



NEWSLETTER – 23rd October 2026



DIARY DATES - October

26th-30th HALF TERM

November

- 2nd Inset Day (FE students only)
- 6th Non-School Uniform Day for Andover Food Bank fund-raiser
- 9th Tree planting at Bury Hill (Cello)
- 11th Cinema trip (FE)
- 18th Parents' Coffee Afternoon Group (1.30pm)
- 20th Children in Need
- 23rd School Photographer – FE and Cello students (am only)
- 24th School Photographer – All remaining classes (all day)
- 27th Hants Music Service Special Event rehearsal, Winchester

Have a wonderful half term break everyone. Don't get too spooked out!



CLASS FOCUS OF THE WEEK – TRUMPET

This term Trumpet Class have been learning all about **Forests**, and what fun they have had!

The class have used sensory stories, YouTube videos, symbolised PowerPoints, and visits to Blackwood Forest to explore what a forest is, the three main types of forest and their features, and the many different animals that make their homes in them. The children have then used their learning to help them complete a range of symbol sorting activities.

The forest experience hasn't ended there, however: they have also written forest setting descriptions for the story 'Little Red Riding Hood'; experimented with lots of different printing techniques to create forest artwork; and collected many sticks of differing lengths for sorting into 'long' and 'short' and to measure using cubes.

In cooking they thought about what food Red Riding Hood was taking in her basket to Granny's house and, after discovering a range of ingredients in Laura's own Red Riding Hood basket, they deduced that it was indeed sandwiches! Each week Trumpet Class have made a different sandwich – egg mayonnaise, tuna mayonnaise, and cheese, to name a few, each with a choice of tomato or cucumber. They have honed their skills and can all mostly cover a slice of bread with the butter, know how to build the sandwich, and have used their learning about halves in Numeracy to work out where to cut their sandwiches!

On Monday they spent the day at Blackwood Forest, immersing themselves in the forest environment, exploring, having eggbox treasure hunts, and building dens. It was a lot of fun!





CHANGE AT THE TOP!

We are delighted to share an update to our Headteacher arrangements from 1st November. Sean Cannon (existing HT) and Paul Hoggett (current Assistant HT and FE Lead) will be working together as **Co-Headteachers**, sharing the responsibilities of leading our school and continuing to support our wonderful children, staff and families. Sean will be Headteacher from Mondays to Thursdays, with Paul taking on the role each Friday.

We are really pleased that Sean and Paul will be sharing this responsibility, bringing their skills, experience and enthusiasm, to the role as they continue to work together for the benefit of our school community. Please join us in wishing them well in their new roles! We know Paul will be a fantastic Co-Headteacher, alongside Sean, and we look forward to this next chapter for our school. Thank you as always, for your continued support.

DRESS DOWN DAY – Friday, 6th November

We are planning a Dress Down Day for a £1 donation. Donations will go towards some FE students purchasing items for the Andover Food Bank. So not only will you be helping a great cause, but you will also be aiding the FE students in their learning; i.e. making shopping lists, purchasing and then delivering to the Andover Food Bank. **Don't Forget!** If your child is not keen on dressing down for school, don't let this deter you from donating!

**Dress
Down
Day**

CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK

Chimes	- Jack B
Drum	- Jack H
Maracas	- Elana
Tambourine	- Ayla
Triangle	- Oscar A
Trumpet	- Logan
Oboe	- Chris
Banjo	- Tiger H
Harp	- Shelby
Cello	- Ellie
FE (PPICC)	- Chloe M & Oscar F



SCHOOL SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK – TIGER

Tiger loves books and enjoys having them read to him. He signs the different animals and characters in the stories. Tiger is a super speller and types what he wants and needs on his iPad. He is beginning to interact with his peers and enjoys watching them play. He also loves bouncing on a gym ball, rocking on his chair, music therapy and SALT. His favourite programme is Ben and Holly.



**Signs of the
Week**

Halloween		Trick (Joke)	Treat (Sweet)
Ghost	Pumpkin		