



Photo: Some lovely cross-age play on Wednesday



YR Y1&2 Y3&4 Y5&6

It was lovely to see so many of you able to join us in church this morning for our Harvest Festival. The children sang songs, shared food gifts and shared prayers. For our new Year R children it was an opportunity to just watch the older ones and see what they do in the church. At our Christmas service, they will be more fully involved. Years 5 and 6 children shared some teachings around seeing deeper messages at Harvest beyond the obvious thanks for the food we have. Based on ideas we explored in worship this week, they expressed some words for how we could all try to live by; such as to be more peaceful, feel joy and valued, to try to get rid of the things the world is too full of at the moment; such as hate, fear and loneliness.

**Dates for your Diary:**

- Tues 14 Oct** – Parents Evening 4.30-7.30pm
- Wed 22 Oct** – Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm
- Mon 27-Fri 31 Oct** Half Term
- Mon 3 Nov** – INSET Closure Day

**Some Nice Cross-Age Playtime Games**

I watched some particularly nice games on Wednesday and Thursday where a large group of children were playing duck-duck-goose with lots of Year R children. The older girls and boys from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were modelling the game and loving playing with Year R. This strong role modelling is amazing for our new Year R children and really demonstrates our value of 'care' coming alive. See photo above.

**Year 6 Parents – Deadline Approaching**

A reminder for all Year 6 parents that the deadline for applications for secondary schools is approaching – make sure you have completed this by midnight on 31 Oct.

Dear God,  
Thank you for all our lovely food. We are lucky to have yummy food. Please help people in need and take care of people who have less and people who have no homes. Please help people to stop hating and hurting other people and animals and the environment.  
Amen  
Harvest Prayer Written by Squirrels Class Y1&2)

**INSET Days left for 25/26**

- Mon 3 Nov
- Mon 5 Jan
- Mon 23 Feb
- Fri 22 May

**Check you haven't missed these communications this week:**

**Weds – To all,** Email precautionary advice re website contained within book

**Harvest Food Gifts**

Many thanks to everyone who donated gifts of food at our Harvest Festival this morning. The food gifts will stay in the church and join those added with the village Harvest Service – everything will then be donated to Meon Valley Food Bank to help local people.



If you would like to attend the village Harvest Festival it is at Blessed Mary Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Sports News**

On Tuesday, children from Years 5 & 6 took part in a cross-country event. This was a highly competitive event, many of the children had experienced the Year 3 & 4 race (reported last week) in previous years so were well prepared with what to do. They performed really well, some great individual performances as well as lots of team support for each other. Well done to everyone for finishing so strongly!

Thanks to Miss Leech who accompanied the children and to everyone who helped with transport.



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## Warning Notice of Road Closure – THIS WILL AFFECT EVERYONE!

There is a planned road closure on Upham Street which will affect dropping off and collecting from school from Monday 20 to Friday 24 October.

The closure will be at the drainage pond, at the bottom of the hill.

The only alternative is likely to be to drive up Stakes Lane and approach the school from the top of the village. Families from Bishops Waltham might find it easier to approach using Cross lane or Peak Lane, knowing Stakes Lane is likely to be busier than usual.

Stakes Lane is rather narrow with only a few passing points so I would suggest that after you have dropped off trying to avoid going back that way and meeting the approaching traffic, if you are able. An easier alternative might be to head towards Owslebury or north towards Belmore Lane.

