



Head Teacher weekly update 25.10.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week as we draw Autumn 1 to a close. What a super start to the year the children have made and after 8 weeks of hard work and admirable effort they have well and truly earned a good half term break.

At the end of a half term, it is good to reflect on some of the **highlights** from the past couple of months. Here are just 3 of my highlights:

- 1) Year R starting so well and Year 6 being brilliant buddies.** Beech Tree Class have been a wonderful addition to our school and we have been so impressed with how quickly and positively they have settled. Year 6 have risen to the responsibility of being caring and super-friendly buddies.
- 2) Hilliers and Harvest:** Sneaking two into one here but they were on subsequent days. I was a very proud headteacher on both days as the children shone in all they did, representing the school excellently out in the community and having such positive and caring attitudes.
- 3) Year 5 Abbey Sleepover:** My thanks to Holly Tree Class, the tremendously generous team at the Abbey and the many school staff who kindly helped make the Abbey Sleepover a really special experience. We are now expert Romsey historians thanks to the inspiring expertise of Rob Gower from the Abbey. We are so blessed to enjoy such a strong partnership with the Abbey. Do take some time over this weekend to talk to your children about their highlights from the past 8 weeks.

Light in the Abbey: Romsey Abbey are running their fun and friendly Light in the Abbey event on **Friday 1st November**. Please see the attached poster for more information about an event well worth getting along to with your family. [Light in the Abbey poster 2024](#)

Children in Need: Friday 15th November is Children in Need and this is something we support as a school community. Children are invited to wear something spotty to school that day to accessorise their school uniform. More details about the fundraising will be shared after half term but if your children have any great ideas for the school that day then please let us know as we love to encourage the children to take initiative in our efforts to contribute positively to the world around us.

Year R 2025 tours: Our next open morning for Year R 2025 is Wednesday 6th October with tours at 9:30am and 11:00am. If you know of families with children starting school in September 2025 do encourage them to contact the school office and book in a tour of the school. Applications open at the start of November.

Year 7 Applications: Just a final reminder to Year 6 parents to ensure you have submitted your applications for secondary school before the end of October. There is nothing we are able to do if you submit your application late.



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Parent Communication Survey: Thank you to those of you who have completed the survey on communication. Here is the link if you haven't been able to do so yet. Thank you.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedMmL2BosUJLGFNP6Ph2Ftq7rhcficvM3WJ3WGzHDFnrakMw/viewform>

Dates for your Diary: Here is the link for our Dates for your Diary. It is a live document so will update as new dates and events are added to the diary: https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhllGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit Please note the parents evening dates in November. Sign up for this will be shared just after half term. Christmas events are being added thick and fast at the moment too so do take a look and add things to your calendar.

Prayer: I'll finish with a prayer, which you are welcome to join me in praying.

Dear God,

Thank you for guiding us through this half term. Thank you for all the fruitful signs of children flourishing we have seen over the last 8 weeks. We ask that you would bless us all with a refreshing and delighting half term, recharging our batteries for Autumn 2.

Amen

Have a good half term everybody and we will see you back in school on Monday 4th November.

Kind Regards

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