



Wildground Federation Newsletter

Newsletter 226: 22nd July 2025

Executive Headteacher - Mrs A Mullett, Head of Infant School - Mrs D Summers, Head of Junior School - Ms L Mason-Hewitt

Message from Mrs Mullett

We have finally reached the end of a very busy year and I am sure all the children are ready for an amazing summer holiday.. It has been a really successful year across the federation with a superb Ofsted inspection at the Junior school and some of the best results ever in early years, year 1 phonics, year 4 multiplication and year 6 SATS. The children have worked extremely well and I am very proud of them all.

Last night year 6 performed their production of 'Dream on' based on William Shakespeare's Midsummer nights dream. It was a fantastic performance with great acting, dancing and singing. I would like to wish year 6 the very best as they leave Wildground and start their secondary education in September. I am sure they will achieve great things.

We are saying good bye to a number of staff today - Mr Ladbury, Mr Franks, Mrs Hambridge, Miss Hibberd, Miss Sallis-Galvin and Mr Brooks. I would like to thank them for their commitment to Wildground and wish them all the very best for the future. In the summer Miss Nijjer will be getting married to George. I would like to congratulate them both and wish them a wonderful future together. When we return to school Miss Nijjer will be Mrs Prodromou.

I would also like to thank Mrs Mulley, Mrs Collins and Jack Bowden who have given their time as volunteers this year.

Finally I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a fantastic summer break. We will return to school on Thursday 4th September.

Phone Policy

In line with schools across the county and nationally we have been considering the use of smart phones and the impact on children. There is a large amount of research and evidence of the negative effects of smartphones and social media on young people.

We do understand the importance of being able to contact your child as they become more independent and walk to and from school and for children to be able to call in emergencies but they do not need access to the internet. .If you are thinking about purchasing a phone for your child then please consider a simple brick phone instead of a smart phone.

At Wildground any phones brought on to the school site are stored in our phone safe and returned at the end of the school day. This has always worked well and will be continued in September. Please look out for more information regarding smartphones in the Autumn.

Inset Days 2025/2026

Wednesday 3rd September

Monday 3rd November

Monday 24th November

Friday 30th January

Monday 9th March

Wildground Wiggle

A total of **£1,447.70** was raised from the Wildground Wiggle.

Thank you the parents, grandparents, friends and family who kindly donated.

Governor visit

On 9th July, Hannah Mitchell - (vice chair of governors) visited and was delighted to hear of the wide-range of developments taking place over the summer holidays: *'Each project has been carefully chosen to enhance the children's learning environment, wellbeing and opportunities'*.



Dates for your diary

03/09/2025	Inset Day
04/09/2025	First day of Autumn Term
10/09/2025	School Photographer (Individual photos)
16/09/2025	Noadswood Open Morning for Wildground families
20/10/2025	Parent Consultations 3:30pm -7:00pm
21/10/2025	Parent Consultations 3:30pm -5:00pm
27/10/2025-31/10/2025	October Half Term
03/11/2025	Inset Day
24/11/2025	Inset Day
22/12/2025-02/01/2026	Christmas Holidays
05/01/2026	First day of Spring Term
30/01/2026	Inset Day
04/03/2025	Class Photographer
16/02/2026-20/02/2026	February Half Term
05/03/2026	World Book Day
09/03/2026	Inset Day
30/04/2026-10/04/2026	Easter Holidays
13/04/2026	First day of Summer Term
11/05/2026-14/05/2026	KS2 SATS
25/05/2026-29/05/2026	May Half Term
01/06/2026-12/06/2026	Y4 Multiplication Check
08/06/2025-12/06/2026	Y1 and Y2 Phonics Screening Check
13/07/2026-17/07/2026	Y6 Residential Trip to Avon Tyrrell
22/07/2026	Last Day of Term
23/07/2026-31/08/2026	Summer Holidays

Apply Now

for a nursery place at our excellent teacher led setting



Ofsted Report September 2023 comments:

'the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might be outstanding if a graded (section 5) inspection were carried out now, the school's next inspection will be a graded inspection'



'exceptional early years setting where staff are experts in early education'



'Pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) achieve extremely well'

'The possibilities are endless for pupils who attend the school'

Age 2 to school age. Open from 8am to 4pm. Government funded flexible sessions available.

Contact us now nursery@wildground.hants.sch.uk

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STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

Come and meet other children and parents starting at your new school at one of our FREE story and play sessions in July and August!

Each Reception year will have a specific day to meet new friends and have fun! Can't make your school's session? Join us on Wednesday 27 August!

Fawley Infant School - Wednesday 23 July
 Blackfield Primary School - Wednesday 23 July
 Manor CoE Infant School - Wednesday 30 July
 Cadland Primary School - Wednesday 30 July
 Beaulieu Primary School - Wednesday 6 August
 Marchwood CoE Infant School - Wednesday 6 August
 Orchard Infant School - Wednesday 13 August
 Wildground Infant School - Wednesday 13 August
 Hythe Primary School - Wednesday 20 August
 Waterside Primary School - Wednesday 20 August
All new school starters in the Waterside - Wednesday 27 August



11am story time followed by drop in activities
Children's area of Hythe Library

Activities within the local area



Wildlife Wonders

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th August,
10am - 3pm

Come and join the Lepe team & a whole host of other wildlife loving organisations at our Wildlife celebration event. A two day wildlife themed festival for the whole family. Explore the wildlife at Lepe through fun crafts, activities and games. With exhibitions from Hampshire & IOW Wildlife Trust, RSPB, British Divers Marine Life Rescue and many more!

Activities to include a mini ranger led sea shore safari, bird & bee walks and surveys, moth traps, mini beast hunts and more.

For a full break down and more information, keep an eye on our website and social media pages.

Seashore Safari

Monday 4th & Thursday 28th August
Various timings. £4.50 per child

Join our ranger for a Seashore Safari at Lepe Country Park. Discover the many amazing marine creatures which are uncovered on Lepe's shore at low tide, as well as learning about the many species which can be found along the British coastline all year round. For full details, click the link below.

Nurdle Hunt

Monday 18th August 11am - 12noon

Join our ranger for a Nurdle hunt, where you will meet with other passionate nature lovers to restore our beach from ocean plastic.

Nurdles are small plastic pellets that get washed onto our shores from the big container ships leaving Southampton docks. These tiny pellets can deceive birds, and other marine life, into looking like food. Once digested, these plastics can accumulate over time and leave a devastating impact on our wildlife here at Lepe and the wider New Forest. This is free to attend, usual parking charges apply.

For more information please visit our website: www.hants.gov.uk/lepe

HAF SUMMER SCHEMES

Children from Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can access schemes across Hampshire during the summer holidays at no cost!

Schemes are now open for bookings - scan the QR below to check if you're eligible, find HAF schemes running near you, and book your child(ren)'s place:

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk>

Funded by UK Government | connect4communities | Hampshire County Council

junior parkrun

Join us for a free, weekly 2km event for 4-14 year olds.

Walk, jog, run or volunteer, it's free for everyone, simply register once and turn up when you can!

Gang Warily junior parkrun

Takes place every Sunday at 9:00am

Gang Warily Recreation & Community Center,
Newlands Road, Blackfield, SO45 1GA

For more info | Register for free | Follow on Facebook

Walhampton TRIATHLON

Saturday 20th September

Complete a fun, relay triathlon as a team of 4 or join our new individual timed triathlon.

NEW INDIVIDUAL TRI (Y5+)

SWIM - 8 LENGTHS
BIKE - 2KM
RUN - 1.4KM

3 DISTANCE OPTIONS FOR TEAM TRIATHLON

MINI (Y2/3)	SHORT (Y3+)	LONG (Y5+)
SWIM - 1 LENGTH	SWIM - 2 LENGTHS	SWIM - 4 LENGTHS
BIKE - 500M	BIKE - 1KM	BIKE - 1.5KM
RUN - 400M	RUN - 700M	RUN - 1KM

[Click here for more info!](#)

HAF Family Events

- Hythe Library
Monday 11 August 10am
- Totton Library
Monday 11 August 2pm
- Romsey Library
Tuesday 12 August 10am
- Eastleigh Library
Tuesday 12 August 2pm



All events to include a free goody bag with activity and tea/lunch bag to take away.



These events are suitable for children aged 4-11 years old and who receive free school meals as part of pupil premium or are supported under an SEN/EHCP.

Children under 9 must be accompanied by a parent/carer.



Tickets are free but must be booked - <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/>

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- Romsey Library
Tuesday 26 August 10am
- Eastleigh Library
Tuesday 26 August 2pm
- Hythe Library
Wednesday 27 August 10am
- Totton Library
Friday 29 August 10am



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Hampshire Healthy Families



Hampshire Healthy Families Ready Steady Walks are free, push-chair friendly, social walking groups for families with young children living in Hampshire.

Ready Steady Walk meets once a week at the same venue in your area, on the same day and time.



Your Local Walk Ashurst

When?
Thursdays
1:30 PM

Meeting Point
The Happy Cheese,
189 Lyndhurst Road,
Ashurst, SO40 7AR

Extra Information
The walk is led by a volunteer (they will be wearing a bright green lanyard), and they will meet you behind The Happy Cheese.

Hampshire Healthy Families



Free sessions in your local area August 2025

Five to Thrive

4-week course
(Each session will be 1.5 hours)

For families with babies aged 6 weeks to 6 months old
No face-to-face course this month

Digital courses also available

Baby and Toddler Talk

1.5-hour session
For families with children aged 9 months and over

Monday 11th at 11.30 Totton library

Wednesday 27th August 1pm at Ganger Farm, Romsey

Two and Beyond

1.5-hour session
For families with children over 2 years old

Tuesday 5th at 11am Totton library in Storytime

Thursday 7th August 1.30pm at Ganger Farm, Romsey

Family Food and Fun

1.5-hour session
For families with children aged 1 to 5 years

Monday 18th at 11.30am Totton library

Monday 11th August 1.00pm at Ganger Farm, Romsey

Your Local Walks

Ashurst
Day: Thursday
Time: 1.30 pm
Meet at: Happy Cheese
Ashurst SO40 7AR

Romsey
Day: Thursday (starts 24th July)
Time: 9.30am
Meet at: Abbotswood
Community Centre, SO510BX



Fancy a stroll?

Find out about your nearest walks using the QR code opposite or visit our website for more information.
www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk



All courses and sessions are available free of charge and can be booked through Eventbrite. More information about each session and booking links can be found on Eventbrite.

