



Newsletter

Every Learning Minute Matters



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Dear parents and carers,

I have had the most brilliant start to the year and I am absolutely delighted with how well the children have settled into their new classes. The school has felt wonderfully calm and purposeful and there is a real buzz as the staff and children embrace our new school vision of "Every learning minute matters!". I really stand by this and am so passionate about ensuring every child has an education that counts, so that they can reach their full potential. We have 4 classes in the school. This is made up of Kites (Year R), Kestrels (Year 1&2), Owls (Year 3&4) and Eagles (Year 5&6). I'd like to say a special welcome to all our new families, especially those with children starting school for the first time. I am sure you are going to love your time at Wallop Primary! If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please do this via the school office from now on. The teachers are not able to check emails regularly due to their teaching commitments, so the admin team can make sure your questions are passed on quickly. Unfortunately, I need to share with you that Mrs Scarrett in the office, and Miss Gallop in Kite class will be leaving us this half term to start new adventures, outside of the world of Education. I'd like to thank them both for their hard work and wish them all the best for the future. We have had lots of interest in the roles advertised and I will update you when we have completed our recruitment processes. I look forward to seeing lots of you soon at the meet the teacher meetings. From Miss Simons

Harvest Festival

We will be supporting the Andover Foodbank again this year as part of our Harvest festival celebrations.

If you are able to support us with collecting donations, please send your child to school on **Friday 3rd October** with an item of food for the food bank. A list of needed items can be found at the end of this newsletter.

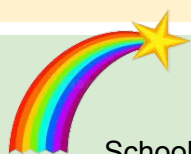


Pupil Voice Elections



During my assembly on Tuesday, I launched the pupil voice elections for this year. This will include the School Council as well as a new opportunity to be an Eco Councillor. This student group will take a proactive role in leading the school to be more environmentally friendly and will organise events to help look after our amazing grounds.

Ask your child if they are applying and help them practise their speech if they are! Voting results will be announced on Friday 19th September.



We've made a wish!

School budgets are tighter than ever, and we truly appreciate all the support you give, whether through your time, generosity, or donations. We've created an Amazon wishlist, so if you'd like to contribute something to the school, simply click the link below. Every donation makes a difference, and we are so grateful for your support!

[Amazon Wishlist](#)

What a Summer of Reading!



This summer, over 17,000 children across the region have enjoyed the Summer Reading Challenge. The final day is tomorrow, Saturday 13th September, so there's still time to pop to the library and earn a medal and certificate to celebrate all that your child has read over summer.

Reading for pleasure is one of the most powerful ways to boost literacy levels and academic success.

If your child has taken part, send a photo of them with their medal to the office so we can celebrate with them!

This Tuesday, at the meet the teacher event, you can purchase some second hand books 2 for 50p or 5 for £1! Come and stock up your home library!

Do you have a child in Year R?

If so, your child will participate in the reception baseline assessment (RBA) within the first 6 weeks of starting school. The purpose of the assessment is to provide the starting point for a progress measure that will help parents understand how well schools support their pupils to progress between reception and year 6.

To find out more, visit the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) page using this link below or contact the admin office to arrange to speak to Mrs Jones (our EYFS leader) or Miss Simons.

[Click here for more information](#)

The children look fantastic in their new PE kits, showing their house colours. The staff have also been enjoying their new PE kits too!



Did you know, all these Apps have an age restriction of



X (formerly Twitter)



Facebook



Instagram



Pinterest



Messenger



TikTok



Discord



Snapchat



Twitch



Yubo



Reddit



YouTube



BeReal



WhatsApp

If you need help with parental controls on your child's devices, take a look at the PEGI website:

<https://pegi.info/page/online-safety>

Key dates

4 September- Year R Home Visits

5 September- Year R Home Visits

13 September PTA – Car Boot Sale -
cancelled

16 September- All Classes parent 'Meet the Teacher' & Yr R Phonics Workshop 3:30 & 4:30

18 September - School Photos

23 September - Open Morning for Year R
Children to start September 2026

26 September - European Languages Day

3 October- Harvest Festival

15 October - Open Afternoon for Year R
Children to start September 2026

17 October- PTA – Halloween Pumpkin Trail

21 October - Parent Consultations

22 October - Parent Consultations

Please keep an eye out for emails with details of events.

Harvest appeal



Help support Andover Foodbank this Harvest

So far this year the Foodbank has supported 4000 people in our community with over 40 tonnes of essential items

Donate food



Donate 1 or 2 items so we can provide food for people in your community who cannot afford the essentials

Donate money



Help to cover our operating costs, including a Citizens Advice caseworker to provide financial support

Shopping list

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned/instant potatoes
- Tinned soup
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Rice pudding/custard
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- Milk (long life)

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