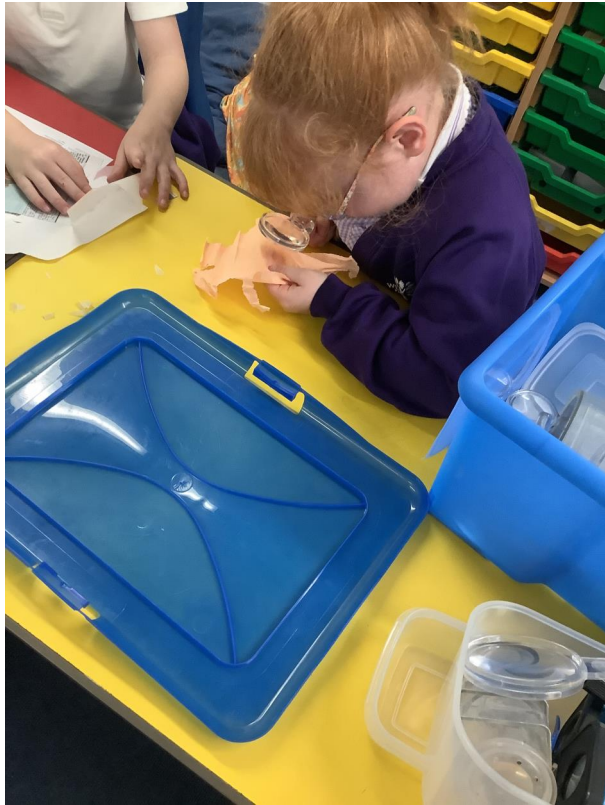
In Science, the children have been learning about different materials and have enjoyed carrying out investigations into their properties. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm during these hands-on activities.

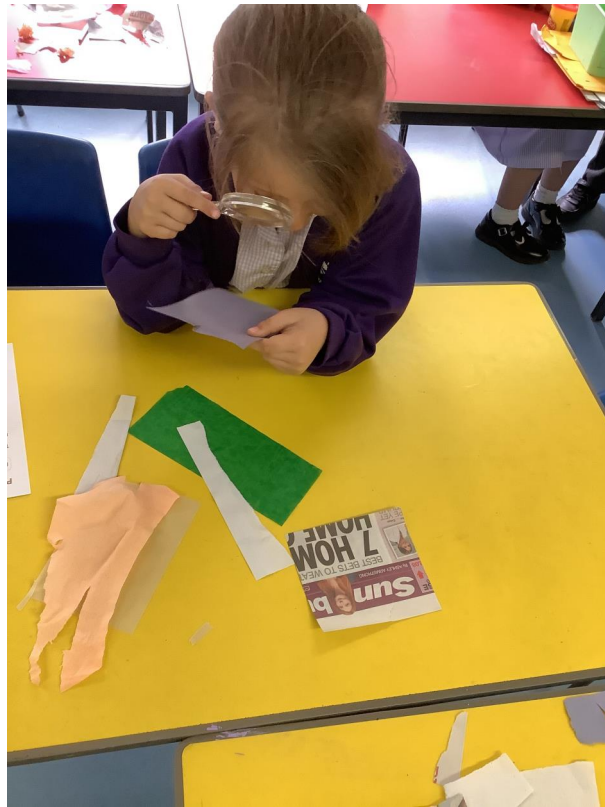
Poetry has been a real highlight this term. The children have shown great creativity while writing both list and shape poems, demonstrating an impressive flair for descriptive language.

As we move into our final term, we are excited to continue supporting the children as they prepare for the next stage of their learning journey. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team











Fox

Fox Class spent time exploring musical instruments one afternoon. They had access to all sorts of different instruments and enjoyed making lots of interesting sounds. Perhaps we could make a band!

Most days, pupils in Fox Class complete independent tasks in customised red trays. Each child has three trays to complete, a Math's task, an English task, a fine motor control and finally they practice writing their names. They really enjoy being independent learners, completing all the tasks without adult intervention.





Year 3

Year 3 has had a fantastic start to the summer term with our Roman launch day. All the children came in wearing amazing Roman costumes and learned about everyday life as a Roman. We have continued our learning about the Roman Empire and Army. In Art, we looked at designing our own Roman shields which we later painted in class. We then went outside and explored their tortoiseshell battle formation and practised being a Roman soldier. In Science, we have been investigating plants with a focus on specific parts. We carried out a celery experiment to see if food dye effected stems sucking up water. We used red dye in the water so the children could see the effects better. In English, we started writing newspaper reports with the final piece about the volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. This linked back to our previous topic of Rocks, Relics and Rumbles and connected to our next story 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. We included expanded noun phrases and powerful verbs to add detail to engage the reader. In Maths, we continued to explore fractions and then started to learn about money. We learned how to add and subtract amounts and convert pounds into pence. We hope that the children will develop their confidence with money and have the opportunity to pay with coins the next time they are in a shop! Geography learning has led us to explore the difference between towns, counties and cities, where we have thought about the different features of these. We hope you have a wonderful, restful half-term. The Year 3 team





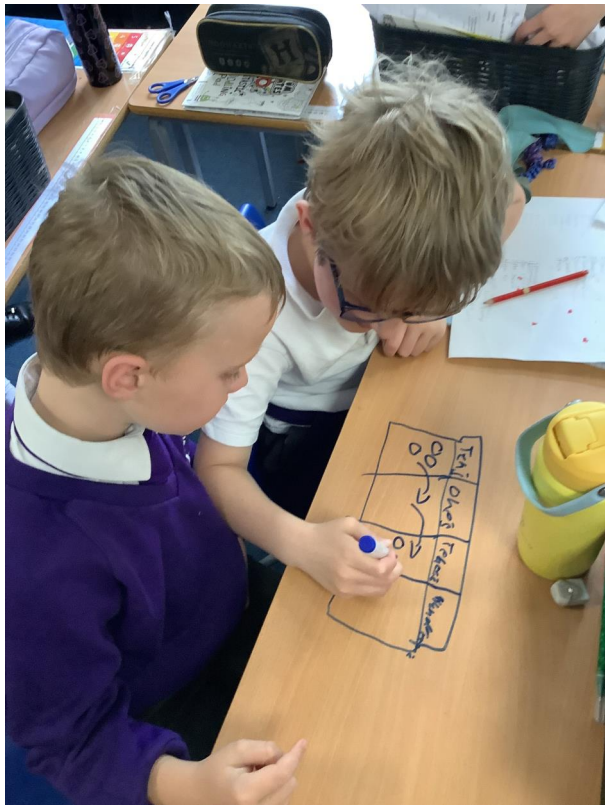
Year 4

Year 4 have had an amazing half term. In Maths we multiplied our confidence with fractions and decimals whilst in English we crafted very compelling persuasive letters and leaflets. DT was centred around different fabrics, design features as well as all things William Morris. Landscapes were our focus in Art which tied in nicely when learning about rivers in Geography. We were lucky enough to go on a field trip and spend a whole morning exploring and discovering Rowhill Nature Reserve.

We're sure even Sir David Attenborough would be proud of the children's discoveries during Science lessons, which was all about classification of the Animal Kingdom. In Music, all things Samba was our topic and we were very impressed with the children having a go at playing a syncopated rhythm. RE was about relationships, from remembering a loved one to how to be a better friend. PE had us working together in teams with orienteering and getting fit with agility. We had an unforgettable PGL trip as well (of course). You've made us proud Year 4, well done on a very successful half term!





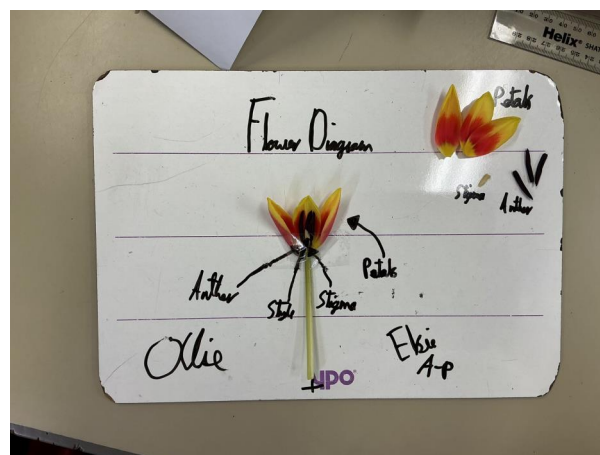


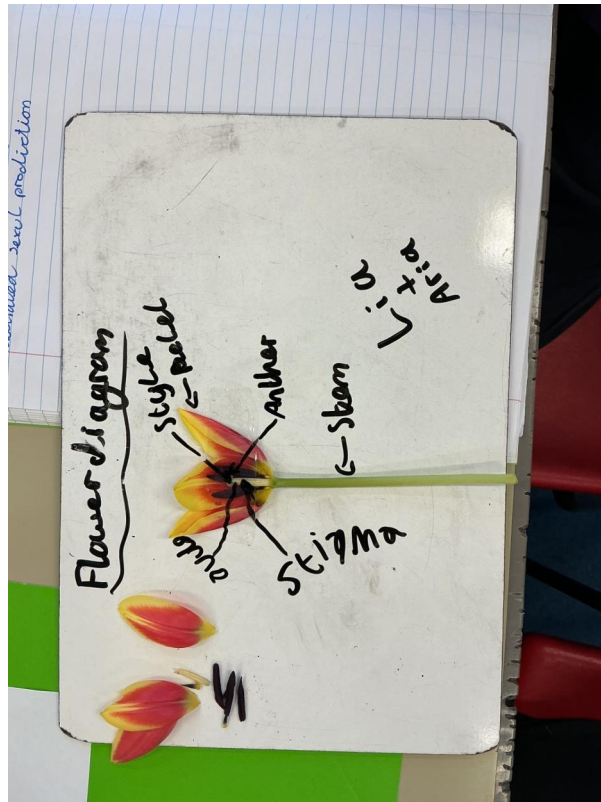
Year 5

Our summer term has been busy so far. Year 5 have enjoyed many topics this half term. In our Science lessons, Year 5 have been exploring animal and plant life cycles. The children had fun dissecting tulip flowers to see the different parts and exploring how a plant can reproduce. This has connected well to our Geography lessons where children have investigated why we have allotments and explored allotment plans to decide where they should be placed on a map. Year 5 have also learnt about farming in North and South America and decided where the best regions are to grow different crops such as coffee and cotton.

In our latest English topic, Year 5 have been writing their own balanced arguments. They have been exploring different topics to discuss, such as 'Should children be given pocket money?' or 'Should football be banned in the playground?'. It is safe to say that the children have enjoyed debating these questions and forming their own opinions, whilst also looking at all sides of the arguments. We have been very impressed by the writing that the children have produced for their balanced arguments!

Year 5 are excited for their final half term, where they have their Farnham Museum trip to look forward to!





Year 6

This half-term has been a busy one for Year 6, and we are so proud of everything the children have achieved. Their incredible hard work and dedication culminated in successfully completing their SATs. They approached the tests with determination, resilience and positive attitudes throughout and it has been a real pleasure to see how confidently they rose to the challenge.

To celebrate their fantastic efforts, we enjoyed some well-deserved ice lollies and a lovely long play, which went down very well indeed! We also had a fun afternoon on the Friday of SATs week where the children solved some engaging Taskmaster challenges. It was a wonderful chance for everyone to relax, recharge and enjoy being together after such a focused period of hard work.

Creativity has also been flourishing. Auditions for this year's show, Star Warts, The Umpire Strikes Back, were held, and the children were absolutely fantastic. We were so impressed by their confidence and enthusiasm, and we can't wait to begin rehearsals after half term.

Beyond the stage, the children have also honed their organisational skills by planning a party using spreadsheets. In addition, they have embarked on an exciting new Maafa topic, beginning with a fascinating look at Ancient African Kingdoms.





Kite and Buzzard

Buzzard Class have had a busy old time of it so far this term. Not only have some of our Year 6s taken SATs within the last couple of weeks (an awesome effort - well done!), we have been programming micro:bits in Computing, we have started looking at African history in our topic Maafa, investigating the teachings of Buddhism in RE and have been creating our own artworks inspired by contemporary Black artists, such as Chris Ofili.

Perhaps our favourite learning this term has been our work on the human body focusing on the heart and circulatory system. We started by reminding ourselves what happens to

our food once we have eaten it before moving on to look at blood and the circulatory system.

In Kite class we have had a very busy half term which started with waving all of our Year 4's off to PGL. They had a fantastic time trying out new activities and spending time with their friends outside of school. Archery, zip lining and the big swing were particular favourites and they were keen to share all of their experiences with the Year 3's when they came back!

In Geography this half term, we have been learning all about rivers. We got to take part in a visit to Rowhill Nature Reserve to find out more about local rivers and have become confident in describing the different parts and uses of rivers!

In Science, we have also really enjoyed learning about how to classify living things and we worked together to create a huge classification key for a number of different vertebrates.

















1 - Our Chris Ofili inspired gallery.



2 - Buzzard class discussing the contents of a stomach.



3 - The food enters the intestines...



4 - ...Mrs James helps explain nutrient absorption...



5 - ...before waste products leave the body.



6 - Their faces say it all!



7 - Recreating the human circulatory system in the playground.





Allsorts

The children have been busy exploring, creating, and having fun through a variety of exciting activities. From building a giant marble run full of twists and turns, to colourful painting sessions and hands-on gardening, there's been something for everyone to enjoy. Our older children at the lodge have also showed incredible creativity during clay and bracelet-making activities, crafting beautiful pieces to take home. 🧠🌟 We love seeing confidence, imagination, and friendships grow every day at Allsorts.









Library News



Summer term is always a little quieter for us in the Junior Library but we haven't just been sitting around reading! Our loans this year have sailed past the 8,000 mark so it's time for

a little light weeding! Weeding in the library has nothing to do with gardening, but means that we dig through our sections and pull out books that are damaged, outdated, or simply haven't been borrowed for a long time. This leaves us much more room for books that are new, and more interesting to our most important customers....the children!

Our weeded books all get used elsewhere or donated, so they don't go to waste, and the extra room we have means that we can update popular sections like sport (watch this space!).

Thank you so much for all the lovely book donations this term - some of them are already being borrowed and we will be processing many more over the second half of term. Your donations make a huge difference to the library and they ensure that we never have to charge for lost books!

At Infants, our exciting new news is that we have a new volunteer, Mrs Smallbone, who has been getting to grips with the computer and meeting all our Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes!

Happy Reading

Mrs Clary



8 - Weeding! (it's hard to say goodbye but....)



9 - Lots more space for browsing (Makes Mrs Clary happy!!)