



Message from Mrs McWilliams-Bowe

As the Spring term continues to gather momentum, it has been wonderful to see the children so settled and engaged back in their routines. Classrooms are once again full of purposeful learning, thoughtful conversations and a renewed sense of curiosity as pupils embrace the opportunities this new term brings.

In assembly this week, we explored the idea of *collective responsibility* and what this means in our primary school. We talked about how everyone has an important part to play in keeping our school a happy, safe and respectful place. Pupils were reminded that their choices and actions affect others, and that by taking responsibility for ourselves and looking out for one another, we help our whole school community to thrive.

Finally, a quick reminder that our coffee morning will take place on Monday 26th January (Y5 & Y6) and Wednesday 28th January (Y3 & Y4) **in the school hall**. This will be a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to meet myself and other members of the Senior leadership team.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend

Best Attendance for this Week

The class with the highest attendance this week is 5MK with 99.62% well done!!

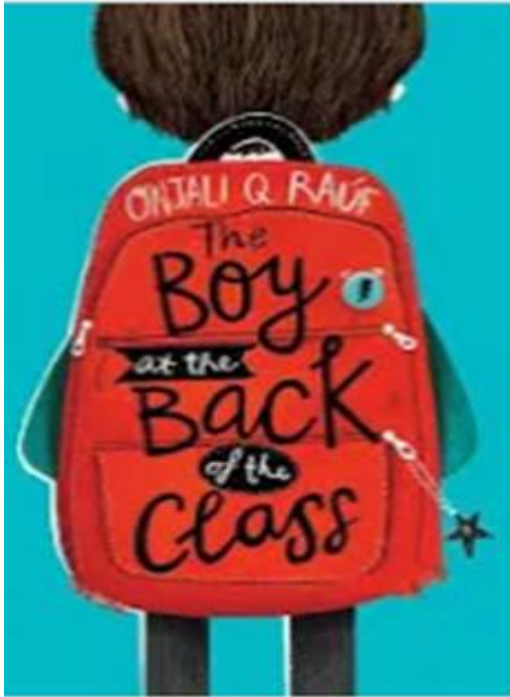
Attendance Matters

- Good attendance is key to your child's safety, wellbeing, and education.
- Children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve and build positive friendships.
- When a child misses school, it can mean missed learning and missed opportunities to be part of our school community.
- If your child is unwell or unable to attend, please contact the school office by 9 am on the day of absence.
- Our pastoral team is here to support families if attendance becomes difficult - please reach out, we are here to help.

Reporting an Absence

If your child is ill, please can you telephone the school office before 9.00am on 01256 326713. There is an answer phone that you can leave a message regarding absence. The school office will contact you if you do not contact the school to report an absence., if you do not report the absence it will be marked as "unauthorised absence". If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they will need to remain at home for a clear 48 hours following the last episode.

A Love of Reading - This week Mrs Clifton has recommended this book



If you're looking for a story that's full of adventure, kindness and real friendship, this is a brilliant book to pick up! It's about a new boy in class called Ahmet who arrives with lots of questions and surprises. As the story unfolds, you'll discover where he's come from and why his friends want to help him in extraordinary ways. This book will make you laugh, think and feel—especially about how important it is to be kind, curious and brave. You'll root for the characters and learn that even small acts of friendship can make a huge difference.

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf

Recommended by Mrs Clifton

Child's Mental Health Week

As a school, we will be taking part in **Children's Mental Health Week**, organised by Place2Be, from **9th-15th February**. During this week, pupils will attend a whole-school assembly and take part in follow-up class activities linked to this year's theme, '**This Is My Place**', which encourages children to reflect on belonging, wellbeing and feeling safe.

In preparation for this, our school councillors are leading a **Wellbeing Poster Competition**. All children are invited to design a poster promoting positive wellbeing, such as the importance of getting enough sleep, being a good friend, or sharing positive and encouraging messages.

The **deadline for entries is Friday 30th January**. Posters will be displayed around the school, and winners will be announced during assembly.

We recognise the importance of supporting children's mental health throughout the year and look forward to celebrating and highlighting positive wellbeing practices during this special week.

WOW - Walk to School Badge Design

We are delighted to invite all pupils to take part in our WOW Badge Design Competition entitled Walk the Senses!

Every pupil is encouraged to draw a badge design to be considered for the competition. From all the entries across the school, three designs will be chosen as our school's final entries.

What should you draw? Think about your journey to school. What do you see, hear, smell, taste or feel as you walk or wheel to school? You might notice fluffy clouds in the sky, a cute dog passing by, or the sound of feet walking. Maybe you enjoy the smell of flowers or wild garlic, the taste of a favourite snack, or the feeling of rain on your skin. Let your senses inspire your design!

We can't wait to see your creative ideas. More details about how and when to submit designs will be shared by your class teacher.

Date for your entry to given to school to be considered: THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2026

Finalists will be announced: FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY

Good luck, and happy designing!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY School Holiday Club

INFANT CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

We are taking bookings now, 16 - 19 February

9.00 - 4.00pm £30 per child, £27 for siblings.

If you are interested in booking a place for your child, please contact the school office on 01256

326713 or email adminoffice@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk

General Reminders

Year 6 Liddington Residential - Final Payment due by 2nd March 2026

Year 5 Stubbington Residential - Final Payment due by 2nd March 2026

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH 23rd - 25th January

Big Garden Bird Watch

Today, the children will be going out with their class to observe the birds that land in our school grounds and complete a RSPB tally chart that will be reported back to the RSPB survey.

This month, we're inviting all the children to participate in the Big Garden Bird Watch 2026! 'Big Garden Birdwatch is the UK's biggest citizen science wildlife survey'. By taking part, you can help the RSPB understand how our garden birds are doing right now. Our Eco Ambassadors, led by Mrs Wilkinson, will be supporting this survey through their creation of bird feeders around the school grounds. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

Disclaimer: From time to time information will be sent out from various organisations about activities for children. Please note that these are provided for your information and are not endorsed by the school. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure the suitability of out of school activities for their own children.

Diary Dates

Spring Term 2026

Spring Term 5th January 2026 - 27th March 2026

Half Term 16th February 2026 - 20th February 2026

Summer Term 13th April 2026 - 22nd July 2026

Half Term 25th May 2026 - 29th May 2026

Inset Days for 2025/2026

13th April

1st June

January 2026

26th - Year 5 & 6 Parents - Coffee and Meet Mrs McWilliams-Bowe 8.45 am - 9.30 am

28th - Year 3 & 4 Parents - Coffee and Meet Mrs McWilliams-Bowe 8.45 am - 9.30 am

February 2026

10th - Cross Country at Down Grange 1 pm

11th - Girls Football Match against Merton School 3.30 pm

13th - Coffee & Chat with Mrs Clifton and Miss Williams 9am Green Room

27th - Y6 to Winchester Cathedral

March 2026

2nd - Final Payments due for Y6 Liddington Residential and Y5 Stubbington Residential

9th - Y5 to Stubbington Residential

16th - Y6 to Liddington Residential

20th - Clubs Finish

26th - Y4 to Ufton Court

Please note: dates are subject to change/cancellation