



Newsletter September 11th 2026



Welcome back!

A message from our headteacher, Mrs Ovenden

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to everyone, and a particular welcome to all the children and families who are new to our school.

It has been wonderful to see the children return with such energy, enthusiasm and positivity. They have settled back into school brilliantly, and it has been lovely to see classrooms and corridors full of excitement and learning once again. A special well done to our new Year R children, who have shown such amazing resilience as they have started school. Starting school is a huge milestone, and they have approached their first days with such courage, confidence and determination. We are incredibly proud of them!

I hope you found the *Meet the Teacher* presentations useful and informative. If you were unable to attend, don't worry – the presentations will be available in the Class Pages section of our school website.

Save the Date!

Throughout the year, I would like to invite parents and carers into school to hear some short presentations from me, sharing key school updates and developments. Our first session will be: **Thursday 1st October, 8:50–9:20am Focus: Our School Improvement Priorities.**

This will be an opportunity for me to share our key priorities for the year ahead and explain how we are continuing to develop and improve our school.

Please see the further dates below and come along to any session that you are able to attend. There is no expectation that you attend every session – simply choose the dates that work for you.

Closer to each date, we will share a Google Form for you to sign up.

Headteacher Updates
Thursday 1 st October 2026
Tuesday 8 th December 2026
Wednesday 10 th February 2027
Wednesday 17 th March 2027
Wednesday 26 th May 2027

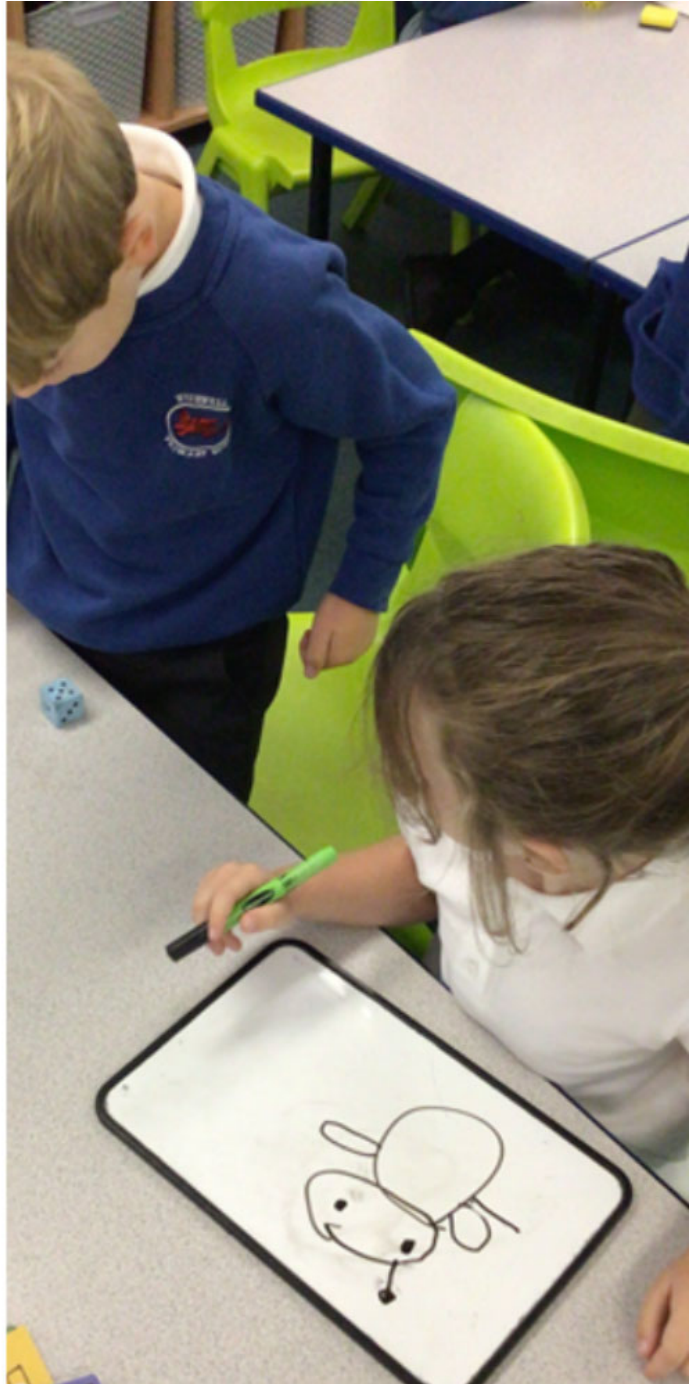
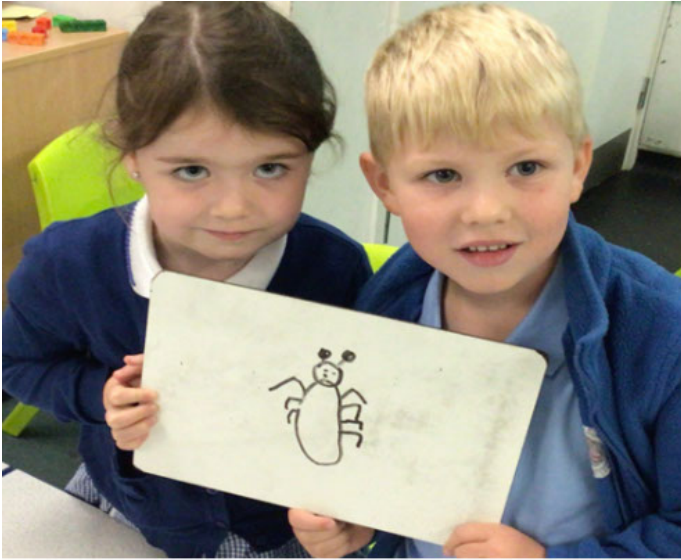


Puffins

Puffins have been spending time getting to know each other over the past week. We had a lovely afternoon last week during 'Outdoor Explorer' time creating some natural weaving using leaves and feathers. We also shared the story of 'The Dot' and created our own artistic 'dots', each one was fantastically unique!



This week we have started to get more into a routine as Phonics lessons and Maths Mastery has started. We had a very fun morning on Tuesday where we got into small groups and had a Beetle Drive, there was some very quick counting and some fabulous beetle drawings on show!

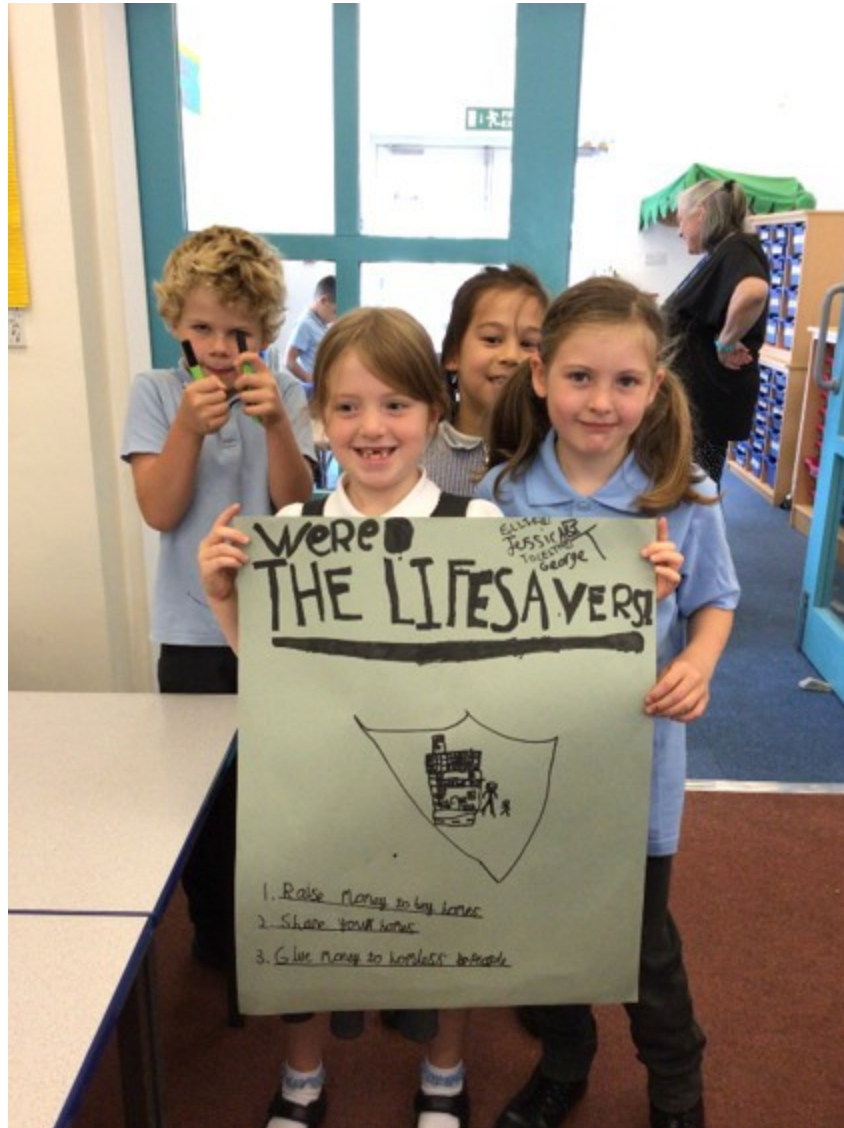


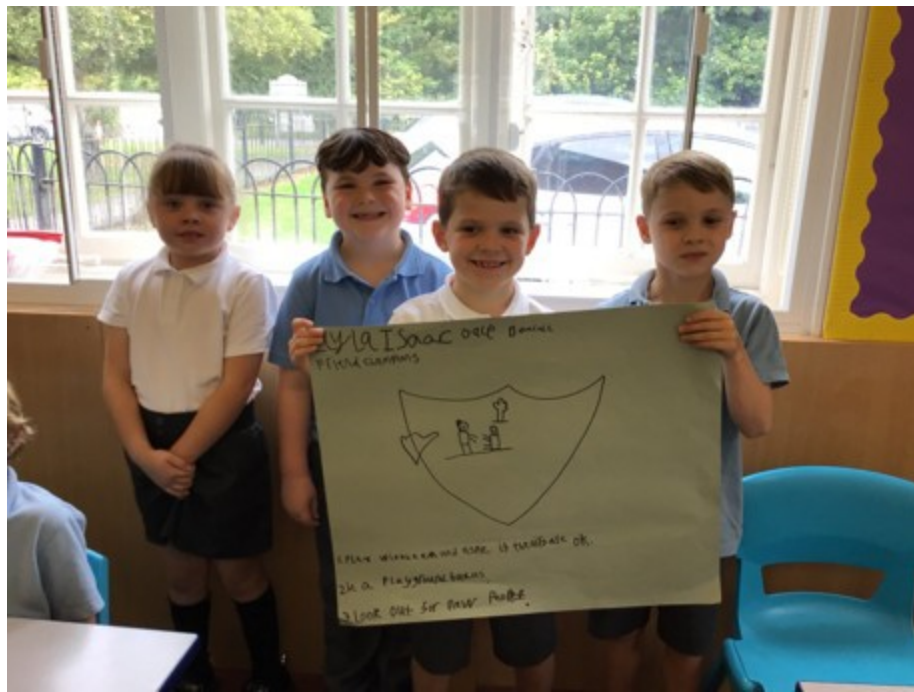


Kingfishers

Kingfishers have had a great couple of weeks settling back into routines. We have really impressed Miss Upton and Mrs Robinson with our listening skills and independence.

We have particularly enjoyed learning all about Mary Anning and her important discoveries which changed how we view the history of our world. Using our book 'Stone Girl, Bone Girl', we have learnt all about what made Mary so special.





We have enjoyed a range of other learning around the classroom such as rocks in Science, gymnastics in PE and understanding belonging in RE.





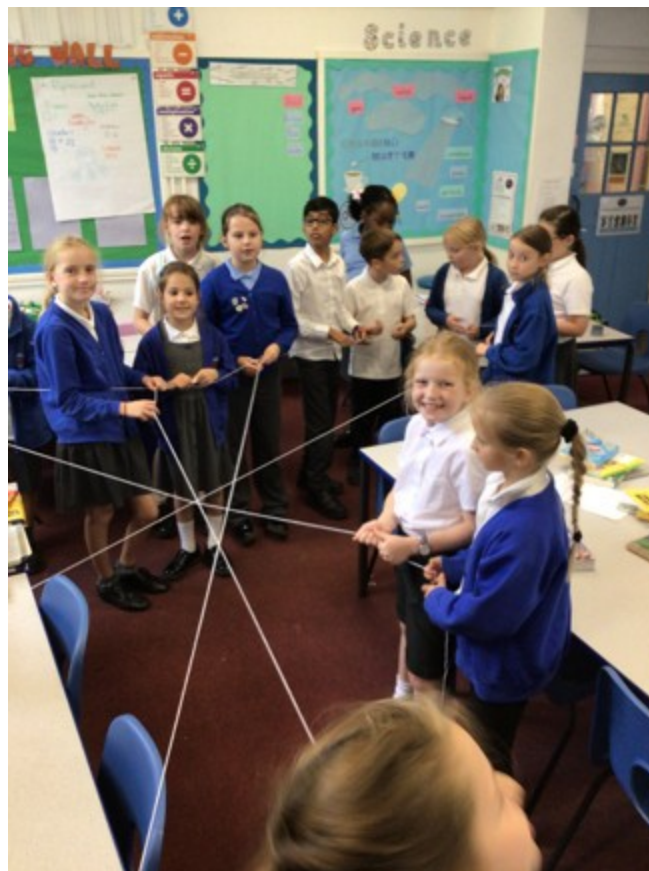
Sparrowhawks

Sparrowhawks have begun the year by looking at Aesop's fables in English. We took on the role of mice to explore the difference in opinions of the town mouse and the country mouse.





In computing we have been learning about networks and how they join devices together. We created our own devices web to show how they all link.





Robins

Robins have made a great start to the year and are quickly settling into class routines.

We have enjoyed reading lots of stories and getting to know each other. Robins Class had a fun afternoon on the field on Monday and the Year R children took part in a phonics 's' hunt.

The Year R children have also met their Year 6 buddies who were wonderful when supporting at lunchtimes last week.



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Some happy faces

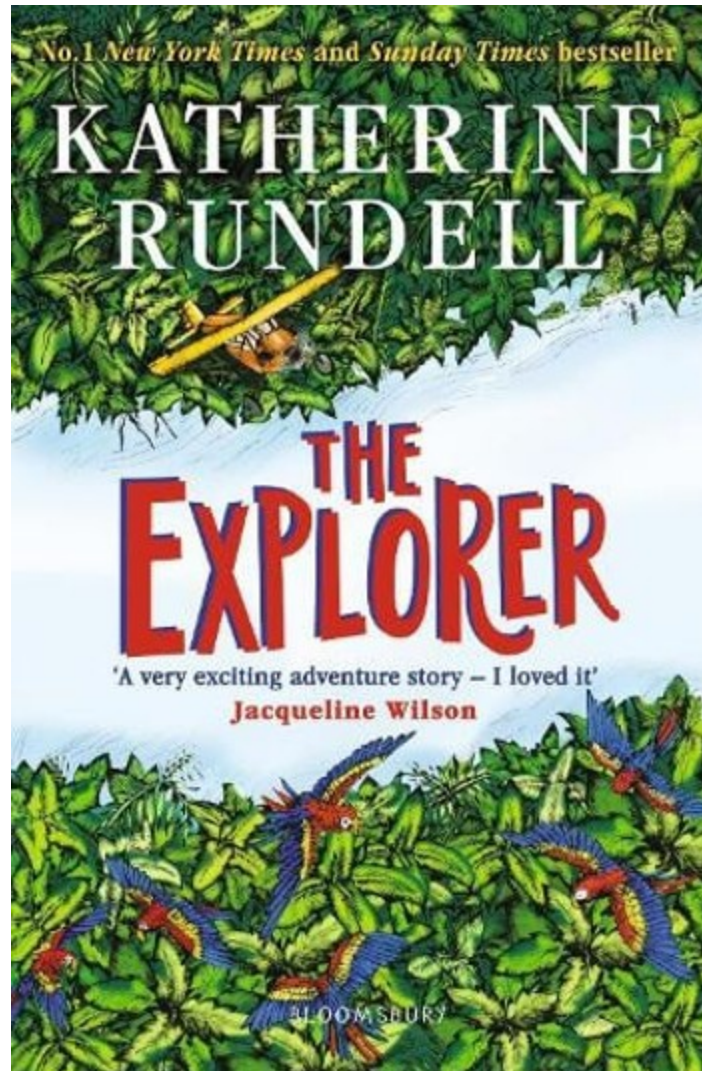
The year 1 children enthusiastically got stuck into their DT learning and have been designing pencil pots. This learning began by investigating towers that had large and small bases and which were sturdier, the children had lots of fun with this and a lot of towers were knocked down!

They are also enjoying focusing on the book 'Ten Little Pirates' during English lessons and had particular fun speaking sentences about a pirate into talking tins and then listening to their sentences afterwards.



House Martins

A new year has begun in House Martins and I've been really impressed by how quickly the children have adapted to a new year group and/or class. We've begun to read *The Explorer*, by Katherine Rundell.



We have thoroughly enjoyed making a collage interpretation of the Amazon Rainforest and river from a bird's eye perspective, inspired by the front cover of the book.



Some are still a work in progress but, if you look closely, you might see that children have added small details, such as the aeroplane featured on the front cover, or splashes of colour to represent rainforest birds.





To do

<u>Cleverchefs</u> This app is to book and pay for lunches. Lunches ordered before 8.30am on the day. Kanpla@kanpla.io or support function on the app.	<u>Parents 2 teachers</u> Download the Eduspot app. We will text short messages to all contacts here. If your number changes please contact the school office.
<u>School Money</u> Within the Eduspot app. We will set up payments for Early Birds, Woodpeckers and any trips or events throughout the year.	<u>Medication</u> Keep the office updated on any allergies/medical conditions so that we can update your child's file. If your child needs an inhaler or EpiPen please ensure they are handed into the school office and consent paperwork is completed.

Dates for the diary

Autumn term dates for the diary	
Club Google Forms due	End of day Monday 14th September
After school clubs start	w/c 21 st September 3.10pm
Ancient Maya workshop in House Martins	Monday 28 th September 2026
Census day	Thursday 1 st October 2026 special lunch menu
Mary Anning outreach in Kingfishers	Tuesday 6 th October 2026 am
Harvest	Wednesday 14 th October 2026 am
Kingfisher and House Martins Parent Share	Thursday 15 th October 2026 2.50pm
Open morning for September 2027 Year R	Friday 16 th October 2026 10.45am-12pm
Puffins Parent Share	Tuesday 20 th October 2026 2.50pm
Robins and Sparrowhawks Parent Share	Thursday 22 nd October 2026 2.50pm
Half term week	26th October -1st November 2026
Bonfire lunch menu	Thursday 5 th November 2026
Open morning for September 2027 Year R	Friday 6 th November 2026 10.45am-12pm
Armistice Service	Wednesday 11 th November 2026 am
Individual photographs	Thursday 12 th November 2026
Flu vaccinations Year R-6	Wednesday 18 th November 2026 pm
House Martins Tree planting	Wednesday 25 th November 2026
Kingfishers parents evening	Tuesday 1 st December 2026
Whole School Safety Day	Wednesday 2 nd December 2026
Parents evenings	Wednesday 2 nd December 2026 3.30-7pm
Parents evenings	Thursday 3 rd December 2026 3.30-5.30pm
Clubs finish	Friday 4 th December 2026
Puffins and Kingfishers Nativity	Tuesday 8 th December 2026 6pm
Puffins and Kingfishers Nativity	Wednesday 9 th December 2026 2pm
Christmas Jumper Day £1 for school charity	Thursday 10 th December 2026
Christmas dinner	TBC
Carol service at Wherwell Church	Thursday 17 th December 2026 6pm
Last day of term	Friday 18th December 2026

Spread the word!

OPEN MORNINGS
for *September 2027*
YEAR R ADMISSIONS

If you have a child who will be starting school in **September 2027**, you are warmly invited to come and visit us on one of our open mornings.

WHERWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Let's Love to Learn and Thrive Together
Hampshire County Council

 ★ **Friday 16th October 2026**
★ **Friday 6th November 2026**

 **10:45am – 11:15am**
Presentation from
Mrs Ovenden, Headteacher

 **11:15am – 12:00pm**
Tour of the school

 Please complete the registration form on our school website
<https://www.wherwellprimary.co.uk/>

Both in and out of catchment welcome.

What's happening in our wider community?



SEPT 2026

OPEN EVENTS

 **Thursday 10th September - Open Evening**

 **17:30pm - 19:30pm (No Booking Required)**

 **Tuesday 15th September - Open Morning Tours**

 **9:30am - 11:30am - Booking Required via QR**



Year 5 and 6 students



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**Senior School
Open Evening**
Thursday 24 September



**Sixth Form
Open Evening**
Thursday 8 October



**Senior School
Open Morning**
Tuesday 13 October
Friday 20 November

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Extra Seats Added!

Open Evening

JOHN HANSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Thursday 24th September 2026

Primary children and their families are invited to our John Hanson Open Evening. Enjoy a student-led tour of our facilities and meet our teachers.

Starts at 5pm
Ends at 7:30pm

Headteacher Talks

Our Headteacher, Mrs Sudds will deliver presentations at 6pm and 7pm in the Main Hall. Click the link to book your slot:

 **eventbrite** [link to book](#)

We can't wait to meet you!



Year 5 and 6 students

Hampshire County Youth Choirs

Open Rehearsal

Friday 11th September 2026

The United Church, Jewry St, Winchester

• 5-7pm - Show Choir (Y7 to Y13)

• 5:15-6:30pm - Junior Choir (Y2 to Y6)

Concert to parents at 6:30pm

• 7:30-8:45pm – Crescendo Choir (Y7 to Y10)

• 7:30-9pm - Youth Choir (Y10 to Y13)

Concert to parents at 8:45pm

For more info and to
sign up, please
[Click Here.](https://hcyc.hmsensembles.org.uk)



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UNDERSTANDING ADHD

Tickets £20
Tea and
coffee
included

A day that focuses on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with ADHD. Hampshire CAMHS Colleagues will be hosting this day alongside parents / carers with lived experience.

Topics include:

- Understanding your child with ADHD, support, strategies and tips.
- Support for SEN in education & what to do if it's not working.
- ADHD nervous system differences, sensory systems, emotional regulation, stress response, attention regulation, and executive functioning.

Discretionary tickets available to families on request.

3 November 2026
9.30am - 4pm

Andover Community Church
Charlton Road, Andover SP10 3JH



For more information scan the QR code or visit:

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>

EMBRACING AUTISM

Tickets £20
Tea and
coffee
included

A day that focuses on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with Autism.

Topics include:

- Supporting your autistic child to thrive - adapting to meet the needs of the autistic young person and practical strategies.
- Support for SEN in education & what to do if it's not working.
- Supporting Young People to Make Sense of their Experiences - empowering young people and putting them at the centre of their experience.

Discretionary tickets available to families on request.

17 November 2026

9.30am - 4pm

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