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Every Child Always

Newsletter Friday 24th October 2025

Dear families,

What a busy and brilliant few weeks we've had at school!

In addition to all the fabulous learning and amazing progress we've seen, we've also enjoyed a huge range of extracurricular activities for the children.

Our School Council vote was a huge success – well done to all the children who took part and shared their voices. It's inspiring to see our young leaders already full of great ideas! They took their first official engagement very seriously and were fantastic judges of the Pumpkin Competition. Please see their chosen winners below.

A big thank you to everyone who entered the competition – we were overwhelmed by the amazing response! It brought out everyone's creativity, from spooky to sparkly, and every pumpkin was incredible. We've raised £50.70 in voluntary donations so far, which will go straight back to the children in the form of new resources for Forest School and playtime. If you haven't yet had a chance to donate, you can still do so via your Scopay account – any donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated.



Best Carved Pumpkin



Most Creative Pumpkin



Best Painted Pumpkin



Funniest Pumpkin



Scariest Pumpkin

Break the Rules Day was full of fun and giggles! The children particularly enjoyed eating their pudding first at lunchtime. Thank you for helping us raise funds in such a fun way.

We wrapped up the half term with an amazing Glow Disco – full of music, dancing, and big smiles. A well-deserved treat for all! Both of these events were organised by our brilliant PTA.

It was also lovely to see so many families at our Families Evenings and Show and Share events this half term. We love inviting you into school and working together to provide the best learning experience for our children.

Developing Life Skills

In addition to teaching the National Curriculum and Early Years Foundation Stage Framework, we also support children to learn essential life skills. We've noticed that many of our children are finding it tricky to use a knife and fork correctly during lunch, particularly when it comes to cutting their food independently.

To help encourage and develop this important skill, we'll be introducing a sticker reward system for children who show improvement or use their cutlery well. We will always support the children with this, but we also want to encourage their independence by asking them to try first before asking an adult for help.

You can also support this at home by encouraging your child to practice using a knife and fork — especially practicing cutting softer foods safely and carefully — during family meals. This regular practice really does make a big difference.

Pre-Loved Toy & Book Sale

Last year we introduced our Pre-Loved Toy and Book Sale, and it was a huge success! The event supports families during the cost-of-living crisis, promotes sustainability, and helps save many wonderful toys and books from ending up in landfill. It's also a great chance to pick up some Christmas bargains!

The October half term is the perfect time for a clear-out before Christmas, so if you have any toys or books in good condition that you'd like to donate, please drop them off in the Kingfisher Room (opposite the school office).

We're also gratefully accepting unused gifts that could be re-gifted at the sale.

Thank you for your continued support — more details will follow after half term!

Looking Ahead

Next half term is always a magical one, and there's so much to get excited about!

- Anti-Bullying Week (10th November) – This year's theme is *Power for Good*. We'll be celebrating kindness, exploring what it means to be a good friend, and learning how to speak up when something isn't right.
- Remembrance Day – We'll be marking this important day with a themed event, where children will move between classes to take part in special activities.
- Children in Need – We'll be running fun activities and fundraising for this fantastic cause. More information to follow soon.
- All Things Christmas! – Including performances and the Christmas Fayre!

We can't wait to get started!

After such a packed half term, we think everyone – children and staff – have earned a good rest. Have a lovely, relaxing break, and we'll see you all back in school on Tuesday 4th November.

Mrs Skeates

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

3rd – Inset Day

4th – First day back at school

5th – Dolce Bonfire Themed Lunch

10th – Anti Bullying Week

11th – Flu Vaccinations

14th – Children In Need

DECEMBER

10th – Year R Christmas show AM

10th – Year 1 Christmas show AM

11th – Christmas Jumper Day

11th – Year 2 Christmas Carol Service AM

12th – Year R Christmas Show AM

12th – Year 1 Christmas Show AM

16th Pantomime

19th – Last day of term

2025/2026 INSET DAYS

- 3rd November 2025
- 5th January 2026
- 23rd February 2026
- 1st June 2026

SCHOOL CLUBS

**Mon – Fri – 360 After School Club
(Run by 360)**

**Thursday – Stow Sports Football
Club**

SCHOOL CLUBS

If you have registered interest in our after school clubs you will be notified via email during the first week back of term.

- **Ready**
- **Respectful**
- **Safe**



THIS TERMS LUNCH MENU

Dinner Times

TRADITIONAL AUTUMN

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

V = Vegetarian · VG = Vegan
GF = Gluten Free *NEW RECIPE for 2025*

Week 1 1st Sept, 22nd Sept, 13th Oct 3rd Nov, 24th Nov, 15th Dec	Week 2 8th Sept, 29th Sept 20th Oct, 10th Nov, 1st Dec	Week 3 15th Sept, 6th Oct 27th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec
<p>Margherita Pizza & Garlic Slice (V) Chinese BBQ Noodles (VG) * Spinach & Potato Curry with Steamed Rice (VG) (GF) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Margherita or Vegetable Supreme Pizza (V) Authentic Vegetable Curry & Steamed Rice (VG) Baked Sweet Potato Omelette (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Baked Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Green Beans Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Ice Cream & Fruit (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza with Pasta Salad (V) Italian Tomato Pasta (VG) * Loaded Mexican Style Wedges (V) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Crispy Cake (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Crispy Chicken Dippers & Tomato Based Sauce * Quorn Dippers & Tomato Based Sauce (VG) * Baked Bean Melt (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Steamed Rice, Sweetcorn, Broccoli Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>* Marble Sponge & Custard (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Mild Fajita Chicken, with Nachos & Steamed Rice Neapolitan Pasta (VG) Cheese & Tomato Panini Melt (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Cabbage, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Fruit Crunch & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Macaroni Cheese (V) * Chicken Tikka Biryani & Naan Bread * Pepperoni Melt Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Cauliflower, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Apple Cake & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Plant Based Sausages (VG) Cheesy Pasta (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Raspberry Jelly & Peaches (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding Cauliflower Cheese Loaded Yorkshire Pudding (V) * Traditional Beef Exeter * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Lemon Drizzle Cake (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Baked Bean Cheesy Puff (V) * Traditional Souce (GF) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>New Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Strawberry Mousse (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>* Home Made Beef & Vegetable Pie * Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V) Shepherd's Pie (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Winter Fruit Crumble & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Cheddar & Chicken Pasta Bake Vegetable Burrito (VG) Pasta Bolognese Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Broccoli, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>* Jam Sponge & Custard (VG) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>The Dolce All Day Breakfast The Dolce All Day Veggie Breakfast (V) * Singapore Noodles (VG) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Vegetable Grill (VG) * Indian Sausage Roll (VG) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Lemon Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake Cheese & Tomato Quiche (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Chocolate Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Fishless Fingers (VG) Cheese & Onion Grotin (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>* Hot Chocolate Fudge Pudding (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>



If your school has dietary requirements, such as halal, this will be automatically applied to your menu via SchoolGrid and does not change the type of menu you select here. Please contact your Area Manager if you ever need to change this.

Fireworks & Bonfire Night
5th November 2025

dolce

MAINS
BONFIRE BANGER
VEGGIE BONFIRE BANGER (VG)
HOT BAKED POTATO BAR WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS (GF)
INCLUDING BANGING BBQ CHICKEN AND WINTER WARMER QUORN KORMA (V)

SIDES
WHIZZ-BANG WEDGES
SPARKLER SWEETCORN
FIREWORK SLAW
GUY FAWKES SALAD BAR
KINDLING KETCHUP

DESSERT
ROCKET LOLLY (V) (GF)
CHOCOLATE CATHERINE WHEEL (V)
FRESH FRUIT

Please take a few minutes to ensure you have ordered lunches.

Fireworks & Bonfire Night themed menu – 5th November – now available to pre-order

Volunteers Required

If you would like to volunteer at school we would love to hear from you. We would love some volunteers for Reading and assisting at Forest School.

If you would like to volunteer please contact the school office who will provide further information and an application form.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Spotlight UK have teamed up with Robert Mays School to help raise money for our Christmas Toy Appeal supporting local children as well as Robert Mays other nominated amazing charities - Victoria's Promise, The Pink Place, Harry's Hat, and Stepping Stones.

Tickets are £3 each.

JUST SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS & NOMINATE CHARITY



OVER 30 PRIZES INCLUDING

A four night caravan break to Somerset, A family trip to 4 Kingdoms christmas Experience, Tickets to a number of our activities including Ninja Warrior, Donutting and more.

Registered Charity 1129258

TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN
PRESENTS
HALLOWEEN
FAMILY DAY

Ghost tours, crafts,
face painting and games

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER
10AM – 5PM

FREE ENTRY ALL DAY
charges for some activities

TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN
tudorhouseandgarden.com

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER HALF TERM



Wizard School

Mon 27 and Tues 28 October | 10.30am, 12pm or 1.30pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Pumpkin Printing (4+)

Mon 27 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Clay Cats and Witches' Hats (4+)

Tues 28 and Thurs 30 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Frankenstein's Clay Creations (6+)

Wed 29 October | 10.30am or 1pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Spooky Luminaries (6+)

Wed 28 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Pigments and Potions (5+)

Fri 31 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Clay Ghouly Gallions (6+)

Fri 31 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | SeaCity | £8

Halloween at Tudor House

Thurs 30 October | 10am - 5pm (last admission 4.15pm) | Tudor House | FREE

Creep down to Tudor House... if you dare - it's the home of Halloween! Meet the friendly spirits in the Banqueting Hall and take part in loads of spooky, fun activities throughout the day!

Small charges will apply on the day for activities.

Culture Club for Kids: Half-term Activity Days (6+ - 12 yrs)

Week Theme - Spooky Autumn

Drop off your young people

Mon 27, Tues 28, Wed 29 Oct | 9am - 4pm (drop off from 8.45am) | SeaCity | £35 per day | £90 for all three

Get creative, explore our collections and learn new stuff while making really cool things at our themed activity days!



See venue websites for further details on events and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com



BRIDGE END Alpacas



25th Oct - 2nd NOV

Enjoy HALF TERM FUN at Bridge End alpacas

HALLOWEEN POTTERY PAINTING

MEET, FEED AND FARM WALKS

PUMPKIN CARVING

Includes hot chocolate



VISIT For more information: www.bridgeendalpacas.co.uk Bridge End alpacas

In partnership with the Enham Alamein Parish Council, The Enham Alamein Community Orchard and Walled Garden presents...



Halloween in the Orchard

Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October (2pm - 4pm each day)

Join in our range of 'spooktacular' activities, including:

- Make your own jack-o-lantern or ghost lantern
- Haunted nature scavenger hunt
- Creepy creature bug hunt
- Witch hat ring toss
- Cobble stone painting

Free entry, donations welcome

Enham Community Orchard, SP11 6HQ
 Find us behind the Enham Trust Charity Shop.
 Free parking available.

All ages welcome, fancy dress optional.



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BATS & BLASTERS: HALLOWEEN PARTY



- Friday 31st October 2025
- Arrive anytime between 6pm-7pm
- Unlimited laser tag, food, and more...

Laser tag participants must be 1.1m+ in height.

Bring your little ghouls and goblins for just £10 per child! Enjoy unlimited laser tag missions, spooky music, a tasty pizza buffet with squash to refuel, and a Halloween goodie bag with a free laser tag membership. Don't forget to dress them up, spooky costumes are highly encouraged!

Book now for a spook-tacular time!



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Why choose us?

- A small, friendly setting where every child is known and nurtured
- We help your child become 'school ready' through play-based learning, and
- Term-time only – perfect for families who need flexibility
- No hidden costs – no consumables fees, ever
- Government-funded places available
- Established for over 30 years



What makes us special?

We believe every child deserve a safe, loving space to grow. Our playgroup is designed to feel like home – with caring staff, engaging activities, and a strong sense of community.

From indoor play zones to outdoor nature exploration, woffer a rich environment where children thrive.

📍 Located in Chariton

🌐 www.charltonanddistrictplaygroup.org.uk

☎ 07979 894 3118

Looking for the perfect childcare setting for your child?



SEPTEMBER
SPACES
AVAILABLE

What makes Charlton and district playgroup special?

We believe every child deserves a safe, nurturing space to grow. Our small, friendly setting means your little one gets the love and attention they deserve.

- home from home setting
- Getting your child School ready
- Term time only
- No hidden costs
- Government funded places available

Spaces for children age 2years 6months to starting school

www.charltonanddistrictplaygroup.org.uk

Tel :07979841318

November 2025



Get Togethers



6th November, 10-12pm: Fleet Get Together- Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet GU51 5FA - **SENDIASS ATTENDING to offer 1:1 support**

11th November, 12-1pm: online Lunchtime Get Together - Meeting ID: 835 1332 0196 Passcode: GT

12th November, 10-12pm : Basingstoke Get Together - The Viables Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ

19th November, 10-12pm: Winchester Get Together - Badger Farm Community Centre, Winchester, SO22 4QB

28th November, 10-12pm: Alresford Get Together - The Swan Hotel, Alresford, SO24 9AD

- Connect with other parent carers
• Relax over a cuppa in a friendly, non-judgemental space
• Share experiences & local issues
• Give feedback on services supporting your children & young people

This month Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the Fleet session. They will be available to offer 1:1 time to discuss your personal journey and will offer in the moment guidance to help your young person 0-25.



For more information please contact: participation@hpcn.org.uk

Become a Parent Representative!

Join Hampshire Parent Carer Network and help shape better services for families.

Your Role

- Share your experiences as a parent carer to help shape children's services.
• Ensure parents' voices influence key decisions.
• Work with professionals to improve services for children with disabilities.

What's Involved

- Attend relevant meetings or events (with another HPCN member if possible).
• Share short written feedback within 2 weeks.
• Respond to topic-related requests and help at events.
• Join training sessions and promote our work



Time Commitment

Flexible - even one hour a month can make a difference! Training and support provided.

We'll Support You Advice, guidance, and training Reimbursement for travel and related expenses.



Are you interested? For more information Contact : Participation@hpcn.org.uk



The Playhouse Foundation

Enabling Young Children with Autism to Achieve their Full Potential

The Playhouse Foundation is a non-profit UK based Foundation, who have been providing early intervention programmes and financial support to families for over ten years.

We support young children with autism whose parents and educational settings are struggling to meet their needs, and in doing so, provide a brighter and inclusive future for them and their families.

Coping with an autism diagnosis can be extremely challenging. Our programmes have changed the life-chances of the young children that we work with and provided access to a future where they can understand, interact and engage with the world around them.

Providing the stepping stones of delivery from preschool through to the end of primary school, our therapists improve behavioural skills in communication and social interaction and work collaboratively with our Local Authority to ensure that our programmes fit the needs of the children we support within the school setting.

In addition to our programmes, we offer a range of professional services that have been developed to meet the needs of individuals, families and professional bodies.

"The work of The Playhouse Foundation through their programme has absolutely and unequivocally transformed the life of the autistic child that attends our preschool, as well as the family and expanded the experience horizon for the teachers at the setting. To be witness to a child finding her voice... it is a privilege and truly amazing."



"You have completely changed the life of my son and put the joy into our lovely boy. Being able to communicate is something every child should be able to do"

We also offer

- Playgroup sessions led by early intervention therapists to help children with autism and their parents to build communication and social skills through safe, play-based activities
• Practical and online support sessions for parents providing effective strategies and tools to better understand autism and neurodivergent behaviours
• Signposting to specialist organisations and professionals within the local area
• Assessment pathways to getting an autism diagnosis
• Help with the Educational Needs Assessment

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INTRODUCTION

NVR FOR PARENTS

A RELAXED, INTERACTIVE SESSION FOR PARENTS TO EXPLORE CALM, CONNECTION, AND CONFIDENCE AT HOME

Join us for an interactive introduction to Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) - a supportive approach for parents of preschool-aged children.

This session is designed to help families navigate big feelings and challenging behaviours in the early years. Together, we'll explore how young children's brains develop, why emotions can sometimes feel overwhelming, and how both children and parents can stay calm in difficult moments.

You'll learn practical NVR tools to **respond calmly to challenging behaviours**, **focus on what really matters**, **strengthen connection** through playfulness and empathy and **look after your own wellbeing** as a parent.

You'll also hear honest reflections from parents who've completed the course, sharing how NVR has helped transform their family life. By the end of the session, you'll leave with simple, effective strategies and fresh confidence for everyday parenting.

To book your place, please email familiestogether@youthoptions.org.uk with the number of spaces you'd like to reserve. The session will be led by an accredited NVR practitioner with over 7 years' experience supporting families.

 Monday 3rd November 10am-1.30pm

 Scott Centre, Andover SP10 2LB



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