



Wildground Federation Newsletter

Newsletter 241: 25th September 2026

Executive Headteacher – Mrs. Mullett

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Message from Mrs Mullett

As we head towards the end of September, I am proud to be able to reflect on all the successes at the start of a new school year. Educational visits and off-site activities enable children to experience opportunities that enrich their curriculum. Children in Y4 were active historians when they visited Butser Ancient Farm and through hands-on workshops they were able to develop their historical enquiry skills. A group of children in Y3 and Y4 have had the opportunity to experience orienteering and the skills and qualities needed to navigate between two checkpoints. Earlier this week, footballers went off to Testwood to take part in a competition and were proud of their outcomes and commended for their competitive nature and team spirit. Children continue to share their love of reading and have welcomed having time to visit the Book Fair that is currently in school. Please remember that the Book Fair will be still be here during Parent Consultation Evenings next week if you would like to visit.

Thank you to every parent and carer who has taken the opportunity to book a time to meet with your child's class teacher to talk about how they settled, current achievements and next steps. If you haven't booked a time yet, there is still plenty of time.

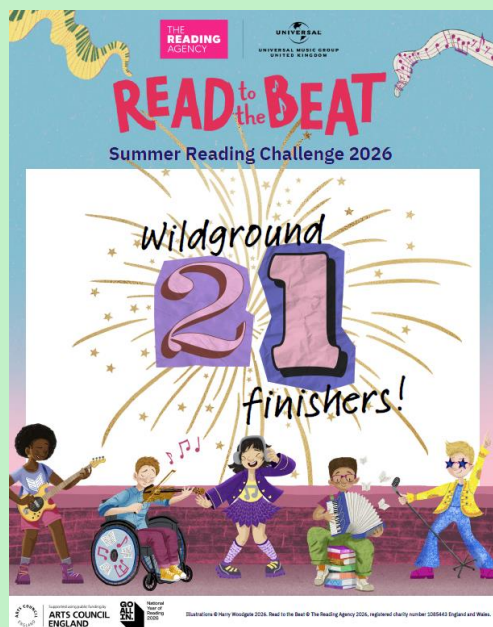
Earlier this week the PTFA met and are enthusiastic about the year ahead with the aim of raising funds for the benefit of all the children. As a Federation we are focussing on the school grounds currently, and with the PTFA, we are holding two separate days with the hope of volunteers coming in to help. The PTFA will send out more details but I just wanted to share the dates now – Saturday 17th October and Monday 26th October - in the hope that you can help for the day or even just an hour.

Arbor

When booking a parent consultation, please ensure contact details are correct and outstanding permissions are completed. If you have any questions, please contact the federation office.

Summer Reading Challenge

We are thrilled to hear twenty-one children completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge at Hythe Library. This achievement demonstrates a fantastic commitment to reading over the summer holidays. Membership at the library is free and libraries offer a wide range of books, digital resources and activities to help nurture a lifelong love of reading.



Sports Events

Orienteering adventures

Last week a group of Year 4 pupils stepped outside the classroom and into the world of outdoor adventure as they took part in an exciting orienteering challenge at Tile Barn Brockenhurst. Combining physical activity with problem-solving, the pupils were tasked with navigating a series of checkpoints using maps and their developing directional skills. For many children, this was their first opportunity to apply map-reading techniques in a real-life setting, helping to bring their geography learning to life in a practical and engaging way.

The children quickly discovered that successful navigation requires much more than simply moving quickly from one location to another.

By the end of the session, pupils had not only improved their navigation skills and confidence in using maps, but had also gained a greater appreciation of the benefits of working together towards a common goal. It was a fantastic example of outdoor adventurous activity, providing memorable learning experiences while supporting both physical wellbeing and personal development.

Football

This week a mixed year 4 football team took part in a local schools tournament at Testwood school. The children represented the school brilliantly and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the afternoon.

The team played four competitive matches, securing two convincing 4-1, 4-0 victories and narrowly losing two games 1-0. Every player demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

The children worked hard for one another, showed great resilience and created some fantastic football. It was a very positive experience and an achievement that the whole team should be proud of.

Managing your Household Budget

Hampshire County Council are working with Waterside Community Fund to provide accessible opportunities that support adults and families and are offering adults a **free** Budgeting Workshop designed to provide support with managing household finances. Anyone who attends and completes the workshop will receive a £20 food voucher kindly provided by the Waterside Community Fund. Please [click on this link](#) to find out how you can enrol onto the course.





Managing Your Household Budget

**Hythe & Dibden Community Centre,
Brinton Lane, Hythe**
Wednesday 7 October 10am to 12pm

FREE - Eligibility criteria applies
Booking is essential, please visit
<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/hampshire-achieves-adult-learning-skills> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957

Course Title: Managing Your Household Budget		Tutor: Lorraine Hardy
Cost: Free	Length of Course: 2 Hours	Group size: 6 - 12
Aims of the Course: This FREE Managing your Household Budget Workshop is perfect for adults who would like to find out about cost-saving ways to manage your money and reduce your household bills. You will: Discover how to create a useful budget plan to calculate your income and outgoings Explore the various benefits or incentives available that may help you to reduce your household bills Find out where you can get support and help both locally and nationally to help you to make your money go further. A £20 food voucher will be given to those who complete this workshop.		
Learning Goals: (By the end of the course you will be able to...)		
- Identify 2 or more areas where you can improve your financial health. - Create and utilise a budget plan.		
About the course: Who is this course for: This course, funded by UK government, is for Hampshire residents aged 19+ who want to learn how to better manage their household budget. This session is brought to you in partnership with Waterside Community Fund who are donating a £20 food voucher to those who attend and complete this workshop. Please note: Eligibility criteria applies and will be checked upon enrolment. Course purpose: Improving essential skills Previous knowledge or experience: No experience or prior knowledge needed How will I learn: Tutor led discussion How will I be assessed: N/A What shall I bring: Pen and paper Next steps: Further Hampshire Achieves workshops such as Cooking on a Budget. This course, funded by Hampshire Achieves, is aimed at Hampshire residents aged 19+. Attendance is expected at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/tutor of any absence you may have. If you have limited mobility which could affect your ability to safely self-evacuate, please let us know when booking.		



Changes to Free School Meals

From September 2026, the Government is expanding eligibility for Free School Meals in England. All children in households receiving Universal Credit will become eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of household earnings.

This change is expected to make hundreds of thousands of additional children eligible for support and ensure that more families can access the assistance available to them.

Why Register?

Registering for Free School Meals can provide significant benefits for both families and schools.

In addition to receiving a free school meal each day, eligibility may help schools access additional funding through the Pupil Premium. This funding supports schools in providing enhanced educational opportunities, pastoral support, enrichment activities and targeted interventions to help children achieve their full potential.

Eligibility for Free School Meals also helps families access additional support, including:

- Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programmes
- School uniform grants
- Educational support services
- Other local authority-funded assistance schemes

What Do I Need to Do?

If your child already receives benefit-related Free School Meals, you do not need to take any action. If you think your child may be eligible, please follow the link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Pupils

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

However, families who receive qualifying benefits are still encouraged to register for Free School Meals, as this may enable the school to receive additional Pupil Premium funding to support pupils' learning and development.

Class assembly dates - start time 2:50pm	
08/10/2026	Iguana
19/11/2026	Lemurs
03/12/2026	Fossa
21/01/2027	Red Panda
04/02/2027	Wallabies
11/02/2027	Tamarin
11/03/2027	Giraffe
29/04/2027	Monkeys and Tigers
06/05/2027	Gazelle
27/05/2027	Cheetah
24/06/2027	Marmosets
08/07/2027	White Rhino

Families Matter
at Hythe URC

FREE

YFM

Parenting Course

Managing your child's angry feelings

This free 6 weeks course may be able to help you to:

Recognise the first signs of anger
Learn calming strategies
De-escalate conflict situations

Start:

**Thursday,
1st October 2026**

**10.00 - 11.30
Term-time only**

Where:

**Cornerstone
Church
Hythe
SO45 6BR**

For more details or to book a place, contact us on:
023 8020 7623 office@families-matter.org.uk

Waterside Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Harvest appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 100 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish
Tinned veg/fruit
Cooking sauces
Coffee
Milk (UHT or powdered)
Tinned Spaghetti
Tinned Potatoes
Tinned pudding
Sweet Treats
Toiletries

07731 571 676
Waterside.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1214393



NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu i mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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Dates for the diary – For Hampshire Term dates, please click this link	
02/10/2026	Flu Immunisation: YR-Y6
06/10/2026	Open Morning for Nursery, YR and Y3
16/10/2026	Harvest Celebration: Parents invited PM
04/11/2026	PTFA Fireworks
13/11/2026	Children in Need
16/11/2026	Anti-Bullying Week
23/11/2026	Inset Day
25/11/2026	PTFA Meeting: 8pm
30/11/2026	PTFA AGM: 9:30am
09/12/2026	PTFA Wrap Room
11/12/2026	PTFA Christmas Fayre
15/12/2026	Y4 Listen to Me
16/12/2026	Y3 Christingle
17/12/2026	Y6 Christingle: AM
17/12/2026	Y5 Christingle: PM
18/12/2026	Christmas Lunch and last day of Autumn Term
04/01/2027	First day of Spring Term
20/01/2027	PTFA Meeting: 8pm
25/01/2027	Inset Day
08/02/2027	PTFA Disco
24/02/2027	PTFA Meeting: 8pm
02/03/2027	Class Photographs
03/03/2027	PTFA Wrap Room
04/03/2027	World Book Day
12/03/2027	EID Celebrations – Parents invited PM
22/03/2027	Parent Consultations 3:30pm-5:00pm
24/03/2027	Parent Consultations 3:30pm-7:00pm
25/03/2027	Last day of Spring Term
12/04/2027	First day of Summer Term
10/05/2027 - 13/05/2027	Key Stage 2 SATS
18/05/2027	Sports Morning
20/05/2027	Sports Morning Reserve
26/05/2027	PTFA Meeting: 8pm
07/06/2027	Inset Day
11/06/2027	Buddhism – Parents invited PM
07/06/2027 – 21/06/2027	Y4 Multiplication tables check
14/06/2027 – 18/06/2027	Y1 and Y2 Phonics screening check
16/06/2027	PTFA Wrap Room
16/06/2027 – 18/06/2027	Y6 Residential Trip to Avon Tyrrell
02/07/2027	PTFA Summer Fayre
20/07/2027	Y6 Celebration Evening
21/07/2027	Last day of Summer Term



MUSIC PRODUCTION HALLOWEEN ENRICHMENT DAY

For children in Years 5 - 8

- Create spooky tracks and Halloween soundscapes!
- Use iPads and GarageBand
- Make monster beats and haunted remixes
- Explore sampling and sound effects
- No experience needed – just bring your creativity!

[Sign Up Here](#)

October Half Term Music Enrichment

Monday 26 October 2026 9:30am – 3:30pm

Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh, SO50 5ZA

£42.50 (lunch included)



CHOIR FOR A DAY



For children in Years 4 - 9

- Spend the day singing with other young people from across Hampshire!
- Perform songs from musical theatre and pop
- Build confidence and vocal skills
- Learn harmonies and performance techniques
- No auditions or experience needed – everyone welcome!

[Sign Up Here](#)



Award-Winning
0-11 Years Baby and Children's Nearly New
Sales

Next Market Sellers spaces on sale now!

Sunday 4th October APPLEMORE

Health & Leisure Centre
2.30 - 4.00pm
30+ stalls packed with thousands of items from
Maternity - 11 Years

Entry £1.50 per adult and Little Pickles are free

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Local Events

ASPIRE LIFE

AUTUMN ADVENTURES

Halloween disco

Nature BINGO

Dodgeball

Football

Leaf paper lantern crafts

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ASPIRE LIFE

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Held at **Waterside Primary School**
Ashford Crescent
Hythe
Southampton
SO45 6ET

26th - 29th October
08:30 - 17:00
Ages 4 - 13
£24 per day

BOOK HERE!

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FAMILY AUTUMN SEASON

Mr Sleepybum's Dream Machine
Sun 4 Oct | £35 / £12 / £9

Silly Scott's Family Halloween Spooktacular
Sat 24 Oct | £36 / £11 / £9

The Brain Bending Science Illusion Show
Wed 28 Oct | £35 / £12 / £9

Silly Scott's Winter Wonderland 'A Magical Family Show'
Sat 5 Dec | £36 / £11 / £9

The Captain Calamity Santamime Adventure
Mon 21 Dec | £35 / £12 / £9

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POP NIGHTS at Hanger Farm

THE SPICE PARTY

21 Nov To Be Loved - Adele £19

12 Feb Pink - Beautiful Trauma £22

18 Dec The Spice Party Seated: £18 Dance floor: £17

18-19 Feb Everything Changes - The TAKE THAT Tribute Show £21

21 Dec The Four D's Boyband Rewind £20/£18

26 Feb Young Elton £22

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