

APPRECIATION ❤️ BELONGING ❤️ COMPASSION

*I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for his sheep*

## HAMPSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE VISIT

Our Year 6 children were given the amazing treat of a flight simulator visit this half term. This was first prize in a raffle at last year's Admin Officers Conference, which we were delighted to win! Fit with real controls and pedals, as in the real aircraft, the simulator allowed the children to take off and fly themselves across a digital model of Hampshire, spotting their own back garden on screen. The real challenge was landing the aircraft, which resulted in lots of laughter. The children also tried on equipment that is used by the flight crew. Throughout the experience, a HIOWAA staff member was on hand to help and educate the students about the real crew and aircraft. Take a look at the photos on our website! The Air Ambulance is a fully funded charity that relies solely on donations. They are an amazing organisation that saves lives every single day. If you would like to make a donation, please visit their website <https://www.hiowaa.org/donate/>



## PANCAKE RACES

Today we held our annual pancake races! The children raced for their house in heats on Thursday, with the final races held on Friday! Luckily the weather proved to be dry enough today and the children were able to use the playground to cheer on their house! The winners of this year's Pancake Race was: **HAPPEL!**

There are lots of photos on our website, please take a look.



We also said goodbye to **Lynn**

**Thompson** who is leaving us today to start a new job in the NHS. We are sure that she will welcome the opportunity to work in a warm, dry office with a comfy, adult sized chair and be able to take regular comfort breaks whenever she wants (or needs) to! Needless to say, we will all miss her and wish her every success in the future.

## NEW STORAGE FOR NORMA'S GARDEN

Thanks to additional funding from EHDC S106 Generic Funding Allocation, we have been able to purchase a storage shed for Norma's Garden. This means that we can store the game pieces for the games tables, and books and activities that the children would like to use in Norma's Garden.

This is the final piece of equipment for Norma's Garden as we now move onto the installation of the bee friendly garden area. This is being planned for after half term and we will soon be asking for volunteers to help us to get the groundworks completed so that planting can begin in earnest. **A very big thank you to John Henry Wicks** who is going to supply all of the hard

landscaping materials that we need. Look out for a 'Groundforce' Day, soon after half term, when we will ask for volunteers for an hour or two to get the garden ready for planting! Exciting times!



## PLEASE LET ME BLOOM!



Our crocuses and snow drops have started to pop through the grass, indicating that spring is on its way! Please don't allow your children to trample them in their haste at the beginning and end of the day. They really do deserve a chance to stand tall and bloom!

## INCLUSION HUB

This week we discussed emotion coaching by Dr John Gottman. Mrs Hayes has left some resources in the foyer for you to take if you were unable to attend this week. If you would like to learn more about Emotion Coaching follow the link and watch the 5 or 25 minute videos explaining it in more detail:

<https://www.emotioncoachinguk.com/resources-for-professionals-parents-carers>



## Safer Internet Day

The theme of this year's Safer Internet Day was **'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'**.

[Safer Internet Day](#) is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year it covers an online issue or theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year's Safer Internet Day will be focusing on change online, this includes:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

The Safer Internet Day website has lots of information and resources which you may find of interest. Click on the link above to take you straight to the website!

There is also lots of information on our website here:

[Online Safety—What Parents Need To Know](#)

There is also a folder in the entrance lobby with copies of all the posters which are produced by National Online Safety. They cover popular apps and games such as **Roblox, Snapchat, Instagram, FNaF, Minecraft** and much, much more! Please help yourself if you would like to take any away with you. Their latest poster is always included in this newsletter on page 5.

*This week's theme in Worship has been 'The Good Shepherd'. The children have considered what a good shepherd should be. They learnt that the shepherds generous and kind leadership of their sheep was used as an example of Jesus, which was why the shepherd was chosen as the first to meet the Baby Jesus. Christians believe that God is the voice we should all listen to and that He will show us what good leadership looks like so that we may be kind and loving to those who need our help.*

## DIARY DATES

New dates or changes in bold

<b>Mon 19th Feb</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
Tues 20th Feb	Return to School Spring 2
Thur 29th Feb	Last Teacher Led Club Session
Fri 1st Mar	House Cross Country, 2pm
<b>Wed 6th Mar</b>	<b>Yr 1 &amp; 2 Royal Victoria Country Park</b>
Thur 7th Mar	World Book Day
<b>Tue 12th Mar</b>	<b>Listen2Me Concert to Parents, 11am Carpenter Bee Class Only</b>
Wed 13th Mar	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Thur 14th Mar	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Fri 15th Mar	Comic Relief Day
Wed 20th Mar	Full Governing Body Meeting
<b>Tue 26th Mar</b>	<b>Dramabeasts Performance to Parents And children, 2.30pm</b>
Thur 28th Mar	Easter Performance to Parents at St Peter's, 9.30am
	Open Afternoon for parents to view Children's books, 2pm
Thur 28th Mar	Break for Easter
Mon 15th Apr	Return to School Summer 1
Wed 22nd May	Year 4 & 5 Dress Rehearsal
Thur 23rd May	Founders Day



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

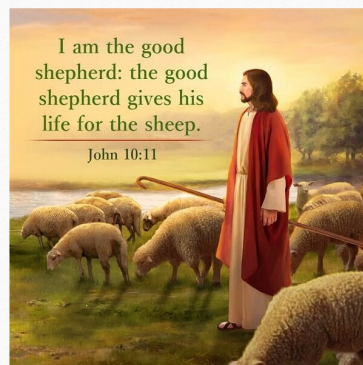
**Happy Birthday** to all the children who have their birthday in this week and over half term :

**Leonardo F Zeph S Emily I**  
**Harrison D Skyla S Theo C**

*Thank you to Cissy B and Theo C for the fabulous books they have donated to the library for their birthdays. Thank you to Cissy B also for the crayons she has donated to her class for her birthday. Mrs Howling will put sticker in the front of the books with their name on.*

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

<https://amzn.eu/bXvpSme>



*Jesus uses a Good Shepherd as a good example of good leadership.*

*Christians believe because God is the most good being, his leadership and voice as the Good Shepherd is one we can follow.*





# Hampshire County Youth Orchestra OPEN DAY



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**Saturday 23 March 2024, 10.15am - 2.30pm**  
**Thornden Hall – Chandler's Ford**

- Thinking of joining the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra?
- Come along to join in and see what it's all about!
- Play alongside current members, meet other players, and take part in a short, informal performance for parents at 2.00pm.
- Orchestral musicians welcome- including harps and percussion.
- If you are unable to come along, but would like to audition later this term, do get in touch
- The day is aimed at String players grades 4 + and Brass/Wind/Percussion/Harp players grades 6 +

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# FEBRUARY HALF TERM WEEK!

**DODGEBALL,  
GYMNASTICS &  
AFCON WEEK**



SOCCER SCHOOLS UK ARE RUNNING THEIR POPULAR  
**FOOTBALL & MULTI-SPORT CAMPS** ON THE FOLLOWING  
DAYS DURING THE FEBRUARY HALF TERM PERIOD



## FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP

### DATES

MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

### COST

£20 PER CHILD, PER DAY  
(STANDARD DAY)

£28 PER CHILD, PER DAY  
(EXTENDED DAY)

### STANDARD HOURS

DROP OFF FROM 8:45am - 9:30am

COLLECTION FROM 3:15pm - 4pm

### EXTENDED HOURS

EARLY DROP OFF FROM 8:15am-8:45pm (£5)

LATE COLLECTION TO 4pm -4:45pm (£5)

FULL EXTENDED DAY 8:15am-4:45pm (£8)

## INFO

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR  
HOLIDAY CAMP PROCEDURES, THE  
FORMAT OF THE DAY AND WHAT TO  
BRING, PLEASE CHECK THE HOLIDAY  
CAMPS SECTION, OF OUR WEBSITE-

[www.soccerschoos-uk.com/booking](http://www.soccerschoos-uk.com/booking)

## CONTACT

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## BOOK ONLINE

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# SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

## for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

### NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

### RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

### TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

### STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

### DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

### IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

### ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

### REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

### THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

### SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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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**