



PTS NEWS



February 2025

Headteacher's Comment

It has been a busy half term and the children have been working extremely hard across the whole school and we are very proud of them.

On Monday of this week, our year 5 and 6 runners braved the Arctic temperatures at Gang Warily for cross country running. They all showed huge courage and perseverance and represented the school beautifully.

The year 5 & 6 footballers played brilliantly in their tournaments in Brockenhurst and we were grateful for parents' support in transporting the teams.

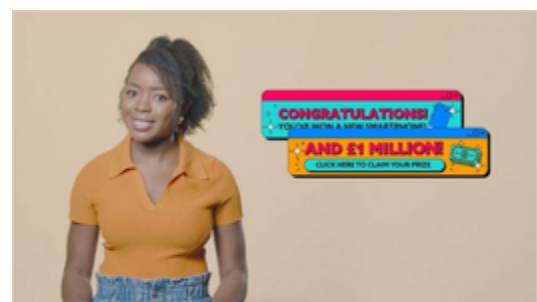
Next half term has a number of trips and sporting events planned, so we hope that the temperature warms up and the sun shines!

We hope that the children have a restful half term so they are ready for Spring 2.



Safer Internet Day 2025

On Tuesday we took part in National Internet Safety Day, which focused on identifying and avoiding online 'scams'. Click on the links if you want to find out more.



Safer Internet Day resources for 7-11-year-olds - on the topic of 'scams'.

A short video that introduces the topic of scams, explaining that people online sometimes try to trick us into giving them personal information or money.

--- BBC Teach



Parents and Carers

Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online

UK Safer Internet Centre



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Spring 1 Learning - Red Kites



Djembe Drumming – music for Spring 1 linked into our Geography focus this term Uganda. The children were learning which part of the drum produced high and low notes and were following different musical patterns to create a beat.

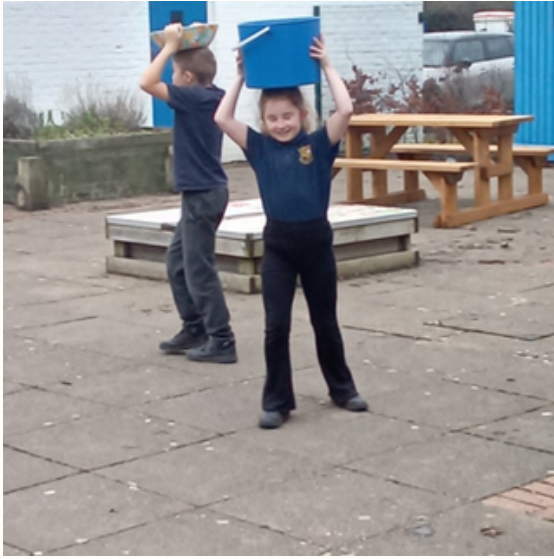


Science – does the viscosity of a liquid affect how quickly it falls?



We were investigating how Newtonian and non-Newtonian liquids change when a force is added.

Spring 1 Learning - Red Kites



In Geography we are studying the African country Uganda. We have been learning all about the landscape, the culture and what life is like in rural and urban Uganda. We imagined what it would feel like to have to fetch water for our homes – in rural Uganda – where water can be scarce.

Spring 1 Learning - Barn Owls



Barn Owls have been working their socks off this half term!

They have been enjoying learning about Shackleton and polar exploration, as well as thinking about the impact of tourism on Antarctica.

We have ended the half term by having a go at last year's SATs papers, which the children have approached with the most amazing attitude, showing courage and perseverance. They have all made so much progress this half term and should be very proud of themselves.

Spring 1 Learning - Falcons

In Falcons this half term, we have been investigating forces. We have investigated how to make multilink float, what shape makes something fall the slowest and most excitingly, how can we save an egg from falling to the ground? The children have worked well in small groups to see if they can scientifically come to a conclusion.



In History, we have studied the monarchs and have debated who we believe to be the most influential monarch.

The children prepared and delivered speeches in writing. They even shared their speeches with Year 4 and Year 6! In French, we have learned how to say different food and verbally presented if we like a food or not. We even had a go at trying different foods! The children were introduced to a music software called 'Music Lab' where they had to compose a piece of music that sounds like the planets.

It has been a great half-term where the children have been really resilient and independent, specifically when looking at different methods for multiplication and division.

Have a great half term!

Spring 1 Learning - Eagles

Since returning from the Christmas break Eagles have had a busy half term. We have packed a lot of learning into a short amount of time and the children should feel proud of their achievements.

The children have begun to learn about the Anglo Saxons which will lead on to the Viking era which will prepare us for our planned trip to the 878D Interactive Museum in Winchester (information to follow after half term) We have linked out history learning into our Art for the spring term where the children have started to look at the designs of Celtic crosses with the aim to creating their own out of clay after half term

Here's a little insight into what we else we have been up to this term!



In our Writing this term we have used a wonderful book called *The Legend of Podkin One Ear* as the driver for two main pieces of writing, a non-chronological report about the Gorm and a narrative escape. The children have been intrigued by the adventures of Podkin and his cunning pursuits to defeat the dreaded Gorm. The book has inspired many children in the class to obtain a copy for themselves to read. As part of the grammar learning for this unit of work, we have continued learning about expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and fronted adverbials which has really helped when describing the fearsome Gorm.



In our Science this half term we have been learning all about digestion and the digestive system. The children have thought about the different food groups and created some balanced diet ideas. We have looked at and learned about the digestive system and the part each part plays. The children drank really cold water to feel how it slipped from their mouths into their oesophagus to their stomachs.

Spring 1 Learning - Eagles



We concluded with in an investigation where the children made poo from placing crushed banana and crackers into a bag (representing the stomach) mixed with water and vinegar (to represent the acids and enzymes used to break food down) and squeezed through tights (to represent the intestine) to remove all the liquid and to form a solid lump of waste (poo/faeces).

In our Maths we've been continuing to focus a lot on our times tables which is so important to help with the main learning area of multiplication and division which we have also been covering. To give purpose and to help bring our Maths to life more we have been relating our learning to problem-solving and reasoning questions to relate our learning into real life problems.

PARENTS' EVENING

Bookings will open after the February half term. Parents/Carers will receive an email the first week back with the link for booking your 10 minute appointment slot with your child's class teacher.

Wednesday 19th March
Thursday 20th March

WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 6th March



We are sending out the vouchers this week as the books are in the shops now.

Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on the 6th.

BOOK DONATIONS

We are no longer taking donations of books.

We are very pleased to say that due to your generosity with our fundraising and amazing donations, our library is now well stocked!



SAILING

Would your child like the opportunity to try their hand at sailing? Royal Lyminster Yacht Club offer a session on a

Wednesday between 4 - 6pm. The cost is only £1.00 and includes a hot chocolate! Please ask the office for the contact name and number

YEAR 6 MATHS BOOSTERS

Don't forget maths booster sessions each week. Please let us know if there are any difficulties with the day that your child is doing or your child is not doing a booster session and would like to.



* SATs *

SATs week is w/c 12th
May

DEBT

As we head towards the end of the financial year, please may we ask that you check Scopay (or enquire at the office) and clear any debt

THANK YOU!



ACTIVITIES CLUB

Reminder: our Activities Club is at the earlier time of 5pm until 6.30pm - we look forward to seeing you there!



There will be no Activities Club on Friday the 14th (the last day of thi term)

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB DOORBELL

If there is no-one in the office, please use the doorbell on the front door to reach the Afterschool Club.

If you cannot get anyone's attention, please phone 01590 672104

Thank you

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

There will be no change to clubs after February 1/2 term, but they will finish at 4.30pm

PLEASE make prompt payment to clubs on Scopay, or with cash at the school office, to ensure they can continue to run effectively.

** Clubs remain at only £1 a session! **

CHANGE TO MENU

We will be changing week 1 Wednesday menu from the sticky chicken to chicken nuggets



NUT FREE SCHOOL

Reminder: we are a nut free school. Please be mindful of health bars, cereal and breakfast bars especially those containing a chocolate nutty filling!



IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 14th February – No Activities Club

Monday 17th February - Half Term

Monday 24th February - Spring Term 2

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th March - Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Friday 14th March - Red Nose Day. No donations as we have our annual charity day in October

Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th March - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 25th March - Year 4 Trip to Winchester

Wednesday 26th March - Year 6 Trip

Wednesday 26th - Monday 31st March - Book Fair

Wednesday 2nd April - Year 3 Trip to Fishbourne

Friday 4th April - Last Day of Term

Monday 7th April - Easter Holidays

Monday 21st April - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April - Summer Term 1

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 12th May - Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 26th May - Half Term

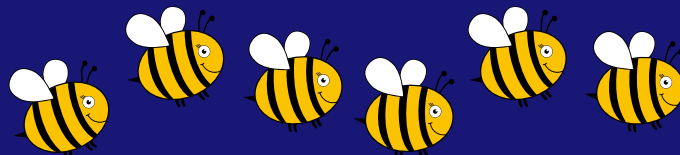
Monday 2nd June - Summer Term 2

Monday 9th June - Class Photos

Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th June - Year 6 Residential

Inset Day

Friday 23rd May





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Whatever Next?

Monday 17 February 10.30am - 3pm

Is it a bird? Is it a plane?
It is wherever your
imagination takes you in
our big box adventure!



Come and transform a box with craft materials and
your imagination*.

£2 per family / One box per family / No need to book just turn up.

Parent/Carers must stay with children under 9 /

*Boxes and craft materials provided.





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Green & Thrifty.

Crafty Garden

Lymington Library

Friday 21 February 10am-4pm



Join us for some green and thrifty crafts. Design your own flowers to plant in recycled cardboard pots and decorate a bug suncatcher to match.



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