



27th September 2024

A Message from Miss Olver

The weeks are just flying by at the moment and I can't believe we are already half way through this half term.

There has been such a lovely atmosphere around school since the return from the Summer holidays. The children have settled so well into their new classes and have come back eager to learn and make good choices in all that they do. I have been showing round lots of prospective parents for September 2025 places and have felt very proud of our wonderful school when walking around. If you know of anyone looking for a space next year, please pass on our details.

Dates for your Diary:

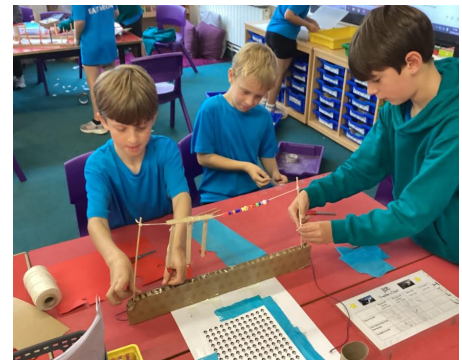
- Fri 4th Oct 3.30pm FEMS Cake Sale
- Mon 7th Oct 2.30pm Harvest Service in Church
- Tues 8th Oct Voyagers Trip to Science Centre
- Wed 9th Oct Explorers Trip to Butser Farm
- Tues 15th Oct Flu Vaccination Day
- Tues 15th Oct Adventurers Farm Trip
- Tues 22nd Oct Voyagers Trip to Mosque
- Tues 22nd Oct Parents Evening
- Thurs 24th Oct Parents Evening
- Fri 25th Oct House Team Kindness Day
- Fri 25th Oct 5-6.30pm FEMS Spooky Disco
- Mon 28th Oct—Fri 1st Nov Half Term**
- Mon 4th Nov—INSET Day

Key Stage 2 Climate Unity Conference

On Wednesday 25th September, all the children in Explorers and Voyagers took part in a county-wide, virtual Climate Unity Conference.

The conference started by exploring 'The Crown' by Emily Kapff, an environmental poem about looking after the environment. They then had a presentation by The Hampshire Wildlife Trust highlighting different issues that communities are faced with such as rising sea levels and temperatures and food waste. They explored different solutions to these problems such as planting more woodlands and growing your own food.

Finally, the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation talked about farmers near the national parks in Zambia who worry about their crops being eaten by elephants. The children used what they had learnt to design their own 3D models with gadgets to keep the elephants away from the farmer's fields to protect the crops without harming the elephants.



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School Trips and FEMS

We are very excited to share that we have booked a number of school trips for the coming few weeks. Letters about these will be coming home next week.

Tuesday 8th October—Voyagers visiting Winchester Science Museum linked to their topic work on Space.

Wednesday 9th October—Explorers visiting Butser Farm linked to their topic work on the Stone Age.

Tuesday 15th October—Adventurers visiting a local farm linked to their RE work on Harvest.

Tuesday 22nd October—Voyagers visiting the Al Mahdi Centre Mosque linked to their RE work on Islam.

We are in the process of booking a trip for Discoverers as well—more information about this will be shared soon.

A huge thank you to FEMS who have contributed to all of these trips and have significantly brought down the costs to parents.

FEMS have been busy working behind the scenes to organise some exciting events this half term:

- Wednesday 16th October 3.40-4pm FEMS Annual General Meeting in the Lodge
- Friday 4th October 3.30-4.30pm FEMS Cake Sale (this will be themed around Swedish Fika and Cinnamon Buns)
- Friday 25th October 5-6.30pm FEMS Spooky Disco



IT'S THE SWEDISH CINNAMONBUN DAY!

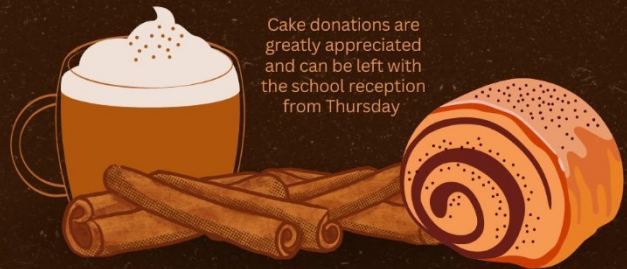
AND WE ARE CELEBRATING THIS WITH A CAKE SALE

**FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 3.20-4.00
ON THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND**

HOT & COLD DRINKS
BUNS, CAKES & BAKES

Cash & Card

Cake donations are greatly appreciated and can be left with the school reception from Thursday



Christmas Cards

This week at school, all the children have been busy coming up with their Christmas card designs. They will be bringing these home with them today.

If you want to order Christmas cards or any of the other products on offer, please order online following the instructions on the attached form. The entire form then needs to be returned to the school office (including the design).

This needs to be completed no later than **Friday 4th October**.



Lost Property

Unfortunately we have already had a few items of unnamed lost property left at school over the past few weeks. Please can you make sure you have names in all uniform. If you are missing some uniform, pop into the School Office and have a look to see if it has been handed in.

House Team Tie-Dye T-shirts

Mrs Perkins is doing one last set of tie-dyeing t-shirts. If your child has lost theirs or has grown out of it, please bring in a plain white t-shirt, already tied with elastic bands and with a name on by **Friday 4th October** and we will get these dyed for you.