



Message from Mrs McWilliams-Bowe

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a fantastic first week back, and it has been lovely to see the children settle so quickly and enthusiastically into their learning. There has been a real buzz around school helped by the beautiful weather at the start of the week!

We're very much looking forward to Parents' Evening next week and the opportunity to share your child's progress and successes with you.

This week, we were delighted to welcome the Library Service, who delivered training to our Reading Ambassadors. This exciting initiative will empower our pupils to take an active role in promoting a love of reading across the school and supporting their peers in the library. It's a wonderful step forward in strengthening our whole-school reading culture.

It has also been fantastic to see so many children using their World Book Day tokens to purchase a book. The excitement around choosing stories and sharing recommendations with friends has been wonderful to witness. As we continue to celebrate our Year of Reading, it's clear that reading for pleasure is thriving in our school community.

Please remember to look at our first ever reading newsletter on the school website.

Have a fabulous weekend.

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 -WOW Badge Design Finalists

Congratulations to the following children who are finalists in WOW Badge Design competition

Christopher - Year 4

Isabella - Year 5

Emma - Year 6

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.

Supporting a Respectful School Community

We would like to remind both parents and children that our expectations for respectful and safe behaviour extend beyond the school gates. Our school community thrives when interactions between all stakeholders are positive, courteous, and considerate.

Today, I was delighted to receive fantastic comments about our Year 6 pupils, who represented the school so beautifully while visiting Winchester Cathedral.

This week Year 3 have been:

In year 3 we have just finished making our pencil cases as part of our DT topic. As part of this DT topic, the children have developed their running and cross stitch skills.

They designed their pencil case which needed to include applique, running stitch and cross stitch. The children thought carefully about their designs including the colour of the thread and felt they would use. The children showed great determination and resilience in order to make their pencil cases and did fabulously well.

Well done to all! We have now started our new topic on rainforests!

Best Attendance for this Week

The class with the highest attendance this week is 5HA with 99.57% 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.

Leave of Absence Requests - Attendance Rules

Hampshire County Council and the Dept of Education require all schools to report attendance figures and to ensure that absences are recorded.

Should you wish to take your child out of school for an event, family holiday, birthday please call into the office and request a Hampshire County Council Leave of Absence Request Form. The completed form should then be returned to the School Office for the Headteachers attention.

Hampshire County Council state that schools can only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances.

A copy of the New Attendance Rules (August 2024) are attached to the Newsletter for your reference.

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.





✦ KSA Weekly Update ✦

REMINDER - World Book Day Fun on Friday 6th March

Celebrate the magic of books and tasty treats with us after school on **Friday 6th March!** 😊

Here's what's happening:

 **Pre-Loved Book Sale:** Please donate your well-loved books for our second hand book sale starting from **Monday 2nd March** (You can donate any pre-loved books via the reception areas each morning). These will then be on sale straight after school on Friday 6th March in both the Infant and Junior playgrounds. Prices start as little as 20p per book, so come along and grab yourself a bargain!

 **Doughnut treats:** We will also be having a doughnut sale alongside the second hand book sale straight after school. Prices are just **£1 each doughnut** or **12 for £10**. Yum!

Don't miss out on this perfect combo of books and bites!

We look forward to celebrating the magic of World Book Day with you all 😊

If you have any questions, please message us on social media or email ksaevents10@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the KSA! ✨

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.

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.

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

2nd - Parent Evening Meetings / Final Payments due for Y6 Liddington & Y5 Stubbington Residentials

3rd - Parent Evening Meetings

4th - Y6 SAT's & Liddington Residential Information Evening

5th - Parent Evening Meetings

6th - Colour Run / KSA Book Sale

9th - Y5 to Stubbington Residential

12th - Book Swap

16th - Y6 to Liddington Residential

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

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

Please note: dates are subject to change/cancellation