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23rd October 2026

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School Applications



Reminder - The **deadline** for **Year 7 (2025) Applications** to be submitted is **31st October 2026.**

If you haven't already done so, you can apply online at:
www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions

Year 3 (2027) Applications open on
1st November 2026
and the closing date is 15th January 2027

Halloween Disco







Our annual Halloween Disco was a lot of fun this week! We had a brilliant turnout and a fab time was had by the children and adults alike. Well done Grange!



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School Dinners

Please can we remind all Parents/Carers that all dinner money **MUST be paid in advance**.
If this isn't possible, please provide your child with a packed lunch. We are unable to provide a school meal unless payment is received and all arrears are cleared before ordering.

Thank You

Parents Evening

Arbor

Parents evening will take place on **Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November 2026.**

To book in with your child's teacher, **log in to the Arbor app from 9am Monday 2nd November 2026** and select your preferred time slot.

Any problems, please contact the school office.

You will not be able to book until after 9am on Monday 2nd November.

Thank You.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to one of the schools Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who will be able to support you.
DSL - Kay Sadler, Leiza Harris,
DDSL- Tracey Matthews, Leigh Dunlop, Jane McKenna

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Halloween Competition

This week we held a Dress-Up House Competition on non-uniform day.
Some of our lovely teachers judged the costumes and the winners are:

Lower School:
1st Place – Mary-May (Willow) 50 House Points
2nd Place – Scarlett (Oak) 30 House Points
3rd Place – Vinnie (Willow) 10 House Points

Upper School:
1st Place – Scarlett (Oak) 50 House Points
2nd Place – Aaliyah (Maple) 30 House points
3rd Place – Sofia (Maple) 10 House points

Staff fancy dress winners: Judged by our House Captains
1st Place – Mrs Jones (Sycamore) as Claudia Winkleman winning 50 House points.
2nd Place – Mrs Wilkes (Maple) as giant spider winning 30 House Points.
3rd Place – Miss Dunlop (Sycamore) as Ms Trunchbull winning 20 House points.

This year was incredibly hard to judge again, you all looked fantastic!

Interhouse Lego Competition







This half-term Miss Aroha has run an Interhouse Lego Competition. We saw some brilliant entries! This was judged by our House Captains and the results are:

Year	Maple	Sycamore	Willow	Oak
Year 3	20	25	30	15
Year 4	15	30	25	20
Year 5	15	30	20	25
Year 6	30	25	20	15
Total	80	110	95	75

The winners of Interhouse Lego 2026 are:

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WOW!



This week, Ivy in Year 5 had a fantastic opportunity to go and be a Mascot for AC Milan (7-time European Cup Winners) at AFC Bournemouth Vitality Football Stadium before the UEFA Europe League match.



Wow!! We have a celebrity amongst us!

Year 5 Space Projects

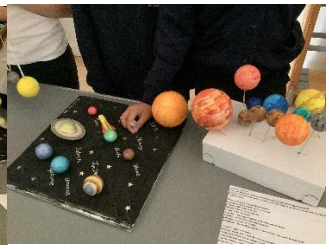
Year 5 have been working hard on their Space projects this half-term. These all went on display in the hall this week for all to see. Well Done year 5!











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Year 5 Planetarium Trip







Year 5 Blast Off into Science at Winchester Science Centre!

Both Year 5 classes have now enjoyed a fantastic trip to Winchester Science Centre (formerly INTECH), where they spent an exciting day exploring the wonderful world of science through a range of interactive, hands-on activities.

Throughout the visit, the children enthusiastically investigated the many scientific exhibits, putting their curiosity, problem-solving skills and scientific knowledge to the test. The space-themed activities proved particularly popular, inspiring plenty of questions and discoveries!

One of the highlights of the day was our visit to the planetarium, where the children were amazed as they gazed up at the stars and explored the wonders of our Solar System and the wider galaxy. They also had the opportunity to investigate two fascinating planets, Saturn and Mars, developing their understanding of space and the universe.

The children also took part in an engaging light workshop, where they created their own space telescopes and explored the fascinating properties of light. They learnt how white light travels and how it can be separated into the different colours of the rainbow, before investigating infrared light and discovering more about the light we cannot see.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative experience for both classes, providing valuable opportunities to bring their classroom learning to life. The children demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm, curiosity and engagement throughout the day, making it a memorable trip for everyone involved!

House Cup Winners



This half-term our House Cup winners are: WILLOW with a massive 10,673 points.

What a competitive start to the year it has been, with the staff joining in and earning House Points too! The children have loved the staff participation and friendly, respectful rivalry.

A huge Thank You to Miss Aroha, who has given so much of her time to set up challenges and activities for staff to earn points for their houses.

Well done to **WILLOW** and well done to everyone, it was very close!

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Outstanding Children & Perfect Presentation

Every Friday, a child from each class is chosen as the Outstanding Child of the Week. This is for demonstrating an excellent commitment to our school values. The following children were selected as this week's Outstanding Child:

4JH	**Emelia.D-W**
4MM	**Ruby.P**
5AH	**Henlee.M-A**
5SG	**Ivy.L**
6AJ	**Hudson.J**
6SLS	**Layla.C**
6TC	**Gavriel.R**

In addition, a child from each year group is chosen for an exceptionally good piece of work that has been completed to a very high standard during the week.
The following children were selected for this week's Perfect Presentation Award:

Y4 – Thea.M 4JH
Y5 – Aaliyah.B-M 5SG **Y6 – Khaila.S**



Once again, a massive well done to all the children for their super achievement, we really do enjoy celebrating fabulous work and good behaviour, as I am sure you do too!

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School Dates

26th – 30th October
Half Term

Monday 2nd November
Inset Day

Monday 9th November 2:15pm
Year 2 Parents Meeting

Wednesday 11th November
Flu Immunisations

Friday 13th November
Non-Uniform Day (Chocolate donation)

16th – 20th November
Anti-Bullying Week

18th & 19th November
Parents Evening

Friday 20th November
Children In Need

Monday 23rd November
Year 4 Viking Workshop

Wednesday 2nd December
Xmas Fayre

Wednesday 9th December
Santa's Grotto

Thursday 10th December
Xmas Dinner Day

Friday 18th December
Break up for Xmas 3:20pm

Monday 4th January 8:50am
Back to school

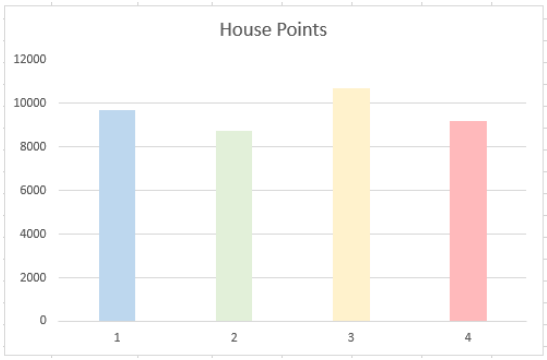
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House Points

This week was Double House points week!

Congratulations to this week's winning house: **WILLOW**

	Sycamore	Oak	Willow	Maple
TOTAL	9695	8729	10673	9168



STAFF	Sycamore	Oak	Willow	Maple
TOTAL	766	473	470	765

Our overall winners for this half term are: **WILLOW**

Well Done Everyone! We start again after half term and don't forget Attendance Points are included!

Outstanding Attendance

This week's Outstanding Attendance Winners are:

In **4th** Place winning **10** House Points – **SYCAMORE**
In **3rd** Place winning **20** House Points - **OAK**
In **2nd** Place winning **30** House Points – **MAPLE**
In **1st** Place winning **50** House Points – **WILLOW**



Well Done everyone!

Remember, it's cool to be in school!

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Mobile Phone Usage and Road Safety

Please can we ask all Parents/Carers to remind their children of the importance of Road Safety and Awareness.

We have had reports of some of our pupils not paying attention to traffic on their way to and from school, due to them being distracted by their phones.

