Friday 12th September 2025

Cherrywood News

Message from Mrs Lewis

Welcome back to school everyone; it has certainly been a wet start to the new school year. It has been lovely to see you all return. We've seen new haircuts, new uniform, new glasses and great attitudes, which has been amazing. We have also thoroughly enjoyed hearing about what everyone has been up to over the holidays.

I would also like to welcome our new reception class. They have had an amazing start to school, making new friends, trying new foods and having lots of fun. (I have included a few photos of this).

As always please make sure to check the dates page in this newsletter to help you get prepared for the term ahead.

Best Wishes from Mrs Lewis



Welcome Ash Class

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 2nd October—PINS Parenting Workshop (more details to follow)
- 6th October—PBS Big Emotions parenting session for Dads at Cove Junior School (more details to follow)
- 13th October—Online Safety Afternoon—Parents welcome at 2.45pm
- 15th October—Ash Class (Year R) Exhibition—Parents welcome at 9am
- 10th October—Pine Class (Year 5) Workshop—Glider Challenge
- 14th October—Larch Class (Year 3) Trip to Pizza Express
- 15th October—Chestnut Class (Year 1) Harvest Visit to Church of the Good Shepherd
- 17th October—Pine Class (Year 5) Trip to Farnborough Abbey
- 21st October—NSPCC workshops with Years 2—6
- 20th & 22nd October—Parents Evening—booking information to follow
- 27th—31st October—OCTOBER HALF TERM
- Monday 3rd November —INSET Day—School Closed to Pupils
- 6th November—Oak Class (Year 4) Exhibition—Parents welcome at 9.15am
- 13th November—Larch Class (Year 3) Assembly—Parents welcome at 2.45pm
- 18th November— Pine Class (Year 5) Assembly—Parents welcome at 2.45pm
- 20th November—Chestnut Class (Year 1) Exhibition—Parents welcome at 9.15am
- 20th November—PINS Parenting Workshop (more details to follow)
- 20th November—PBS anxiety parenting session for Dads at Pinewood School (more details to follow)
- 24th November—INSET Day—School Closed to Pupils
- 25th November—Oak (Year 4) Christmas Experience at Church of the Good Shepherd
- 2nd December—Larch (Year 3) Christmas Experience at Church of the Good Shepherd

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- **2nd December—Chestnut (Year 1) Christmas Experience at Church of**
- **4th December– Elm Class (Year 2) Trip to the FAST Museum**
- **4th December—Flu Immunisation in the Community Room**
- **27th November—Elm Class (Year 2) workshop—Parents welcome at 2.30pm**
- **1st December—Sycamore Class (Year 6) Exhibition—Parents welcome at 9.15am**
- **8th December—Online Safety Afternoon—Parents welcome at 2.45pm**
- **Friday 19th December—Last Day of Term**
- **Monday 5th January 2026—First Day of the Spring Term**

Parents are invited to attend these dates

INSET DAYS: **Monday 3rd November 2025**
Monday 24th November 2025
Friday 22nd May 2026

Please remember we are a NUT FREE school. Please bear this in mind when making packed lunches.



School Day Timings

Just a reminder that the school gates open at 8.40am each day and close at 8.55am. Please try to ensure that your child arrives during these times.

School ends at 3.15pm and gates close at 3.25pm. Please collect your child on time as otherwise they will be sent to after-school childcare until you arrive.

Celebrations —





We are pleased to announce this week's -

	Value Ambassadors	Stars of the Week
Chestnut Class	Ella-Grace	Kyle
Elm Class	Alina	Alice
Larch Class	Mia	Jeena
Oak Class	Lily-Jane	Oriana
Pine Class	Krishna	Kristian
Sycamore Class	James	Hayden

Our Value Ambassadors — recognised for showing great resilience



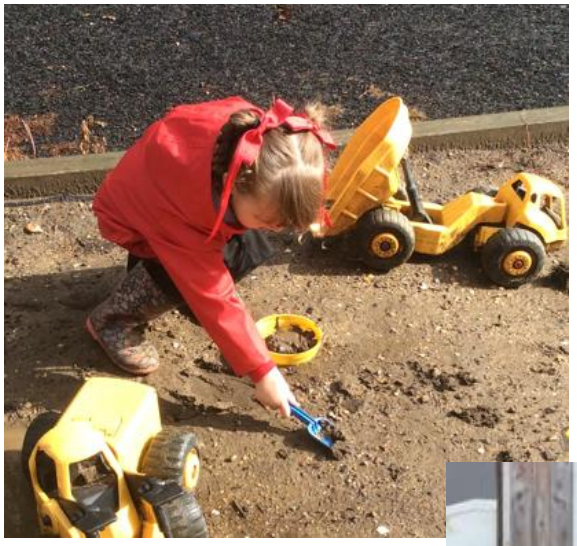


Stars of the Week — recognised for their efforts this week









Ash Class fun and games















Last week we talked about flags and how important they are to show what we are proud of. We also discussed how important it was not to use flags to make anyone feel that they don't belong. Each child made their own flag which you will be able to see if you look at class windows.























Larch Class (Year 3) Activities This Week



Counting in 10s helps us to be more accurate



Using arrow cards for place value really supports our learning



We use manipulatives in maths to help our learning



We used beans to help us estimate amounts



Washing our wooly mammoth according to the instructions in the book 'How to Wash a Wooly Mammoth'





Snuggle your wooly mammoth with a towel!

Safeguarding

Magnetic Safety (Child Accident Prevention Trust)

The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) warns that more than 300 children a year are rushed to A&E after swallowing magnets and one in ten needs life-saving surgery.

When strong magnets stick together inside the body, they can rip through a child's gut, cutting off blood supply and causing life-threatening injuries. Even toddlers have needed hours of emergency surgery, and some children are left with lasting internal damage.



Magnets don't just come in toys – they're also found in jewellery kits, fridge magnets, puzzles, dartboards, fidget toys and desk gadgets. Worryingly, some magnets sold online are 17 times stronger than the UK safety limit.

Please Remember To:

- Buy only from trusted brands and retailers.
- Be cautious with cheap copies and online marketplaces.



Is Your Child Eligible For Free School Meals?

Please inform us if you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals. We are able to claim extra funding to support your child's learning if this is the case, even if you decide not to actually take the meals. You are able to claim Free School Meals if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- 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 guaranteed 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Infant free school meals in England

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government-funded school and in:

- reception class
- year 1
- year 2

To apply follow the link below:-

https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants

Details for Free School Meals can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

STARTING SCHOOL IN 2026



If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before **1 September 2026**, they can start school in **September 2026**.

For more information go to **www.hants.gov.uk/admissions**

Applications open for Hampshire residents on **1 November 2025**

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS **THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2026**

DON'T MISS IT!

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Spooky week, Holiday Club

Squirrels Holiday club

'little things make big days'

From Monday 27th-Friday 31st October

FOR CHILDREN AGED 2 1/2 – 10[1]

Activities to include:

Potion making, wand craft, slime factory, pumpkin activities*
spooky tshirt making*, ghoulish games and other freaky fun.
Halloween fancy dress party, Face paints and disco on
31st of October





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[1] children must be toilet trained and can attend up until 11th birthday,

*these activities require small additional charge or bring your own