



NEWSLETTER



Friday 11th September 2026

Monday	P.E. day Willow Class P.E. day Oak Class Open the Book Worship team in school Afternoon Performance of The Pesky Rat: Payment details on MCAS School led clubs start today. 3-4pm: Children must be signed up on MCAS New YR: 8.20-11.45
Tuesday	P.E. day Beech Class New YR: 8.20-11.45 Sports Clubs available 3.05-5pm (see further information below and flyer attached to email)
Wednesday	P.E. day Willow Class New YR: 8.20-11.45 Sports clubs available 3.05-5pm
Thursday	New YR: 8.20-12.45 (Staying for lunch)
Friday	New YR: 8.20-12.45 (Staying for lunch) Forest School afternoon: Beech Class P.E. day Oak Class

Please note that Mrs Smyth will be based at Singleton on Thursday and Boxgrove on Friday to enable a meeting to take place at Singleton.

- 📍 Thursday 17th: Singleton
- 📍 Friday 18th: Boxgrove

Attendance and punctuality data

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised absence	Punctuality
Willow	92%	2.74%	1 late in year 2
Beech	95%	2.17%	2 lates in year 3
Oak	98%	2.17%	1 late in Year 5
Whole school	94.57%	2.58%	4 lates

New Late Arrival Procedure

In consultation with the Governors, we are introducing a new procedure for children arriving after the gate or front door has been closed.

Parents and carers will be asked to complete a sign-in sheet at the front door, recording:

- Child's initials
- Class and year group
- Time of arrival
- Reason for lateness

This will help us monitor punctuality more effectively and support families where needed as this is not fully captured by Bromcom currently.

Welcome to school

We are delighted to welcome our new Willow Class children, Eleanor, Frankie, Lincoln, Marceline, Oliver, Percy and Rory, to our school community. We are excited to begin this important journey with them and look forward to getting to know them, as well as welcoming several new families to our school. We can't wait to see the children settle into Willow Class and flourish as they begin their school life with us.

Pesky Rat Theatre Show (Years 1 & 2)

A gentle reminder to Year 1 and 2 families to make payment via **MCAS** if you have not already done so. Thank you for your support.

To date we have had 7 out of 18 payments received. Thank you to anyone who has given an extra amount – this helps so much.

After-School Clubs

Our staff-led **after-school clubs begin on Monday**. If you haven't already done so, please ensure you have signed your child up.

 Starts: Monday  Run by school staff ☒ Please sign up if you wish your child to attend

Worship

 Our Christian Value: Thankfulness "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." Psalm 107:1

This half term, we are exploring the value of Thankfulness. In worship this week, I brought in a shopping basket full of food. However, each item had been relabelled with the name of a member of staff!

This helped us reflect on how much we rely on others and the many people who help make our school a wonderful place to be. I am incredibly thankful for the staff who work so hard every day to care for, teach, support and inspire our children. Their dedication and teamwork ensure that our school runs smoothly and that every child has the opportunity to flourish. ❤️

Worship Music

This term, we are listening to a different piece of music in worship each week linked to our theme. We are asking the children how the music makes them feel and what it makes them think about.

Music has a powerful way of moving us, helping us to reflect, wonder and connect with something bigger than ourselves. These moments support children's spiritual development and have already led to some thoughtful discussions in worship. 🎵 ✨

🌟 Golden Book Focus This Half Term 🌟

In our Golden Book this half term, we are looking for children who consistently demonstrate our three school rules: Be Ready, Be Responsible and Be Respectful. We want to celebrate those children who live out these values wherever they are in school and with whichever adult is working with them.

The 3Rs are far more than school rules. They are the foundations of being a positive member of our community and society. Being ready helps us make the most of opportunities, being responsible teaches us accountability and independence, and being respectful helps us build strong relationships with others. These are qualities that will support our children not only in school, but throughout their lives. We look forward to recognising those pupils who embody these values every day.

Well done, Abel, for your brilliant start in Year 5. Your positivity shines through in your interactions with others and is always driven by joy and kindness. You have demonstrated that you understand what is expected of you and consistently approach school life with a mature and responsible attitude. Keep up the fantastic work, Abel. We are very proud of you!

Congratulations to Amelia in Year 4 for demonstrating kindness at every opportunity. Like a golden thread running through everything you do, you consistently show our school values through your words and actions. It is this consistency, day after day, that is so valued and appreciated. Thank you for being such a wonderful role model to others, Amelia. We are very proud of you!

Well done to Phoebe in Year 2 for showing such wonderful consideration for others through your quiet acts of kindness. You consistently demonstrate our school expectations every day, not through seeking recognition, but through the thoughtful way you support and care for those around you. Your kindness, compassion and positive attitude make a real difference to our school community. We are very proud of you, Phoebe.

Finally, well done to Ada in Year 1 for demonstrating a wonderful understanding of responsibility through your actions at tidy-up time. You never stop until everything is tidy, not just the things you have used yourself. You take pride in looking after your classroom and helping others, showing great maturity and care for your environment. Thank you for setting such a fantastic example to everyone around you. We are very proud of you, Ada!

Thankful for members of our parent community.

I would like to extend my thanks to **Clarissa Wheeler** and **Emily Lerwill** for the brilliant work they have done over the past few years as part of our PTA. While I was pleased to be able to give them each a small gift at the end of the summer term as a token of appreciation, I also wanted to formally recognise their contribution, commitment and leadership.

Many parents have generously given their time to support PTA events over the years, and we are incredibly grateful for everyone who has helped. However, successful PTAs also need individuals who are willing to step forward, take the lead, organise events and keep things moving. Clarissa and Emily have done exactly that, dedicating countless hours to raising funds and creating memorable experiences for our children and families.

Over the summer holidays, the Lerwill family relocated to Cornwall to begin an exciting new chapter and set up their own business. I have been in touch with Emily, and I am pleased to hear that the boys are settling well into their new school and that the family's plans are starting to take shape. While we miss them, we wish them every happiness and success in their new adventure.

Many of you may also have heard that **Yulia**, our wonderful lunchtime cook, and her children have now returned to Ukraine. I cannot imagine how difficult this decision must have been for the family, and I know they face challenging times ahead.

Yulia was a valued member of our school community, and she will be greatly missed by both staff and children. Anastasiia will of course be missed by her classmates and we will try to get some communication to her from the class. I am sure you will join me in keeping Yulia and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Mrs Smyth and the Singleton Team