



NEWSLETTER



Friday 16th January 2026

Dates for next week

Monday 19 th January	P.E. Willow Class Music Lesson for Year 1 and 2 with Mr Chalke
Tuesday	P.E. Oak and Beech Class
Wednesday	Clubs P.E. Willow Class
Thursday	Free Active 8 club for Beech Class after school: communication already sent.
Friday	Swimming: Oak and Beech Class: wear P.E. kits

Worship this week

“Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

This week in worship we explored our new value of courage. Children shared moments when they feel brave—whether trying something new, speaking up, or facing challenges.

I had to show courage when:

“ I had to go to the doctor and they took my blood” Eden

“ I had my first swimming lesson “ Finley L

“I was doing the Nativity in Year 2” Oliver

“ when I went down a really big waterslide” Clementine

Beyond being the worship focus, being courageous is an important part of children’s development:

- **Builds new brain pathways:** Doing something challenging helps the brain form new connections.
- **Strengthens resilience:** Each courageous step teaches the brain it can cope with difficulty.
- **Reduces fear’s power:** Facing fears trains the brain to stay calm in tricky situations.
- **Boosts confidence:** Success releases positive chemicals that support learning and motivation.
- **Encourages a growth mindset:** Courage helps children see challenges as opportunities to learn.

With this in mind, I am hoping Miss Cain has received plenty of sign-ups for the corporate challenge race for Year 5 and 6 children. We will be signing up for this next week, so we do need to know names and numbers.

🌟 Golden Book 🌟

Well done to Jonah (Y1), who has really shone in his writing this week. He has shown how much focusing can improve the outcome, producing some brilliant work with impressive independence. Keep this going Jonah!

Congratulations to Hollie (Y2) for her wonderful writing about Tadpole's Promise this week. Her learning shows just how much can be achieved with focus and determination. Well done, Hollie!

Congratulations to Summer (Y4) for her fantastic contributions across all subjects. Her high participation and positive attitude make teaching a pleasure, and she sets a wonderful example for others to learn from.

Well done to Clementine (Y5) for sharing her fantastic knowledge about fossils with such enthusiasm, confidence, and a real passion for learning. She inspired everyone with her curiosity and expertise.

Film Night and thank you to the PTA

Thank you to the PTA members for organising, promoting and supporting the event tonight and to those families who have signed up for the event. Thanks also to Miss Kitka and Mrs Halfacree for staying as part of the staff team.

It's great to have something fun to enjoy as we hit the middle of January – it can feel like a long, dark month!

Small change to morning gate duty

As the team across both schools reflects on the first term of the partnership, we have looked closely at procedures which will support the smooth running of both schools.

With this in mind, the new office staff from both schools will now be on the gate for part of the week. Miss Beth Broad, who is our new office administrator will be on the gate on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Broad will take any messages that you have not emailed into school and ensure this is communicated with the staff team. This allows Mrs Radley to be in her classroom and available to the children, who are of course the priority.

Miss Broad started shortly before Christmas and is currently being trained by Mrs Holt. Mrs Holt is now in charge of the finance for both Singleton and Boxgrove, and will be working across both sites and from home. Therefore, when you call through you will often speak with Miss Broad.

Have a lovely weekend

***Theresa Smyth* and the Singleton Team**