

21 March 2025



Photo: Playing outside – all in non-uniform

Wed 2 April – 3pm C3
Listen2Me concert for parents
Fri 4 April – 9am Easter
Service at Blessed Mary
Church (drop off at church)
7 – 21 April - Easter Break
Tues 22 April - First Day
Back
Tues 29 April – Class 2 Trip
Hilliers Gardens

A few words from the headteacher...

What a glorious week's weather – hard not to be cheerful and uplifted when it's warm and sunny. The children are all loving being on the field too. With red nose day today and everyone in their own comfy clothes there was an even more positive feel across school. Lots of different colours, sparkles, lots of red, football teams and loads of individuality on display!

Lent Challenge Week 3.

This week's challenge has been to be more supportive of friends. We talked a lot about conflict – the natural moment when children experience a disagreement, a problem or something they don't like. How they act in this moment either makes this conflict grow, such as tit-for-tat actions, or resolves the problem. We watched a lovely animation with two robots who experienced this conflict (hence the picture on this week's sticker). We then explored the solution to any conflict – to support your friends rather than react.
The challenge next week will be: Being more Grateful

Lunches

Please can you check your child's lunch balance within Arbor – a few families have balances starting to grow.

Easter Holiday Club Opportunities

We have attached flyers to the email with this Newsletter about local Easter Holiday clubs that might be of interest/ use to you.



INSET Days for 24/25:

- Mon 2 Sept
- Fri 25 Oct
- Mon 6 Jan 25
- Mon 24 Feb 25
- Mon 2 June 25

Communication this week:

Fri – 'Schools Out'
Newspaper re Easter
holiday events
Fri – Flyer from FUS re
Easter Bonnet/ Hat
competition

FUS Easter Makes - Bonnets

FUS will be holding a competition to decorate/ make an Easter bonnet/ hat. You could also make your own hat out of card or use any hat and transform it into an Easter themed masterpiece. Entries cost £1 with all profits going towards the iPads. Bring your Bonnets/hats to the office (with the £1 and clearly labelled with name and year) on the week of 31st March There will be a prize for every year group winner.

Class 4 Next Week

Year 6 are going to have a mock SATs week next week so that they can experience the way in which they are required to take the SATs tests in May. This is to help them realise it is nothing to worry about and is entirely predictable. During SATS week itself we will offer a Pilates class before school which is a useful way of helping prepare. Doing some exercise together, helps them do something constructive to manage any nerves. We will therefore run this as well next week, Mon – Thurs at 8.15am. All of Class 4 are welcome – it's useful for Year 5 to experience too and see Year 6 preparing positively.

Smarties

Thanks to all of you who returned a smartie tube with money in! If you would like to donate to FUS, there's still time to return!



Please Give Consent for..

A reminder that if you want your child to participate in the following (if relevant), you need to give consent within the Arbor App:

- Class 1 trip to Longdown Activity Farm
- Class 2 Trip to Hilliers Gardens
- Ceilidh Country Dancing, open to Years 1-6

After School Club – Extending Pilot

Our after school childcare club (what's referred to as 'wrap around care'), operated by Active8minds, has been running now for around a year and is doing really well! When we started it was initially a feasibility study and I am pleased that it has been well used and is sustainable.

An opportunity has arisen to explore extending this further. The Government is providing funding to extend afterschool clubs and will subsidise the staff costs during a period of expansion. This funding is not available forever so now is the obvious time to see if this additional support is useful for parents.

We are therefore proposing to extend the after-school club until 6pm and add Fridays. Previously, this has always not been needed but whilst funding is available it makes sense to explore. This change will start after Easter (so from Tuesday 22nd April) and the system will be open for bookings accordingly, soon. www.active8minds-winchester.co.uk There is no obligation to stay until 6pm of course, in fact it may emerge that this is simply not needed, but we won't know until we try. Costs will therefore vary slightly, depending on the timings you need:

Monday	Wrap-around care	3.30pm – 4.30pm	£5
		3.30pm – 6pm	£11
	Club follow-on care	4:30 – 6pm	£6
Tuesday	Wrap-around care	3.30pm – 4.30pm	£5
		3.30pm – 6pm	£11
	Club follow-on care	4:30 – 6pm	£6
Wednesday	Wrap-around care	3.30pm – 4.30pm	£5
		3.30pm – 6pm	£11
	Multi-skills club	3.30 – 4.30pm	£5
	Club follow-on care	4.30 – 6pm	£6
Thursday	Wrap-around care	3.30pm – 4.30pm	£5
		3.30pm – 6pm	£11
	Football club	3.30 – 4.30pm	£5
	Club follow-on care	4.30 – 6pm	£6
Friday	Wrap-around care	3.30pm – 4.30pm	£5
		3.30pm – 6pm	£11