



NEWSLETTER



Friday 12th June 2026

Monday 15 th June	Music Lesson for Willow Class School led clubs
Tuesday	P.E. For Willow Class P.E. for Beech Class Forest School for Oak Class
Wednesday	Music lessons for Beech and Oak Classes Some children at GAS SPORTS EVENT at Boxgrove. Collection at 3pm by parents.
Thursday	Forest School Willow Classes: FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHING P.E. for Beech Class
Friday	P.E. day for Oak Class

INSET Day – Phonics Development

Our recent INSET day focused on preparing for the introduction of a new phonics scheme, FFT Success for All Phonics, which we will begin using from September with our new Reception children and this half term with Year 1. The approach is similar to our current system but with some clear improved benefits:

- Staff training is fully online, allowing us to keep costs down and refresh knowledge
- Resources are more affordable than many other programmes
- Children learn letter names, sounds and how to form capital letters from the very beginning
- Parents will have access to an online portal with the books their children are reading, making it easier to practise at home
- There are actions to accompany each of the letters which aid memory

We know that many parents feel unsure about supporting phonics and reading at home, and we hope this portal will provide clear guidance and confidence.

The programme is taught in year groups, is fast-paced and builds quickly, with a built-in consolidation week each term to support any children who need further practice.

In Year 2, children will also use a linked spelling and reading programme. From September 2027, this will extend into Key Stage 2; until then, we will continue with our current Active Spelling approach.

Tests this week

This week, children in different classes have taken part in either phonics or multiplication tests. They have all tried incredibly hard, and we are very pleased with the effort and focus they have shown. The results will be shared alongside the school reports in July

Worship this term

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When joined together, these hands form the petals of beautiful sunflowers, symbolising how each act of kindness and respect contributes to a larger, shared expression of care, community, and connection.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another.” — Ephesians 4:32

Festival Reminder

The weather looks very promising for tomorrow’s festival – we can’t wait! Please do come along if you can; it’s set to be a lovely afternoon for our whole school community.

There is something for everyone to enjoy. Your £2 entry includes a free tea, coffee or squash, along with a slice of cake. There will also be a food truck on site, so you can come straight from clubs and enjoy some refreshments together.

The band starts at 1pm, and our warm-up act may feature some very familiar faces!

A huge thank you to our PTA, who have worked tirelessly behind the scene, giving up evenings, sourcing raffle prizes and organising every detail to make this event possible.

We are also very grateful to the Parish Council for kindly subsidising the event, helping to cover several children’s activities.

Events like this really do depend on people, and we would love to see as many families there as possible.

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Golden Book

Well done to Eden for her fantastic progress in phonics. Her focus has been brilliant, and she is now able to read and write a wide range of words. She is becoming a confident reader and writer and is very much ready for her next step into Year 1.

Congratulations to Eli for his fantastic creative writing. He is showing a growing confidence in using punctuation carefully to bring expression and meaning to his work, helping his writing to really come alive for the reader. It is wonderful to see the thought and creativity he is putting into his writing—well done!

Well done to George, who has been taking great care in his learning - particularly in his presentation and spelling. Just as importantly, he has shown a wonderful attitude towards his environment. George is the kind of person who doesn't wait for others; he takes responsibility, for example by picking up litter and making sure it goes in the bin. He shows a strong sense of community and a real understanding of playing his part - well done!

Finally, well done to Jacob, who has been consistently demonstrating excellent learning behaviours. His positive attitude and willingness to go above and beyond to support and look out for others really stands out. He is also developing his working memory, confidently recalling facts from previous learning to support himself in new situations. This is fantastic to see, well done!

Have a great weekend – the sunshine is back!

Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team