



## Weekly Update 16.05.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a great week!

**Collaboration Counts:** We continue to explore what being a great team looks like for us as a school and within our families. This week in Collective Worship we looked at the team Jesus chose to be his disciples. They were not an elite team of super intelligent, magnetically popular, endlessly talented individuals but a team full of their own oddities and limitations. Yet they were used powerfully by God as Jesus's disciples and were the core of the team that went onto establish the early church and spread the gospel. It is encouraging to think that we don't need to individually or even collectively boast the greatest set of credentials to be part of a team that can make a real difference and achieve great things together. We just need to be ready and willing to play our part.

**Well done Year 6:** Talking of great teams, Year 6 were heroes this week in completing their SATS tests. They have worked super hard and applied themselves admirably. Well done to them and thank you to the staff and parents who have supported the Year 6s through this week at school and at home.

**Around the World Day: France:** Our next Around the World Day is coming up **next week on Wednesday**. We will be celebrating France as part of our French Curriculum with each class having a go at different activities to explore and enjoy French culture and language. Year 4 have persuaded me to invite all the children to wear the tricolour colours, **blue, white and/or red, for non-school uniform** on Wednesday as part of the celebrations. Year 1's performance of Red Riding Hood is still taking place that afternoon and we are encouraging Year 1 to aim to wear something red on that day.

**Catering Provider:** As some of you may have seen in the news, HC3S, the Hampshire-wide catering provider is ceasing to operate from the end of 2025 (calendar year). After extensive research and discussion by the school and governing body, we are delighted to inform parents that we have secured a contract with Gateway Academy Trust to provide our catering on our site from the 3rd November 2025. We are really pleased that we have found a local provider that will be responsive to our needs and feedback, provides good value for money and a varied menu of great food. School dinner prices will remain the same for the next school year and we are anticipating a smooth transition from HC3S to Gateway in the Autumn term. Further details and menus etc will follow in due course.

**Toilets after 3:15pm:** Please can we ask that if your child needs the toilet after they have left school at the end of the day that you make use of the toilets at the side of the Abbey rooms rather than coming into the school office. The school toilets after 3:15pm are used by our After School Club.



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**Sports Day:** Sports Day is **next Friday** afternoon, starting with a picnic lunch. Separate Sports Day emails are being sent with more information but we look forward to seeing you there if you can make it.

**New Year R Parent Meeting:** We are holding our welcome evening for parents of children starting in Year R in September next **Wednesday (21st March) at 6pm** in the school hall. This is a chance to meet the staff and get all the information you'll want as we begin the transition process to help your children be ready and raring to go in September. We look forward to seeing some familiar faces and some new faces.

**Childcare Choices:** For information on 15-30 hours childcare support please use this link <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

**Let's Talk about our Kids and their Tech:** A reminder to sign up for the parent information evening that has been arranged by the schools across Romsey on the important topic of screens and social media. Experts, PAPAYA, will be presenting alongside the schools and it is being hosted by Romsey Rugby Club at **Ganger Farm Sports Club, 6:15pm on Tuesday 10th June**. An email with more information was sent last week but here is the link to book a free place <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/papaya/1694392>

**Romsey Relay Marathon inc Children's Race:** This excellent community event is coming up on Sunday at Broadlands. The school is entering a staff team and there is also a parent team taking part too. There is a Children's race at approximately 3:00pm once the marathon relay is finished. There is no sign up for the children's race so do come along if your child would like to take part in a 1.3 mile run with other children across Romsey. If you are interested in finding out more please go to the website <https://www.romseymarathon.co.uk/> or email [info@romseymarathon.co.uk](mailto:info@romseymarathon.co.uk). You will **need to have a pass** to enter broadlands so please pick one up from the school office today if you would like one.

**Term Time Holidays:** Please do not book term time holidays. Good attendance is very clearly linked to better progress and achievement in school. We know very well the cost implications of holidays in the school holidays but the children's education must be the priority. Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued for 5 unauthorised absences within a 100 school day period. Thank you.

**Dates for your Diary:** Please check the dates for your diary carefully each week: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhllGpgLuw5Jpz\\_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhllGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit)

**Prayer:** I'll finish with a prayer which you are very welcome to join me in praying for Year 6 next week...

*Dear God,*

*We thank you for guiding Chestnut Tree Class through their SATs this week and helping them to do their best. As we head into the last week of Summer 1, we pray that we will all finish the half term well and on an encouraging note. We pray that Sports Day would be a really uplifting celebration of collaboration, community and resilience.*

*Amen*

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Harris

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