



# Wildground Federation Newsletter

Newsletter 242: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026

**Executive Headteacher – Mrs. Mullett**

Head of Infant School – Mrs. Summers, Head of Junior School - Ms. Mason-Hewitt

## Message from Mrs Mullett

Thankyou so much for all the fantastic food donations that the children have brought in to school today for our Harvest festival. As always Wildground community has been extremely generous and kind. I hope that you were able to join us this afternoon for Harvest activities and see all the wonderful donations displayed in the infant hall.

On Tuesday we will be saying goodbye to Natalie Kingdon – our child and family support worker. Natalie has worked at Wildground for 19 years and has been a huge support to so many children and families. Natalie's dedication and commitment to her role have enabled her to make a hugely positive difference to many children and families that have been part of Wildground. She will be greatly missed by the entire Wildground community. Natalie will be taking up a post within children's services and I am sure you would join me in thanking her for all she has achieved at Wildground and wishing her every success with her future career.

I am very pleased that Jade Shears, who already works part-time in the child and family support worker role, will be taking on the role full-time. We also welcome June Crump, who has joined our teaching assistant team and I am sure will be a great addition to the team.



### Hampshire Outdoors Bikeability Team

The team at Hampshire Outdoors would like to share the local events they have on offer.

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/hampshire-outdoors-bikeability>

### Immunisation Team

Following the recent flu immunisation, school nursing are seeking feedback on their service. Please [follow this link](#) to submit your feedback.

### Class assembly dates

| Class assembly dates - start time 2:50pm |                    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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        |

### Y3 & Y4 Football Festival

The Year 4 football team represented the school brilliantly at a recent football festival, showing great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event. The team remained unbeaten, winning three matches and drawing three others against strong opposition. Their passing, defending and positive attitude were outstanding in every game. The children should be extremely proud of their efforts, demonstrating resilience and teamwork while achieving an excellent set of results.

Throughout the festival, the team supported one another, worked hard for every ball and displayed excellent behaviour both on and off the pitch. Their confidence grew with each game, and they showed great skill, commitment and enthusiasm. The players were fantastic ambassadors for the school and fully deserved their unbeaten record.



**Dates for the diary – For Hampshire Term dates, please [click this link](#)**

|                         |                                             |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 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                        |
| 14/12/2026              | Infant Christmas Performance: PM            |
| 15/12/2026              | Infant Christmas Performance: AM            |
| 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                     |

## Hampshire Kitchen Heroes

Hampshire County Council have asked us to share the below

### Beat the mid-week rush with meal planning

To save yourself time (and money!) why not take 10 minutes to make a meal plan for the week ahead? There's lots of information online to help you get started, including [ready made plans to suit your diet and budget](#).

Did you know you can earn Green Points with [Hampshire Kitchen Heroes](#) for meal planning? This free app rewards you when you take action to make your food go further and the user with the most Green Points wins a day out at one of the following Hampshire attractions:

[Sir Harold Hillier Arboretum and Gardens](#)

[Runways End Outdoor Centre](#)

[Calshot Activities Centre](#)

[Staunton Farm](#)

[Tile Barn Outdoor Centre](#)

[Manor Farm](#)

Sign up for free at: [hampshirekitchenheroes.co.uk](http://hampshirekitchenheroes.co.uk)

# Hampshire Kitchen Heroes

Join the fight against food waste!



[hampshirekitchenheroes.co.uk](http://hampshirekitchenheroes.co.uk)

## Hampshire SENDIASS Online Workshops

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

**9 OCT**  
**13:00**

Considering an EHC Plan?  
Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process

**13 OCT**  
**13:00**

Responding to a draft EHC  
If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

**14 OCT**  
**17:30**

Appeals to SEND Tribunal  
A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

**20 OCT**  
**13:00**

Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support  
Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHC

**28 OCT**  
**10:00**

Responding to a draft EHC  
If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

**21 OCT**  
**16:00**

Alternative Provision  
What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act

[www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops](http://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops)

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](http://Waterside.foodbank.org.uk)

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1214393



## Local Events

**SQUASHBOX**  
theatre

# Curious Creatures

"An absolute celebration of all that is good about theatre for children"  
What's On Stage

"A huge sense of joy and fun that is as inspiring as it is infectious"  
The Cornishman

Explore the Wonders of the Animal Kingdom  
with Fun Facts, Puppets, Live Music and Comedy!

## HYTHE PARISH HALL

Monday 26 October, 10:30am

£8, £6 (u18s), £24 (family) from [cultureincommon.co.uk/whats-on](http://cultureincommon.co.uk/whats-on)  
in person from Meeple Play Café, Hythe or Tel: 02380 841411

Refreshments & Snacks + Raffle available (cash only) | Suitable ages 5+

\*Post-show Puppet Making workshop! £4 per child – places limited.

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—LIFE—

# HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

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

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

BOOK HERE!

[WWW.ASPIRE-LIFE.CO.UK](http://WWW.ASPIRE-LIFE.CO.UK) @ASPIRELIFE ASPIRE-LIFE

## Get ready for Santa Dash!



In Lymington  
On Sunday 6 December  
Registration is now open!  
Everyone welcome!



[oakhavenhospice.co.uk/santa-dash](http://oakhavenhospice.co.uk/santa-dash)



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## Hythe Library's BOOKED & BUSY

Community Fridge | Toy Exchange | Free WiFi & PC Access | Home Library Service

### Children's Activities

**Rhymetime** under 5s  
Mondays, from 11am,  
& Thursdays from 2pm

**Stay & Play**  
Tuesdays, 2-3pm

**Share a Story**  
Tuesdays, 3-4:30pm

**Storytime** 3 - 7s  
Wednesdays, from 11am

**New Parent Meet & Connect**  
0 - 12 months  
Wednesdays, 10-11am

**Baby Play** 1 - 3s  
Thursdays, 11am-12pm

**Saturday Family Fun**  
Saturdays, 10am-1pm

### Adult Activities

**Games Afternoon**  
Mondays, 2-4pm

**Silent Book Club**  
First Monday of the month,  
7-8:30pm

**IT Support**  
Tuesdays, 10am-12pm

**Knit & Knatter**  
Every other Tuesday, 2-4pm

**'Chat About' Social Club**  
Wednesdays, 10am-12pm

**Bridge Club**  
Wednesdays, 2-4pm

**Memories, Tea, & Me**  
First Thursday of the month,  
2:30-3:45pm

**'Book About' Reading Group**  
Second Thursday of the month,  
11am-12pm

**Talk Club** (men's mental fitness group)  
Saturdays, 10am-12pm

### News

#### Summer Reading Challenge

Across Hampshire Libraries, there were over 63,000 books read for the Summer Reading Challenge! And we had 9,415 children earn their medals! A huge well done to everyone who took part.

#### Coat Exchange & Costume Exchange

Our popular Coat and Costume Exchange are now open! You don't have to donate to take, and you don't have to take to donate. Whilst our Costume Exchange is up until Halloween, our Coat Exchange will be running until the end of March.

#### Convos about Living & Dying

We have a new free group starting **Thursday 29 October (10-11am)**! Join us for our safe, supportive space to talk about death, dying, and living - all that comes with being human.

#### Learning in Libraries has changed!

Learning in Libraries is now Hampshire Achieves, but it will continue to offer adult learning throughout the year! Watch our posters in branch or social media posts to see what's announced next.

### Collection Spotlight

**New in:**

- **Murder on the Move:** Crime and thrillers set on moving vehicles.
- **Short Stories:** Collections orientated around a theme.
- **Death Positive:** Explores mortality and grief with compassion.

**Coming in January:**

- Diverse Voices
- Warm & Welcome

### Mark Your Calendar

**December**  
Mistletoe Fayre  
Christmas hours  
24/12 9.30am-1.30pm  
25/12-28/12 Closed  
31-12 9.30am-1.30pm  
01/01 Closed

### Extra Activities

#### Extra Special

##### The Tailor of Gloucester

Family theater show,  
Saturday 24 October,  
3-4.15pm, £5pp\*\*

**The Nightjar Journey**  
Saturday 24 October,  
10.30-11am, all ages,  
free

#### Free Play Days

**Family Board Games**  
Monday 26 October,  
10am-4pm

**Stay & Play**  
Tuesday 27 October,  
10am-4pm

#### PLAY ON WORDS

**Introduction to Nature Writing for adults**  
Tuesday 27 October,  
10am-12pm, £0-15\*\*

**Words+Pictures+Ideas**  
Tuesday 27 October,  
2-4pm, 8-12s, £0-12\*\*

\*\*Please book.

**Construction Club (Lego)**  
Thursday 29 October,  
10am-4pm  
Suitable for all ages,  
carers to supervise.

Watch out for extra activities over Christmas!

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