

Dear parents and carers,



*Make Every Minute
Meaningful*

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils and families! We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready for another exciting and busy year together. We are really looking forward to kicking off the 2026-27 school year and all that it has in store. As always, the school will be a busy place, with lots happening over the coming weeks, so please keep an eye out for correspondence and updates.

If you ever need any support or have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to come and see us — we are always happy to help.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Best wishes, Mrs Houghton and Mrs Webb



Our School Team: please see our school team below to help you find the right person to talk to if you would like any support. We are passionate about working closely with you.

Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Office Staff
Mrs Houghton Mrs Tamang Mrs Young	Mrs Collins Miss Burrell	Mrs Williams Mrs Easthill Mrs Clothier	Miss Cox (Mon, Tues, Fri) Mrs Bennet (Weds, Thurs)

Our senior leaders

Executive headteacher: Mrs Webb Operational Lead - Mrs Houghton
Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo: Mrs Litwin

September dates:

Wednesday 9th September - Teddy Bear Day Yr 1 and 2
Thursday 10th September - Oak Class first full time day
Thursday 10th September - Meet the teacher Year 1 at 8.45am
Friday 11th September - Meet the teacher Year 2 at 8.45am
Thursday 17th September - Year 2 to Pass Out Parade
Monday 21st September - Year R Parents Coffee Morning 9-10am
Thursday 24th September - Individual photos- whole school
Thursday 24th September - Year R phonics workshop for parents 2.30pm
Wednesday 30th September - School Nurse appointments available 9-3pm in school

October dates:

Monday 1st October: National Poetry Day
Wednesday 5th-Friday 7th October - Book Fair
Thursday 8th October - Year 1 and 2 Parent Reading Workshop 8.45 - 9.15am
Wednesday 14th October - Year R Stay and Play & nursery rhyme dress up day - all parents invited
Friday 16th October - Year 1 Rural Life Centre trip
Tuesday 20th October - Harvest Festival
Friday 23rd October - Inset day

November 2nd is an INSET day (no children to attend), Children return on Tuesday 3rd.

Free school meals

We would like to ask all parents to take a moment to consider whether your child may be eligible for **free school meals**, which also unlocks extra funding for the school called **Pupil Premium**.

Registering for FSM if you are eligible means the school receives extra government funding. This money is used to provide targeted support and additional learning resources.

Are you eligible?

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- **Universal Credit** (with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)
- **Income Support** or **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Child Tax Credit** (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of Pension Credit**



How to Apply

Applying is quick and confidential. You can check your eligibility instantly using the [Hampshire County Council OFSM Application](#)

Eligible Service families may be able to claim help towards before- and after-school childcare through the MOD Wraparound Childcare (WAC) scheme.



- Available for eligible children aged 4-11 who attend school or are home educated. Children registered as disabled may be eligible for longer.
- Families can claim up to 20 hours per week during term time (39 weeks), subject to regional funding limits.
- Childcare must be provided by an Ofsted-registered (or equivalent) provider, such as a school breakfast/after-school club or registered childminder.
- Families must have a Tax-Free Childcare account for each child and complete registration through JPA before making a claim.
- The MOD reimburses 80% of eligible costs, with the remaining 20% added through Tax-Free Childcare.

For more details and for instructions on how to register, use the following link:

<https://aff.org.uk/advice/education-childcare/mod-wraparound-childcare-scheme/>

Marlborough Smart uniform reminders:

We know the impact that pride in our uniform has on the pupils' learning attitude. We ask for your support in ensuring that children are Marlborough Smart by ensuring they are in the correct uniform each day.

Please see below some key reminders:

- Children are only permitted to wear one pair of earrings which must be studs. These must be removed or covered with tape provided on PE days.
- Children should be wearing black or grey school trousers/ skirt/ dress daily. Leggings and jogging bottoms are not permitted.
- Children should wear a white polo shirt which is different from their PE top.
- Nail polish and temporary tattoos must be removed before coming to school.
- Hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied up.
- A blue cardigan or jumper should be worn in school. Hoodies are not part of the uniform policy.
- Your child needs to wear plain, black shoes. Please see some examples below. Contact us if you're not sure.
- For PE, your child should have a white plain t-shirt, black shorts or leggings and suitable trainers. Joggers are permitted for outdoor PE.



Children's toys and items from home:

Please support the school by ensuring that children are not bringing in any items from home such as toys, pencil cases and elaborate key chains etc. Toys can easily become lost or damaged and often cause disagreements between children. The school will not take responsibility for personal items. Thank you for your support in helping us keep a calm and happy learning environment.



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