

APPRECIATION ❤️ **BELONGING** ❤️ **COMPASSION**

*Patience produces character, and character produces hope.
And this hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts.*

BEE RECOGNISED

In our Bee Book and in Celebration Worship this week the following children were recognised:

Bumblebees: **Arthur R** for bee-ing a great learner this week. He has listened really well and has tried his very best. Well done Arthur!

Evie DB for her amazing creativity skills. She made her friends the most wonderful cat puppets so they could create their very own show for Bumblebees to enjoy. Keep up the super learning!

Rosa W for an excellent week of learning. Rosa follows our three school rules; Ready, Respectful, Safe, at all times and is a lovely Bumblebee to have in class. Well done!

Honey Bees: **Eleanor H and Amelia N** for bee-ing extra helpful and kind this week whilst Miss Kirby was at Avon Tyrrell. You are always helpful but Mrs Hayes and Miss Brown said they have been even more helpful and grown up this week!

Carpenter Bees: **Lucas R** for bee-ing super resilient worker and taking time and effort when writing his instructions on how to wash a King Cobra. Your work was fantastic! Keep up the hard work, Lucas.

Year 3: **Felix M and Fin RW** for bee-ing such superstar writers, they worked independently to apply their skills we have practised to successfully complete their stories and then edit them to make improvements. Well done boys!

Year 4: **Elsie S and Aoife W** for fantastic story writing this week. They have written with flair and confidence choosing words for variety and effect. What a great writing pair.

Alfred DH for bee-ing a brilliant learner and acting upon the advice given to him. He has transformed his handwriting over the last two weeks and is applying great strategies to support more complex addition and subtraction work rather than keeping all the working out in his head.

Year 5: **Lucy I, Ellie N and George PK** for using all the strategies they have been taught in Maths and bee-ing both focused and accurate.

Beekeepers: Back Next Week!

WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome Sam Battersby to our support team. Sam comes with many years of experience in primary schools and will work 3 days a week in both Honeycomb and Honey Bee classes.



AVON TYRRELL

This week, our Year 6 children have been in the New Forest on their residential visit. They have enjoyed lots of different activities away from the classroom, such as high ropes, climbing wall, marshmallow toasting, den building and zip wire!

They also had the added excitement of meeting HRH Princess Anne and Nigel Mansell on Monday! The Princess Royal was given a tour of the site, along with meeting the children and helped to plant a tree to celebrate the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who officially opened the centre in 1949.

The children have also enjoyed mostly dry weather and sunshine, which is always a bonus! A very big thank you to **Mrs Noott, Mrs Hardie and Miss Kirby** who have spent

this time away from their own families so that our children can have this amazing experience. The children have worked together as a team and encouraged each other through every activity. We are looking forward to welcoming them all back to school on Monday

and I am sure they will have lots of things to share with their families over the weekend! There are lots of photos on our website, do take a look.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the children who have their birthday in this week

Hudson R Brodie RW
Autumn P

Thank you to Hudson R and Brodie RW who have donated some fantastic books to the library for their birthdays. Mrs Howling will add a sticker to the front with their name on it.

If you would like to donate a book for your child's birthday, the link to our wishlist is:

<https://amzn.eu/bXvpSme>

INTERESTED IN LOCAL HISTORY AND FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH?

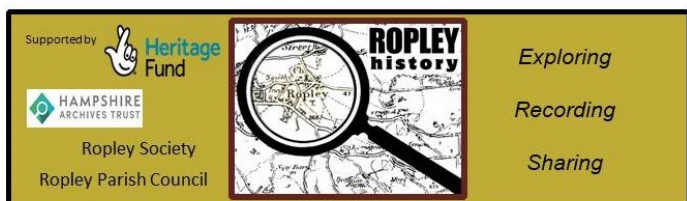
Come along to the St Peter's newly restored Church in Ropley this Saturday for our Researching Local and Family History event between 10.30pm – 3pm, free admission.

Ropley's beautiful, newly restored church will be nice and warm, with toilets, light refreshments and plenty of room to move around and view the local stalls, selling local history books etc, displays and local collections. There will also be two talks (£5 each).

11.30-12.30 - Starting out on local history using Hampshire archives: illustrated with examples from Ropley and elsewhere. A talk by Sarah Lewin from the Hampshire Records Office. A talk on the basic sources for local history at HRO with some Ropley examples (tithe map, wills, parish registers, and a local individual). In addition, she will include a live demo of how to use the HRO online catalogue to find sources relating to Ropley. £5

1.15pm – 2.15pm – Your Ancestors Uncovered – how to start researching you own family history. – Fiona Ranger, from the Hampshire Genealogy Society will give guidance on subjects that include certificates, censuses and parish registers, all very valuable resources for tracing your genealogy. The talk will end with how to record your research in a family tree. £5.

Further details including parking, are available on our website <https://www.ropleyhistory.org.uk/events/event/researching-your-local-and-family-history>



Ropley History Network and Archive

DIARY DATES

New dates or changes in bold

Tues 17th Oct	Yr R Only - Height, Weight & Vision Autumn Born Children Parents Evening, 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wed 18th Oct	Nasal Flu Vaccination, All Years FROGS Pumpkins & Popcorn, 3.15pm Parents Evening, 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Fri 20th Oct	Break for Half Term
Mon 30th Oct	Return to School Autumn 2
Mon 13th Nov	INSET Day
Fri 3rd Nov	House Cross Country
Fri 17th Nov	Children In Need Day
Wed 22nd Nov	Full Governing Body Meeting, 6pm
Fri 24th Nov	Santa's Grotto & Christmas Market
Fri 1st Dec	House Cross Country, 2pm
Tues 5th Dec	FROGS Christmas Wreath Workshops
Wed 6th Dec	Infant Nativity to Parents, 9.30am
Wed 13th Dec	PANTO TIME! - Snow White at The Mayflower, 2pm
Thur 14th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

PUMPKINS & POPCORN

Our amazing pumpkin truck is back on Wednesday 18th, after school.

Carving pumpkins, hot chocolate and popcorn for sale plus a free piece of fruit for every child!
Very kindly sponsored by Complete Weed Control, contact Sarah Allen (year 2) for more details.



WINCHESTER BASICS BANK

Winchester Basics bank are running a school holiday lunch scheme over the Christmas break. The scheme will provide food for 10 meals per child, and is designed to replace the hot meal that children would receive in school. For more information, or to register please visit; <https://winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/get-help/> or email; holidaylunch@winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk or telephone 01962 864720

PARENTS EVENINGS

Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th October
3.30pm - 6.30pm

Bookings via the Arbor Parent Portal will close
TONIGHT AT 8PM!

If you have not made a booking and still wish to do so please call the school office on Monday morning to see what slots are still available. Calls via Teams can also be scheduled - please include the email address to send the teams invite to when making the booking. If you have not put in an email address, we will assume you are coming into school.



PUMPKINS & POPCORN

ROPLEY'S PUMPKIN TRUCK
IS BACK!

3 - 4PM WEDNESDAY
18 OCTOBER 2023

PUMPKINS & GOURDS
POPCORN &
HOT CHOCOLATE

FREE FRUIT FOR KIDS!

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Rotary Shoebox Scheme

www.rotaryshoebox.org

Suggestions for filling your shoebox

Child ~ For young children

Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough / plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens / gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

Teenagers ~ up to 18 years age

Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, football memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, roll-on deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, school stationery, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

Household Goods ~ For older folk & families

Scarves, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes, T-lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

Baby ~ Age up to 12 months

This is given to new mothers and can include baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby oil, talc powder, bonnet, booties and mitts, baby grow, baby blanket, small soft toy or plastic rattle...

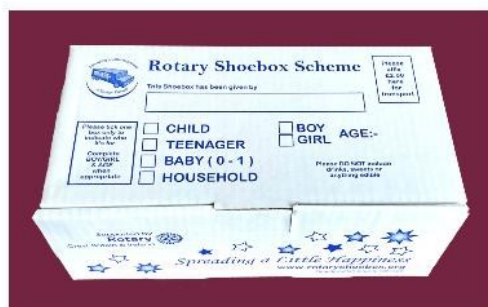
WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE IN ANY BOX

Do not include any sweets, chocolate, drinks or food of any kind

(They are against Customs regulations at country borders)

Battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (eg: deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living material, automatic washing machine powders

Please securely sellotape tops of liquid containers.
Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into a CHILD box



- It is important to indicate on the box lid, who the box is for.
- The contents are of good quality.
- The box should be completely filled.
- Remember that the recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation, and especially with the toys for the children, quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for a very long time.

“Spreading a Little Happiness”

FREE
EVENT

FRI 27 OCT 2023
10AM-4PM
HSDC ALTON COLLEGE

NEW DIRECTIONS

HELICOPTER
FLIGHT
SIMULATOR!



FREE
TRANSPORT
AVAILABLE

ARE YOU LOOKING
TO VOLUNTEER? CONSIDERING A
CHANGE OF CAREER?
WANT TO RETRAIN?

Find many local opportunities at
New Directions on Friday 27 October.
Visit: easthants.gov.uk/new-directions



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like *The Traitors*, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site *GCRecon* and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including *IGN* and *TechRadar*.



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PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Every year, the Government allocates funding to schools to help address the national trend that disadvantaged students do not attain as highly as non-disadvantaged students. This valuable extra money is allocated to schools to provide additional or enhanced provision, so that no child is left behind in their education as a result of financial circumstances. This can include subsidising after school clubs and trips as well as providing additional learning support or resources in class, for example.

Eligibility criteria

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Parents and carers can check eligibility simply and easily by visiting:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

and clicking on 'New Application'. Once you have input your details it will return an instant result and notify the school office electronically of your eligibility. If you would prefer us to check on your behalf, please email Mrs Burr with YOUR name, YOUR date of birth and YOUR national insurance number. We would like to reassure you that all applications made are confidential and no child is identified as a Pupil Premium child in any way in their day to day school life. Equally being entitled to free school meals does not mean your child has to eat a meal every day!

Even if your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and already entitled to Universal Free School Meals, if you think you might be entitled to this benefit please complete the form. This valuable extra funding ensures that we can offer many different types of support throughout the years your child is at our school and will ensure they continue to receive free school meals as they move into KS2.

**Just one day of qualifying entitlement = 6 years of funding!
Current funding = £1455 per child per academic year**