

Friday 11th October 2024

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

*Do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased*

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Harvest Festival service on Tuesday and to everyone who donated food for the Alton Foodbank. We collected a large amount of items which were very gratefully collected by the Foodbank on Thursday. Every item will go to a family who needs supporting.

If you know of any family in need please do let us know in confidence as we are Foodbank Voucher holders.

I hope you will agree that the Harvest Service was a joy to watch. The children performed their songs with enthusiasm and



enjoyed sharing the actions which go with the songs! The poems were really thoughtful, too, and there is a

collation of poems from Beekeeper Class in the entrance lobby for you to look through, if you wish. There is also a book of Autumnal Art Work from Honeycomb Class in the Reception Area.

*A very big thank you, also, to everyone who bought a ticket for the Tadpoles Raffle to win a hamper of Autumnal nibbles and wine! Congratulations to Lucy Rogers who held the winning ticket.*

*They raised a fantastic £123.50!*

## ABSENCE

Regular school attendance brings enormous benefits to individual pupils, their families, schools and the community as a whole. Without regular attendance, levels of attainment suffer and opportunities are missed to obtain maximum benefit from education. Persistent absence and lateness will affect a child's achievement and progress in school. Comprehensive research shows that there is a direct link between a child's level of school attendance and their level of school attainment.

As a parent it is your legal responsibility to ensure your child receives a suitable full-time education. It is your responsibility that your child attends school each day and is on time. Children with attendance less than 96% are identified as a concern if absences are unauthorised. Your child's up to date attendance rate can always be seen in the Arbor Parent Portal.

### Request for Authorised Absence

Please note that holidays in term time will not usually be authorised. If you need to take your child out during term time you will need to complete a 'Request to authorise absence form' available from the school office. Please note that we are required by HCC to fine parents who take their children out of school during term time.



## BEE RECOGNISED

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



**Bumblebees:** Will be joining Celebration Worship soon!

**Honey Bees:** *Bessie B* for her brilliant writing this week. She has tried really hard at using her Fred talk to help her spell and has also been remembering all of her full stops! Your writing has been a pleasure to read, Bessie!

**Freddie H** for his excellent ideas during class discussions. He listens beautifully to his class mates and has shared brilliant ideas during maths, English and history. Keep up the great work, Freddie!

**Carpenter Bees:** *Ruby D* and *Phoebe S* for their brilliant work on number bonds this week. They have confidently used Base 10 to recognise number bonds to 100.

**Nectar:** *Rosie C, Theo H and William R* for doing fabulous artwork Jasper Johns style. All of their artwork was bright, brilliant and portrayed the artists style spectacularly! Well done all of you!

**Trixie G** for a super start to Nectar class, for bee-ing ready and resilient when things are tough. Well done, Trixie, keep up the fab work, you are doing brilliantly!

**Year 5:** In Year 5 we have written letters in English. **Scott C, Alba G and Elsie S** have written fantastic letters full of great ideas, with features such as brackets and relative clauses. Well done.

**Year 6:** *Samuel H and Jake S* for really increasing their participation in our class discussions, helping everyone to learn and showing their own excellent understanding of the topics taught.

**Lucas D** for putting so much effort into learning new concepts at home in his own time. It is really paying off and he is making fantastic progress.



Bookings for our Extended Day provision continue to grow on a weekly basis! We are delighted that our Extended Day team are offering such a valued service and the children are enjoying our offer. We are now in a position where some days are fully booked so it is more important than ever to make sure you are **booking in advance** as we cannot always accommodate last minute bookings. We are fortunate to have some staff flexibility which allows us to take more children than ever before, but numbers are beginning to outweigh our staffing provision. Please, please, make your bookings in advance and keep your accounts up to date.

During Worship this week, the children considered 'Sharing' and heard the story of how God provided for Elijah. They learned that God always provides and that Harvest is a time to not only thank God for the food that we have received but also to be willing to share what we have. Sharing with others shows our Compassion and how our school community comes together to help those who may be in need.

## PARENTS EVENING—BOOKING REMINDER

Our first parents evening of this academic year will be held on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October , 3.30pm to 6.30pm. We will again offer a hybrid option of in person appointments or online appointments via TEAMS. Please let us know in the comments box your email address to send the Teams invite to if you choose this option.

Bookings are made via the Arbor Parent Portal and will go live on:

**Monday 7th October at 9am**

Bookings via the portal will close on

**Sunday 20th October at 8pm**

Please call the school office if you have any problems logging in or need any help.

## WINTER MENU CHANGE

Education Catering have now released their winter menu which will be offered from Monday 4th November through to Friday 4th March 2025. Details are available on our website here:

### Winter Menu 2024-25

If you would like a printed copy of the menu, please let Mrs Howling know.



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

**Ivy B      George R**  
**Autumn P      Hudson R      Brodie RW**



Thank you to **Henry R** and **George R** who have each donated a fantastic book to the school library for their birthdays. Mrs Howling will put a sticker in the front with their name on it!

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

<https://amzn.eu/bXvpSme>



## AUTUMN TERM 2024/25

Sun 13th Oct



Harvest Celebrations at St Peter's service followed by Harvest Lunch at 12 noon. Come along and celebrate this year's harvest.

No need to book for the lunch, but if you think you might be able to come, please let Angela Henderson, our Church Administrator know ([admin@ropleybenefice.church](mailto:admin@ropleybenefice.church)).

Parking is available to the back of the church - access to it is from Hale Close.

Tues 15th Oct

Bumblebee Parents Phonics Workshops, 2.45pm and 5.00pm

Wed 16th Oct

Teacher Led Clubs begin, 3.15pm to 4.00pm

Mon 21st Oct

**FROGS Parent Social - Come and join fellow parents for a get together at the Tichborne Arms**

Tues 22nd Oct

Parents Evening, 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Wed 23rd Oct

Parents Evening, 3.30pm to 6.30pm (No Teacher Led Clubs today)

Fri 25th Oct

Break for Half Term

Mon 4th Nov

Return to School for Autumn 2

Thur 7th Nov

Year R Autumn Born Height and Weight Programme

Fri 8th Nov

Nasal Flu Vaccine Programme, All Children

**Mon 18th Nov**

**INSET DAY**

Tues 19th Nov

Inclusion Hub, 8.45am-9.30am, Staff Room

**Thur 28th Nov**

**Village Fayre - please come along and support the school and village with a chance to buy locally sourced stocking fillers, treats and gifts**

**Fri 29th Nov**

**Magical Santa's Grotto & Christmas Activities, 3.20pm to 6.20pm**



**Details to follow soon! Limited Spaces!**

**Thur 12th Dec**

**KS1 Nativity (Provisional Date)**

**Fri 13th Dec**

Years R, 1 & 2 to The Anvil for Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

**Join us at the village shop for a festive afternoon of carols, mulled wine, apple juice and Mince pies after school**

Tues 17th Dec

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 to The Mayflower for Jack and the Beanstalk

Fri 20th Dec

End of Autumn Term

## SPRING TERM 2024/25

Mon 6th Jan

Return to School for Spring Term

**Mon 20th Jan**

**Inclusion Hub, 8.45am-9.30am, Staff Room**

Fri 31st Jan

Year 2 and 5 Fire Service visit at school

Fri 14th Feb

End of Spring Half Term 1

Mon 24th Feb

INSET Day

Tues 25th Feb

Return to School Spring 2

Thur 27th Feb

Bikeability for Year 6 Day 1

Fri 28th Feb

Bikeability for Year 6 Day 2

**Mon 10th Mar**

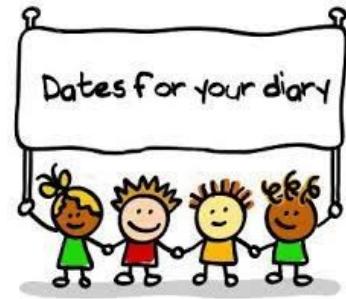
**Inclusion Hub, 8.45am-9.30am, Staff Room**

**Thur 3rd April**

**Nectar Class Fundraiser - Jumble Sale, 3pm - Poster on Page 5**

Fri 4th Apr

End of Spring Term





# Self-Care Fair



Saturday 23 November 11am-3 pm  
Alton Sports Centre GU34 1ST

*Join us for an exciting event full of valuable tips from support organisations on how to feel good about yourself and take care of your health.*

## Get your...

Get you blood pressure checked  
Flu & Covid vaccinations (subject to eligibility)  
Weight management advice  
Health & wellbeing advice



Notice Nature



Make time for friends



Eat a Balanced Diet



Count your steps

## Workshops

NHS App: Step-by-step guidance – A31 PCN : 11.30pm  
Fire Safety and Home Security – *The Blue Lamp Trust* : 12pm  
Weight Loss – *Gloji* : 1pm  
Autism Hampshire : 1.30pm



Listen to Music



Get lost in a Book



Ensure a good night's sleep

## Help with:

Mental health, dementia, financial challenges, exercise, addiction, benefits, autism, cancer, anxiety, debt, diabetes, CAMHS, domestic abuse and more.



**Alton Primary Care**

Health & Wellbeing  
at the Heart of  
Our Community

Parking at Alton Sports Centre is free but limited. Do consider walking or using public transport or using alternative locations such as Alton Community Hospital, Jubilee Fields or Alton Cardiac Rehab (from 11.30).



St Peter's Church  
ROPLEY



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Calling ages 5-13! Join us for a whole load of fun during church on Sunday! Within the 10am service, in the Coffee Rooms.

Come to church for the start of the service.



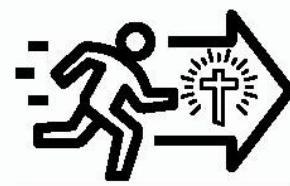
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Share  
the Word



Explore &  
Respond



Go with  
God

# Nectar Class Fundraiser

# Spring Clothes Sale

From babies  
clothing to adults!

Thursday 3rd April 2025,  
3pm on the school  
playground.

Are you looking to  
declutter your space?

Can you help us to  
raise some funds for  
Ropley School?

**NECTAR CLASS NEED  
CLEAN, QUALITY  
DONATIONS FOR  
THEIR CLASS  
FUNDRAISER!**

Clothes and shoes  
wanted, any age, any  
size, any season!  
Must be in reasonable  
resaleable condition.



**WHEN TO  
DONATE:** Please  
leave your  
donations  
weekdays at  
pick-up time  
ONLY (by 3:15pm)  
for Nectar Class  
Rep to collect.



**HOW TO  
DONATE:** Please  
leave your  
donations in  
clearly marked  
bags in the  
school foyer.

# mini crotchets

Wonderful music classes for toddlers

at St Peter's Church, Ropley

Thursdays at 9.15 - 9.50  
followed by coffee

Starting on 12<sup>th</sup> September



12 weeks £60 or £7.50 per drop in  
Cash or card payments accepted at the class

More info [www.minicrotchets.co.uk](http://www.minicrotchets.co.uk)

Or call Joya 07973 851720

# GINGERBREAD COMPETITION

## IN ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, BISHOP'S SUTTON

### ON SUNDAY 15th. DECEMBER '24 @ 10.00 a.m.

**WONDERING HOW TO WOW YOUR  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS THIS CHRISTMAS?**

FANCY PUTTING YOUR BAKING SKILLS TO  
THE TEST BY ENTERING OUR  
GINGERBREAD COMPETITION?

**PRIZE FOR BEST TWO ENTRIES: A VUE CINEMA GIFT CARD**

**Competition entries should comprise of either:**

- 1) Your personally designed Gingerbread House decorated in your own Christmas style.  
**OR**
- 2) Your personally designed Christmas Gingerbread Person decorated in your own unique style.

**Interested?**

Please register by sending your name and email address to:  
**[bstncomps@hotmail.com](mailto:bstncomps@hotmail.com)** by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>.December 2024

Take your entry to St. Nicholas Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. December 2024 at 10.00 a.m. for judging. Please click on the QR code to make a donation. All donations gratefully received for Church roof fund.



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about INSTAGRAM



Instagram is a highly popular social media platform with over 2 billion active monthly users. The app is continuously updating and adding new features to meet the wishes of its audience, allowing them to upload images and videos to their Instagram feed, create interactive 'stories', go live, exchange private messages or explore and follow other accounts that catch their eye.

## ADDITION

Many social media platforms, Instagram included, are designed to keep us engaged on them for as long as possible. They encourage scrolling often and scrolling more in case we miss something important – in essence, a fear of missing out. On Instagram, young people can lose track of time when aimlessly scrolling and watching videos posted by friends, acquaintances, influencers and possibly strangers.

## UNREALISTIC IDEALS

Children sometimes compare themselves to what they see online: how they look, how they dress, and the way their life is going in comparison to others on social media. However, most people only share the positives about their lives online and many use filters when sharing pictures of themselves. A constant comparison with unrealistic ideals can lead to insecurity over one's own appearance and lifestyle.

## GOING LIVE

Livestreaming on Instagram allows users to connect with friends and followers in real time. Risks increase if the account is public, because that means anyone can watch the broadcast, which could result in further contact from strangers. Additional dangers of going live include an impulse to act inappropriately to draw more viewers, as well as being exposed to harmful content or offensive language.

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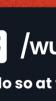
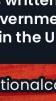
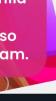
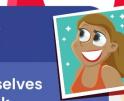
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## Advice for Parents & Educators

### AVOID GOING PUBLIC

If a young user wants to share their clothing style, make up or similar and use product tagging to show off the items in their post, they may be tempted to change their settings to public. This leaves their profile visible to everyone, which carries the risk of strangers getting in touch with them. Set a child's account to private and explain the importance of keeping it this way.

### HAVE AN OPEN DIALOGUE

Talk to children about the positives and negatives of social media, including the risks involved and how they can view or create content safely with family and friends. Explain how safety settings will ensure only followers can view them, and why this is so important. Also, if you find a child continuously uses filters on their photos, ask them why and impress on them that they don't need it.

### MANAGE LIKE COUNTS

Due to the potential impact on mental wellbeing, Instagram allows users to hide the total likes on their posts, to prevent people from obsessing over that number in the corner. Users can hide like counts on all the posts in their feed as well as on their own posts. This means others can't see how many likes a person gets. This can be done by going into Settings > Notifications > Posts > Likes > Off.

### USE MODERATORS

Instagram Live has implemented a mechanic called 'Moderators', meaning that creators can assign a moderator and give them the power to report comments, remove viewers and remove the ability for certain viewers to comment at all. Consider this if a child in your care wants to go live on the platform. It's also recommended to keep devices in communal spaces so you're aware if a child does go live or watch a livestream.

### FOLLOW INFLUENCERS

Following influencers will allow you to monitor what they're sharing as well as being able to discuss anything which you deem inappropriate. Talk to children about who they follow and help them to develop critical thinking skills about what the influencer is trying to do. For example, encourage the child to ask themselves if an influencer is trying to sell them a product when they make a video endorsing it.

### BALANCE YOUR TIME

Instagram has a built-in activity dashboard that lets you control how much time is spent on the app. Make sure children sign in to the platform with the correct age, as Instagram's 'Teen Accounts' afford much more control for parents and carers over how long they can use the app each day. Talk with young users about how much time they spend on Instagram and work together to set a healthy time limit.

### Meet Our Expert

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



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 INSET Day


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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:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- 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 guarantee 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.

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**