

8<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Walktober 2025 – Let's Get Moving!

Dear Parents and Carers,

This October, our school is excited to be taking part in Walktober 2025, a month-long challenge celebrating International Walk to School Month. The initiative is run by the *My Journey Team* at Hampshire County Council and encourages everyone to travel actively and sustainably, helping to improve our wellbeing, our community and our planet.

We're encouraging everyone to take part throughout October— whether that's walking, wheeling with a wheelchair or mobility aid, cycling, scooting, using Park and Stride or taking public transport. Every active or sustainable journey makes a positive difference!

#### **Pupil Competition**

Pupils can also take part in the "My Walktober Journey" competition by sharing the story of their active or sustainable journey. Children can let their creativity shine with a story, poem, rap, video, artwork, collage or anything that celebrates their Walktober journey!

If your child is interested in taking part, they can ask their class teacher for a My Journey Walktober Form, which includes all the details and guidance they'll need.

Completed entries can be handed to their class teacher, taken to the school office, or submitted directly to My Journey Hampshire via [www.myjourneyhampshire.com/walktober](http://www.myjourneyhampshire.com/walktober) We request that these are handed in no later than Tuesday 4th November 2025 so Miss Jones and Mrs Henderson can send them off. The competition closes on Friday 7th November 2025 and winners will be notified soon after.

#### **Class Competition**

Alongside this, we'll also be running a whole-class competition throughout the month. Each week, Miss Jones and Mrs Henderson will ask class teachers to record how pupils are travelling to school and note the number of sustainable journeys made. At the end of October, the class at each site with the most sustainable travel will win a prize!

#### **Prizes**

There are some brilliant prizes on offer!

The school could be in with the chance of winning:

- Outdoor items to help pupils connect with nature
- A wellie boot rack and waterproof sets
- A £150 gardening voucher
- A £150 book voucher



Pupils who enter could win:

- Books
- Nature-themed games
- Outdoor exploration kits
- Gift vouchers

The class competition prize is yet to be revealed.

For more information, visit [www.myjourneyhampshire.com/walktober](http://www.myjourneyhampshire.com/walktober)

Let's get moving this Walktober — for our wellbeing, our community, and our planet!

Kind Regards

**Castle Hill Team**