

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been focusing on our personal skill of persevering, and in our whole school assembly we explored the many opportunities we have each day to develop this important lifelong skill. Throughout the rest of the half term, our children will be strengthening their Growth Mindset: Year 3 will learn that abilities can grow through effort and practice; Year 4 will discover that every attempt helps their brain develop and that mistakes are part of learning; Year 5 will focus on using feedback to improve; and Year 6 will explore how celebrating others' successes can help them achieve even more. We are excited to see how our children apply these powerful mindsets in their learning and continue to grow in confidence, resilience and success.

Best Wishes, Mrs Davie Headteacher

School Community News

Cross Country League

We have been informed by Southampton School Games that, unfortunately, the Primary School Cross Country League will not take place this year due to ongoing building works at the Sports Centre. We understand this may be disappointing for some children and will share any alternative sporting opportunities as they become available.

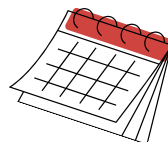
School Community Messages

It was fantastic to welcome so many families into school this week for our first 'Share My Learning' event of the year! Our classrooms were filled with adults and children, creating a wonderful atmosphere as pupils proudly shared all they have achieved since the start of term. Thank you to everyone who joined us and took the time to celebrate these special learning moments with our children. We are already looking forward to the next opportunity to share their successes with you! ✨



Upcoming Events

- 21st September - Year 5 Science museum trip
- 22nd September - Individual pupil photos
- 2nd October - Inset day
- 5th October - Inset day
- 7th October - Year 3 Boat trip



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RESPECT.
INTEGRITY.



School Community Messages

Pupil Clubs

Last week in our Celebration Assembly, Mrs Tearle launched an exciting initiative: Pupil Clubs! This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to take the lead and apply to run a club of their choice during breaktimes and lunchtimes. We have already received some brilliant ideas, and it has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, creativity and leadership from our pupils. Mrs Tearle will be reviewing all applications over the next couple of weeks, and we are looking forward to seeing these exciting clubs come to life across the school!

SJS Library Competition

The excitement around our SJS Library Competition continues to grow! I have been inundated with fantastic entries, and it is certainly going to be a challenge to select the winners. The effort shown by our children so far has been incredible. There is still plenty of time for everyone to get involved, with the closing date for entries being 25th September. We can't wait to see what other amazing ideas come our way before the competition closes. Good luck!

OPAL- Outdoor Play and Learning

Exciting developments have been taking place on our playground this week as our brand-new OPAL shed has been built! This fantastic addition, made possible through the incredible support and fundraising efforts of our PTFA, will safely store all of our OPAL resources as we begin our journey of enhancing play opportunities for every child across the school. We recently sent a letter home asking for your views on our current playtimes, and we would be incredibly grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the parent survey linked within the letter. It should take no more than five minutes and will play an important role in helping us shape and improve our playtime provision for the future. Thank you for your support as we embark on this exciting journey together!





OPAL- Outdoor Play and Learning

We are very excited to next year be launching a new play project to make our playtimes even better, following a programme called OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). Through this approach, we aim to improve opportunities for physical activity, socialisation, cooperation, coordination, resilience, creativity, imagination and enjoyment through improved play.

OPAL is based on the idea that, as well as learning through high-quality teaching, your children also learn when they play. As 20% of their time in school is playtime, we want to make sure that this amount of time is as good as possible. There are many proven benefits for schools that carry out OPAL, such as more enjoyment of school, less teaching time lost to disputes between children, fewer accidents and greatly improved behaviour.

To facilitate this project, we have already invested in many new resources, we are planning to move some things around on the playground and require some loose parts. With the summer holidays approaching, we wanted to share a list of resources that would be incredibly useful for our pupils. If you're planning a clear-out at home, please consider setting aside any of the following items for us- we would be very grateful for your support:

 Laundry basket	 Cable Spools	 Wooden spoons	 Wheelbarrow	 Plastic crates
 Dress up items	 Cars	 Tyres and wheels	 Pans	 Containers
 Lego	 Small balls	 Scooter	 Plastic tubes	 Tarpaulin
 Beach spades	 Buckets	 Trowels	 Skateboard	 Ropes
 Guttering	 Wooden planks	 Helmet	 Aprons	 Chalk

We will be holding a collection week of these items beginning **Monday 28th September**. Please do not bring your donations in before this date as we will have nowhere to store them. If objects are really large, we will ensure that there is someone available to help you carry them into school.

We will send out more information about the OPAL programme after the summer break, as well as inviting you to a parent session later in the year when you will be invited to come and play alongside your children! We are really excited about this project and hope that you will support us in our efforts to improve playtimes for all children.