



Newsletter

"Being honest may not get you a lot of friends, but it will always get you the right ones" - John Lennon

Latest News

This year we are supporting:

SAMARITANS



Happy New Year

Welcome Back Everyone! We trust you all had a fun, restful and safe Christmas break and are all ready for a fun packed spring term! There is so much to look forward to in the coming weeks with Year 5 Viking Day, our Inter House Football Tournament, Chance to Shine cricket coaching starting up again with Graham Ekins from Farncombe Cricket Club, Hero Week and much, much more!

'Chance to Shine' Cricket Coaching

As mentioned above, this week Graham returned and will be working with ALL year groups over the coming months starting in Year 3 during their PE slots. Mr Samson will also be supporting him later in the term when we introduce our after school cricket club for the upper school in preparation for the summer tournaments that take place at Farncombe Cricket Club.

Samaritans Charity Football Match Vs Farncombe United FC

We now have our team ready to go against Farncombe United FC on Monday 20th January, widely known as 'Blue Monday' which we will turn **GREEN** that day! The game will be at Broadwater School on the green hockey astro-pitches between 7-8pm if anyone is passing and would like to come along (remembering there is resurfacing work going on at the school currently). It is sure to be a great match and all for our supported charity!

Our VALUE in focus is: HONESTY

As we enter a new half term, our 'in focus' value become **HONESTY**. Closely aligned to **TRUST** and **FRIENDSHIP**, all members of staff will be on the look out to spot examples of **HONESTY** throughout the school. As always, please do you all you can to support the school in promoting the value at home and maybe discuss with your child the John Lennon quote at the top of the newsletter and what is meant by it, which Mr Samson discussed with Year 4 this week during their PSHE lessons!

GJS Breakfast Club

We continue to provide our Breakfast Club for GJS children in partnership with KOOSA. This is open from **7.45am** and is run by GJS staff. A breakfast of cereal, toast and fresh fruit will be provided daily!

Break Time Snacks

If your child requires a snack at morning break please ensure you send them in with it each day. Children who do bring in a snack should not be sharing theirs with others to ensure food allergy protocols are adhered to.

Equipment and Stationery

Please be reminded that all children should come to school with a full pencil case, including pencils, sharpener, rubber, pink polishing pen, whiteboard pen, ruler and coloured pencils. All these items, apart from coloured pencils, are available from the school stationery shop on a Wednesday break-time (price list attached).

GLP Initial Teacher Training Course—September 2025 intake

As the window for enrolling onto our successful year long teacher training programme in partnership with Winchester University has opened, we will be hosting an information webinar providing more information on **Wednesday 15th January @ 7.00pm** for those interested. This online event will run for no more than an hour, give insight into the course, entry expectations and costs, as well as a Q and A session at the end regarding the course. Attached to the newsletter is a flier with the QR code required to book onto the session. The session will be led by Mr Samson as the course coordinator and Sara Cox, headteacher at Milford School and course supervisor. Please forward the flier onto anyone who may be interested as either a career change or to those interested in pursuing a career in teaching who may be at university now but would like to train to teach closer to home.

And Finally...

As we start 2025, we want to encourage the children to not be as wasteful at lunchtimes when having their hot lunches. Those that have school dinners have more choice than ever before over a 3 week period and whilst Twelve 15 make changes based on the levels of waste they see, we would really like the children to play their part too and keep food waste to a minimum.



House Points

Mars	2490
Jupiter	1623
Saturn	1621
Neptune	1282



Our Designated Safeguard Lead, Operation Encompass Key Adult and Attendance Lead is:
Mr Samson—HT

Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:
Mr Maclver—Deputy HT
Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo
Mrs Munz—Bursar
Mrs Kirby—HSLW

'It's everyone's business'

PTA News

Wednesday 26th March—School Spring Disco (please note date change)
 Friday 28th March—Parent’s Quiz Friday
 Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th July—Year 6 Play
 Friday 11th July—Summer Fair

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3AR – Lewis
 3EC – Archie
 4JS – Wilbur
 4NS – Marnie
 5NM – Solomon
 5KW – Nyah
 6EM – Seb
 6SD – Eli



98%

COMMUNITY Values Champions

3AR – Pearl
 3EC – Ella C
 4JS – Amy
 4NS – Josie
 5KW – Frank
 5NM – Benjamin
 6EM – Sophia
 6SD – Mimi



Sports News

As we start a new term we want to build on the wonderful opportunities the children had last term. Sign-up sheets are already with class teachers for children to put their name down if they want to take part in the Inter house Football Tournaments taking place later this month. Dates below. These tournaments will take place during their usual PE slots and the only change the children need to implement is wearing their house t-shirt rather than their PE one. House t-shirts are available all year round from the school office. Children are to wear what they normally wear for PE and shin pads are optional as there will be **no boots allowed**. 70% of the school have already represented their house this year, it would be great if that number increases further...

The Year 5/6 team will also be taking part in the Sports Hall Athletics event at Woolmer Hill on 23rd January.

We also have a lower school and upper school benchball event at Rodborough later this term. Children will be notified in due course if they want to try out for these teams.



Diary Dates

Spring 2025

January	Start of Term
6th:	'Chance to Shine' Cricket Assembly
9th:	Y5 'Viking Day'
16th:	Y5 'Viking Day'
20th–24th:	10R—Hero Week
20th:	Samaritans Football Match @ Broadwater 7-8pm
21st:	Y6 Jack Phillips Talk
23rd:	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics @ Woolmer Hill
27th–31st:	Y6 Mock SATs Week
February	
3rd:	Inter House Football Tournament—Y3
4th:	Inter House Football Tournament—Y5
5th:	Inter House Football Tournament—Y6
5th:	James Rattue 'Honesty' Assembly
7th:	Inter House Football Tournament—Y4
12th:	Y3/4 Benchball Tournament @ Rodborough
14th:	Inset Day—School Closed
17th–21st:	Half Term
26th:	Y5/6 Benchball Tournament @ Rodborough
26th:	Y6 SATs Parent Talk 5.00pm
28th:	Y6 WW2 Workshop

