



Message from Mrs McWilliams-Bowe

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was a real pleasure to see so many families at our Spring term Parents' Evenings this week. Thank you to everyone who attended. The conversations were filled with celebrations of progress made, confidence grown, and the wonderful learning taking place across the school.

Opportunities like these are invaluable in strengthening the partnership between home and school, ensuring that every child continues to be supported, stretched and nurtured in the right way. Your continued encouragement and engagement make a real difference to the children's success and wellbeing.

We also thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day together. It was fantastic to see the children's enthusiasm for reading, as well as the creative activities that took place across the school. Days like these remind us how important it is to foster a lifelong love of books and storytelling.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to another busy and exciting few weeks ahead.

Warm regards,

Year Group Book Swap

A reminder that our Book Swap Day will take place on Thursday 12th March. We're looking forward to seeing the children share and discover "new-to-them" books as part of our ongoing celebration of reading.

Year 5 will do a book swap in the following week as they are away at Stubbington.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Walk to school once a week

February Winners of Walk to School once a Week are 4AE.

Kids Online Safety

The UK government has launched the 'Kids Online Safety' campaign to help parents and carers support their children to navigate the digital world safely and confidently.

The campaign brings together practical, trusted guidance on how to start meaningful conversations about online life, understand the types of content children may encounter, and build critical thinking skills so young people can question what they see and make safer choices.

It also offers advice on using tools such as parental controls, recognising potential risks, and knowing where to seek help or report concerns. The overall aim is to make online safety an ongoing, open dialogue within families rather than a one-off conversation, helping children feel supported as they explore apps, games and social media.

You can find the resources here:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

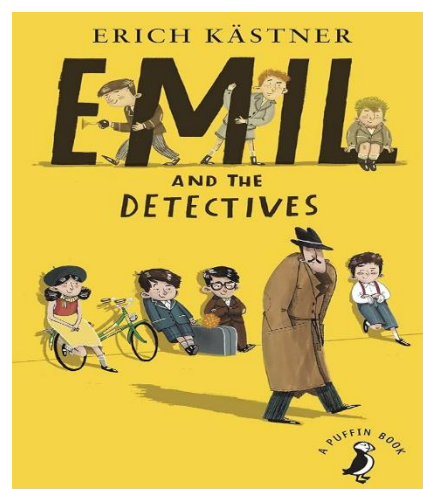
Easter Holiday Club

Sadly, we are not in a position to run the Easter holiday club. Families who regularly use the club have received a personal email regarding this matter.

A Love of Reading - This week Mrs Murphy recommends

This is a wonderful story that my Junior School teacher Mrs Denning recommended to me almost 50 years ago!

Emil falls asleep whilst travelling on a train to visit relatives, when he awakes, he discovers that he has been robbed. Emil enlists the help of a group of children and they work together to find the stranger who took Emil's money, using their wits and tricks to catch the thief and in the process solve a mystery surrounding a series of bank robberies. Set in 1920's Berlin it is a fun adventure about a group of junior sleuths.



This week Year 6 have been:

Year 6 recently enjoyed a fascinating visit to Winchester Cathedral, where they toured the magnificent site and learned about its rich history and architecture. During their visit, the children had the special opportunity to meet one of the Cathedral's Canons, who spoke to them about his beliefs and his important role within the Cathedral community. Inspired by the stunning surroundings, the children created beautiful artwork replicating the impressive West Wall of the Cathedral. Back at school, Year 6 have continued to work incredibly hard across all subjects, and preparations are now in full swing for their upcoming SATs. We are very proud of their enthusiasm, creativity and dedication.

Year 5 are excited for Stubbington next week!

In Geography, we have enjoyed looking at maps and images of Stubbington and Kempshott where we have been spotting what is the same/similar and what is different between these two localities.

Best Attendance for this Week

The class with the highest attendance this week is 4AE with 100% 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.

Changes to the end-of-day dismissal arrangements

Please can parents email the admin office with details of childminders, grandparents or friends they wish to collect their children from school so that Arbor can be updated with the permissions. Thank you.

Red Nose Day - Friday 20th March 2026

This is a NON UNIFORM day in return for a donation to Comic Relief. Please wear lots of red if you wish but please do not colour your children's hair, thank you.

Pupil Achievements

We love to celebrate our children's achievements outside of school. If you have any awards/achievements you'd like included in the newsletters, please email them to the school office via info@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk

Communication

"We value strong communication with families. To ensure concerns are dealt with promptly, we follow our school communication structure:

Class Teacher → Team Leader → Deputy Headteacher.

This ensures the right people are involved at the right time."

Thank you for your continued support.

School Kitchen

We are pleased to report that following an inspection by Hampshire Environmental Health Team the kitchens used by Chartwells have been given a Level 5 rating.

Community Food Link

Every Thursday the Community Food Link make a delivery to Kempshott Junior School, parents are welcome to pop in to the Green Room at 3pm to choose any food items that they may find useful. Please help us reduce food waste in our community. Thank you.

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

Inset Days for 2026/2027

1st September

2nd November

4th January

12th April

7th June

March 2026

9th - Y5 to Stubbington Residential

12th - Book Swap

16th - Y6 to Liddington Residential

20th - Red Nose Day - non uniform day / Clubs Finish

25th - Easter Service at St Marks Church

26th - Y4 to Ufton Court / 6EW to QMC

27th - **Coffee and Chat 9 am Green Room with Mrs Clifton and Miss Williams**

April 2026

23rd - **Class Photos**

29th - **Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm/ Year 5 visit to Blue Coat School "Matilda"**

May 2026

4th - Bank Holiday

14th - Year 5 trip to Paultons Park

Please note: dates are subject to change/cancellation