Friday 19th September 2025

Cherrywood News

Message from Mrs Lewis

We have another jam packed newsletter for you. Rather than sending you multiple emails in a week, we do try to save them up and add them to this newsletter, which makes it rather long. However, it is worthwhile scrolling through the whole thing as there are a range of really useful articles.

We have been blessed with some better weather this week and classes have enjoyed completing some learning outside. We have included photos of some of this for you to enjoy.

As always at the beginning of term, our dates page is very busy. Please look carefully at this to plan in the numerous opportunities we have for you to take part in school events. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Abrami in the office. We are also happy to take suggestions of other events you would like us to consider running.

Best Wishes

Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete a questionnaire for us in the summer term. These have been reviewed by governors and considered when making school improvement plans for this academic year.

Areas of focus from your feedback were—

- Celebrating strengths further—of the whole school community
- Improving awareness of transition plans—earlier in the year
- Improving communication strategies to ensure that all parents feel heard and know how to find information and support that they need
- Increase information regarding SEND

Over the next few months we will share information and updates regarding how we are addressing these various areas. If you have any questions or further comments we would be really interested to hear them.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 2nd October—PINS Parenting Workshop (details below)
- 6th October—PBS Big Emotions parenting session for Dads at Cove Junior School (details below)
- 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
- 15th October—Y6 PGL Parents Information Meeting @ 3.30pm
- 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) Exhibition—Parents welcome at 9.15am (change of time)*
- 20th November—Chestnut Class (Year 1) Exhibition—Parents welcome at 9.15am
- 20th November—PINS Parenting Workshop
- 20th November—PBS anxiety parenting session for Dads at Pinewood School
- 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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **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
Monday 15th June 2026

Parents Evening—October 2025

This term parents evening will be taking place on Monday 20th October and Wednesday 22nd October. **You will be able to book via the Arbor parent portal from 9am on Wednesday 1st October and booking will close at 9am on Monday 20th October.** You will be able to book a ten minute slot with your child's teacher and all meetings will be taking place in the hall.

Once self scheduling opens on Monday 1st October please go onto Arbor under 'Guardian Consultations' to book. Slots will be taken on a first come first served basis. If you are having difficulties then please either come into or telephone the school office and Mrs Abrami will be able to help you.

Celebrations —





We are pleased to announce this week's -

	Value Ambassadors	Stars of the Week
Chestnut Class	Advit	Callum
Elm Class	Zoe	Anouk
Larch Class	Nasim	Harry
Oak Class	Gracie	Mojee
Pine Class	Callum	Adriella
Sycamore Class	Fola	Sajala

Our Value Ambassadors — recognised for showing great resilience



Stars of the Week — recognised for their efforts this week



Chestnut Class

As part of their Art topic this term, Nature Art, Chestnut Class have been learning about natural materials and how they can be used creatively to make artwork.

To inspire their ideas, the children explored our school grounds in search of suitable natural items. Using what they found, they created thoughtful and imaginative pieces which they called **Nature Tags** — little 'presents' made from nature and left around the grounds for others to discover and enjoy. We're so proud of their creativity and teamwork. Here are some lovely photos showcasing their achievements!

















Sycamore Class—Year 6

This week in PE Sycamore class took part in a scavenger hunt.





"It was like a treasure hunt with our friends" - Saurav



"The scavenger hunt during our PE lesson was tricky but fun at the same time" - Isla

"It helped us to work as a team" - Hadi



"We had to show resilience to find the hidden items" - Fola

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES

🌟 Why Healthy Lunches Matter

A nutritious lunch helps your child to stay focused and energised, develops healthy eating habits and helps your children to grow strong and stay well.

What to Include in a Lunchbox



✅ 1. Carbohydrates (for energy)
- Wholemeal bread, wraps, pitta
- Pasta, rice, couscous, crackers

✅ 2. Protein (for growth)
- Chicken, turkey, tuna, egg
- Hummus, beans, lentils, cheese

✅ 3. Fruit & Veg (for vitamins)
- Sliced apples, grapes (quartered), bananas
- Cherry tomatoes (halved), cucumber sticks,
- carrot batons

✅ 4. Dairy or Alternatives
- Yogurt, cheese cubes
- Dairy-free options like soya yogurt

✅ 5. A Healthy Drink
- Water (best choice!)
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🚫 Foods to Avoid
- ❌ Sweets, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks
- ❌ Nuts (due to allergies)
- ❌ Crisps (choose baked or veggie alternatives if needed)
- ❌ Large portions – little tummies need little meals!

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH IDEAS





WE NEED YOUR HELP
Lucky Lunch Plate Day – 2nd October 2025

As a school we are allocated money for our budget by the Government in various ways. On Thursday 2nd October we have a school census. This is where we have to provide the Government with information around the number of children who have a school meal. The more children who have a school meal, the more money we are given.

On this day we will be having our Lucky Lunch Plate Day, this is where the children will have the opportunity to be the Star of the Day. If they find a lucky lunch plate with a star on the bottom, they will **win 15 marbles** for their class.

Mrs Snook has agreed to cook the most popular meal choices - ***pizza, chicken nuggets and chips and cheese packed lunch***.

Due to these changes there have been some adaptions to the meal choices for the week, please see the school website and notice board for these. We will ensure that children with dietary requirements will have a meal available that Mrs Snook knows they enjoy.

We would really appreciate your support in getting as many children as possible to join us for the special lunch on the

Lucky Lunch Plate Day - Thursday 2nd October 2025







PE DAYS

Year 1— Wednesday & Friday

Year 2— Monday & Friday

Year 3— Tuesday & Thursday

Year 4— Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5— Wednesday & Thursday

Year 6— Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6— Residential Trip to PGL

We are holding an information evening for the Year 6 residential trip to PGL. **This will take place on Wednesday 15th October at 3.30pm**. We will be sharing important and exciting information regarding the trip and answering any questions that you or your child may have, if they have signed up to come on the trip.

A Kit List and a medical form was sent home with your child today. Please could you complete and return the medical form as soon as possible or you can bring it to the meeting. We will also be able to support with form completion on the evening.

We look forward to seeing you all then!

We have received a letter regarding a New Planning Application for Farnborough Airport. Below is a summary of the New Planning Application compared to the Original Planning Application in 2023:-

	Existing Limits	New Consultation	Original Consultation
Annual flights	50,000	50,000	70,000
Non-Weekday flights	8,900	13,500	18,900
Restricted Weight Category	Over 50 tonnes	Over 55 tonnes*	Over 55 tonnes
Non-weekday flights within Restricted Weight Category	270	405	570
Non-Weekday hours	08.00-20.00	08.00-20.00	07.00-21.00

**Applying only to aircraft which meet the most stringent noise standards*

Although the nature of the changes we are proposing remain wholly consistent with the Original Planning Application, they are now more limited in scale. Nevertheless, it remains important that any potential changes to the way we operate are discussed openly with our local community.

As the first step in the planning application process, we submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion request to Rushmoor Borough Council (RBC) earlier this week.

Our consultation on the New Planning Application will run from 22 September to 22 October 2025 and will be hosted on our website, **www.farnboroughairport2040.com**. We will also be hosting two webinars which you will be able to find out more about, sign up to, and submit questions for on our website once the consultation begins.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Geere

CEO, Farnborough Airport

Is it legal to leave a child home alone?

A child who isn't old enough or who doesn't feel comfortable should never be left home alone. If this is the case, it's best to look into childcare options that might work for your family. Read our advice on this below.

There's no legal age a child can be left home alone, but it's against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk[1]. Every child matures differently, so it would be almost impossible to have a "one size fits all" law.

NSPCC Tips To Keep Your Child Safe Home Alone:

- Set some ground rules
- Agree what they will do while you are out
- Make sure they are safe online
- Practice what to do in an emergency
- Be clear what time you'll be back
- Check in with them every now and then
- Put dangerous objects and substances out of sight
- Build up slowly

Safeguarding

Babies and toddlers | Primary school children | Secondary school children

Infants and young children aged 0-3 years old should never be left alone – even for 15 minutes while you pop down the road. This applies not just to leaving them home alone but also in your car while you run into the shops.

For more detail, please see our early parenting advice on support for parents.



Babies and toddlers | **Primary school children** | Secondary school children

While every child is different, we wouldn't recommend leaving a child under 12 years old home alone, particularly for longer periods of time.

Children in primary school aged 6-12 are usually too young to walk home from school alone, babysit or cook for themselves without adult supervision.

If you need to leave them home, it's worth considering leaving them at a friend's house, with family or finding some suitable childcare. We have advice about this below.



Babies and toddlers | Primary school children | **Secondary school children**

Once your child reaches this age, you could talk to them about how they'd feel if they were left alone at home.

Whether they're 12 years old or almost 18 years old, there might be reasons that they don't feel safe in the house alone.

Just because your child is older doesn't necessarily mean they're ready to look after themselves or know what to do in an emergency. It can help to go over the ground rules and remind them how to stay safe at home.



Remember – you should never leave a child home alone if they don't feel ready, or if you don't feel they're ready.

Sometimes it's just better to leave them with someone – particularly if they're nervous or have complex needs. We have advice about this below.



https://www.cherrywoodprimary.co.uk/

Is your child starting school in September 2026?

We are pleased to invite you for guided tours of the school on...

13th October 2025	21st October 2025	4th November 2025
9.30am-10.30am	9.30am-10.30am	1.30pm-2.30pm
1.30pm-2.30pm	3.30pm-4.30pm	3.30pm-4.30pm
	5.00pm-6.00pm	5.00pm-6.00pm

If you would like to arrange a visit please call:

01252 547896

For further information visit—

https://www.cherrywoodprimary.co.uk/starting-school/

You can make an application for your child from 3rd November to 15th January. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about this process or you can visit:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearR







If the above dates are not convenient: please get in touch and we will happily arrange an alternative.

PINS

Partnership of Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

As a school we are committed to improving the provision for children with neurodiversity. We are delighted to be part of this project.

Please come along and chat to Rosie about—

* Your views of provision in the school
* Questions and concerns you may have
* Useful contacts for support
* Suggestions and strategies

Thursday 2nd October 9am

Thursday 20th November 2pm



Come and meet Rosie, who works for HPCN. She will be running the PINS groups and working with you to listen to you and build a better relationship with yourself and the school. She has many years of training with children in SEN within the Early's years sector, as a Qualified Early Years SENCO and within SEN law, as well as her own personal experience of SEN with her own Children.



OUR LOCAL CLUSTER OF SCHOOLS PRESENT

TWO PARENT WORKSHOPS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH BIG FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS.

Aimed at our Dads, Grandads and Male Guardians



WORKSHOP: BIG EMOTIONS

WHEN: MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER

TIME: 6pm

WORKSHOP: ANXIETY

WHEN: THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

TIME: 6pm

The workshops will be delivered by an experienced member of the Primary Behaviour Support Team.

Both workshops will be held at Manor Junior School.

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Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.
If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



COMMUNITY FUND

The Field Centre
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