



# Wildground Federation Newsletter

Newsletter 236: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Executive Headteacher – Mrs. Mullett**

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

## Message from Mrs Mullett

Thankyou to all of you who were able to attend parent consultations this week. We really value working with you to support your children through their school journey.

Last week the Infant school received a visit from our Hampshire County Council learning and leadership partner. Time was spent visiting classes, talking to leaders, looking at work and talking with children. This was a very successful visit with the infant school being recognised as highly inclusive and continuing to drive forward improvements in provision and outcomes for all children. Well done to all the children and staff involved.

Congratulations to Mrs Prodromou and her husband George on the safe arrival of a beautiful baby girl - Karmen Maria. We wish them the very best at this wonderful time.

Finally we are saying goodbye today to Mrs Bourner - lunchtime supervisor and Mr Bambridge - teaching assistant and sports coach. I would like to thank them for their contributions to Wildground and wish them the very best in their future ventures. I would also like to wish Miss Groves the very best as she starts her maternity leave.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break with your families. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

### Parking

To ensure the safety for all, please do not park and block the entrance gates. In addition, please do not park on site if using planet kids and your child attends nursery before and after-school club.

### Second hand uniform

We are fortunate to have good quality second hand logo cardigans and jumpers available free of charge. Please contact the federation office for sizing requirements.

## 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.

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Hello!

Peter Borley your friendly Site Manager here.



You may be aware that I am running the London Marathon on 26th April however you might not be aware that I am doing this to raise money for the NSPCC. My goal is to raise £2600 which is the equivalent to £100 per mile. The work the NSPCC do is really close to my heart which is why I am running for this charity. If you would like to donate and help me in my challenge then please use the link below. Many thanks, Mr Borley.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/peter-borley-2>

## YR Learning

This term, Year R have been busy exploring lifecycles. They began by learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly, before moving on to discover more about ducks. The highlight of the term has been watching our ducklings grow.

The children were thrilled to see them hatch, and have loved observing how they develop each day—even watching them learn to swim for the first time.

Year R have also taken on the important responsibility of helping to care for the ducklings, making sure they have plenty of food and fresh water. It has been a wonderful hands-on learning experience, and the children have shown great enthusiasm, curiosity, and care throughout.



## Y2 Puppet Workshop and Author Visit

### Puppet Workshop

Y2 were very lucky to welcome Prazin Hands Puppets into school for an exciting and creative puppet workshop.

Lemurs and Marmosets were thrilled to show the team the wonderful hand puppets they had made themselves. Each child confidently explained what was different about their own puppets compared to the fantastic puppets brought in by Prazin Hands.

Using the techniques they had been taught, the children then performed their very own puppet shows from behind the stage, bringing their creations to life, we had so much fun!

A huge thank you to Prazin Hands Puppets for such an inspiring and memorable experience!

### Author Visit

Y2 were very fortunate to welcome local author Jonah Rideout to our school, who came to read his book 'Rubbish Journey' to the children. The pupils were captivated by the story and loved hearing it read by the author himself.

After the reading, the children took part in a fun quiz and had the opportunity to draw their own sea creatures inspired by the story. The winners of the drawing competition received a special prize.

A big thank you to Jonah Rideout for visiting us and giving the children such an enjoyable and memorable experience. Jonah took the time to share his feedback from the day *"The children were all brilliant, creative and very well behaved. I had a really enjoyable visit"*.

### Dates for the diary

30/03/2026-10/04/2026	Easter Holidays
13/04/2026	First day of Summer Term
29/04/2026	Tigers class assembly 2:45pm: infant hall
11/05/2026-14/05/2026	KS2 SATS
18/05/2026-22/05/2026	Walk to School Week
21/05/2026	Gazelle class assembly 2:45pm: junior hall
25/05/2026-29/05/2026	May Half Term
01/06/2026-12/06/2026	Y4 Multiplication Check
08/06/2026-12/06/2026	Y1 and Y2 Phonics Screening Check
11/06/2026	White Rhino class assembly 2:45pm: junior hall
17/06/2026	Lemurs class assembly 2:45pm: infant hall
23/06/2026	Y5 invited to attend Noadswood Arts Week
24/06/2026	Sports Morning
02/07/2026	Cheetah class assembly 2:45pm: junior hall
13/07/2026-17/07/2026	Y6 Residential Trip to Avon Tyrrell
21/07/2026	Y6 Leavers Performance
22/07/2026	Last Day of Term
23/07/2026-31/08/2026	Summer Holidays

### Spring into Action 2026 – Time to Walk, Talk, Listen

Continuing from our last newsletter, we have included an activity card from the Time to Walk, Talk and Listen Toolkit. These are fun activities and questions to help spark conversation while you walk or travel by car either to and from school or during your leisure time. Please find below a further activity card

#### Time to Walk, Talk, Listen Activities

##### Sound hunters

At various points on your journey, pause for a moment and listen carefully to the sounds around you.

- 👂 How many sounds can you hear?
- 👂 What sound is furthest-away?
- 👂 What's the closest?
- 👂 What's the quietest?
- 👂 Which do you like the most?

**How this activity helps you talk and listen:** Tuning in to sounds encourages calm attention and creates easy moments for gentle conversation.

##### Journey interview

Let the child be an interviewer and ask, "When you were my age..."

- ... what was your favourite game?
- ... who was your best friend?
- ... what did you find tricky?
- ... what did you hope to be?

Now swap roles so they can share their own stories too.

**How this builds connection:** Taking turns asking questions helps children feel listened to and valued. Sharing memories encourages empathy and conversation.

##### I Spy... a feeling

Play I Spy using feelings instead of letters. Look for something that makes you feel a certain way and invite others to guess it.

Try ideas like, I spy...

- 👁 something that makes me feel happy.
- 👁 something that looks calm.
- 👁 something that feels exciting.

Talk about why you chose your object.

**Why this activity matters:** It helps children link emotions to their surroundings in a gentle, pressure-free way.

##### One-minute topic

Can you talk about a topic for one minute?

1. Choose a topic – an animal, a favourite game, something that makes you smile.
2. If you have a timer, set it for 1 minute.
3. Try to talk till the timer runs out.
4. Ask each other questions too.

**How this activity helps you talk and listen:** Short, playful topics help start conversations. Taking turns encourages listening and helps everyone share ideas.

##### Memory trail

On a morning journey, work together to take note of three or more things – share what you see, hear or smell.

On your way home, or the next time you take the same route, see if you can all remember the things you noticed.

**Why this activity is great:** It turns the journey into a game of observation and memory. Noticing things together gives you something to talk about later, making the return trip a natural moment for conversation and shared reflection.

##### My favourite challenge

A fun challenge to get everyone talking. How many 'favourites' can you name?

- ✓ Favourite drink
- ✓ Favourite book
- ✓ Favourite place
- ✓ Favourite smell
- ✓ Favourite joke
- ✓ Favourite memory
- ✓ Favourite weather
- ✓ Favourite animal

Feel free to add your own!

**Why this activity matters:** Quick-fire questions make it easy for children to share what they like and feel heard. These small moments often lead to deeper, more meaningful conversations later on.

## Local Events



**Waterside SPORTS CAMP**

**JC Sports Development**

**FREE PLACES FOR 'BENEFITS RELATED' FREE SCHOOL MEALS!**

# EASTER MULTI-ACTIVITY FUN DAYS

**NERF WARS BASKETBALL  
TENNIS FOOTBALL ARCHERY  
DODGEBALL ARTS & CRAFTS  
AXE THROWING & MANY MORE!**

**9.00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**Week 1: Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March - Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
**Week 2: Tues 7<sup>th</sup> April - Wed 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**BOOK HERE**

**Sibling Discount & Multi-Day Booking Discounts**

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A SPECIAL INVITATION TO LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN TO JOIN US FOR THE REOPENING OF HYTHE PIER

### FREE CHILD PASS FOR THE EASTER HALF TERM

TO ALSO INCLUDE SIBLINGS UNDER 10 YEARS

\*All children must be accompanied by a paying adult.

#### Opening Details

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2026

Tuesday to Saturday

10:00am - 4:00pm

£1 pier toll

Walking access only

\*The pier train will not be in operation at this time

The pier extends approximately 700 yards (640 metres)

and is fully accessible for walking

A special invite from Ashleigh

Owner, The Hythe Pier Company

[www.thehythepier.com](http://www.thehythepier.com)



**HIGHCLIFFE CASTLE**

# Easter

**OUTDOOR TRAIL**  
Friday 3 - Monday 6 April 10am-3pm  
• Participating children £3.50  
• Adults Free

**EASTER ADMISSION**  
Friday 3 - Monday 6 April 10am-3pm  
• Adult standard admission  
• Children Free

**INDOOR CRAFTS**  
Woodland animal themed crafts available 10am-3pm on:  
• Tuesday 31 March, 7 April  
• Thursday 2, 9 April  
*Included in Castle admission, free for members*

## Become a Highcliffe Castle Member

- Entry to the Castle for a year\*
- 10% discount in the Castle Shop
- 10% discount in the Castle Pantry
- School Holiday activities
- Discount on selected events
- Castle e-newsletter updates

**Family Membership £50**  
Up to two adults & three under 15s

For more information, please visit: [highcliffecastle.co.uk](http://highcliffecastle.co.uk)

## Easter Holidays at St Barbe



Mon 30 March & Wed 1 April

**St Barbe Out and About - half term family activities**

**Ages 3+ | Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free |**

We are out and about bringing you some family fun activities inspired by our Witch/Craft exhibition.

Find us on **Monday** at St Mark's Community Hall, Pennington SO41 8EJ

Find us on **Wednesday** at Sway Village Hall SO41 6BB

Tue 31 March

**Potion Making Workshop**

**Ages 8+ | 10am-12noon | £8 | Limited places | Adult supervision required for under 13 years**

Experiment with potion making and take home your very own potion.

Thurs 2 April

**Hoppy Easter**

**Ages 3+ | 2 sessions: Drop-in 10:30-12:30 and 1:30-3:30pm | Free**

Fun family activities with an Easter/Spring theme.



Thurs 9 April

**Folklore Fun**

**Ages 3+ | 2 sessions: Drop-in 10:30-12:30 and 1:30-3:30pm | Free**

Fun family activities inspired by our Witch/Craft exhibition.



[www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk](http://www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk)

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# EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS



HELD AT:

## WATERSIDE PRIMARY WEEK 1

HELD AT:

Waterside Primary School  
Ashford Crescent  
Hythe  
Southampton  
SO45 6ET

**COST:**  
£24 per child  
1 x Sibling 25% off



DATES:

WEEK 1

Monday 30th Mar  
Tuesday 31st Mar  
Wednesday 1st Apr  
Thursday 2nd Apr

**TIMES:**  
08:00-12:00/ 13:00-17:00/ 09:00-15:00  
Early drop off (AM) and Late pick up (PM) available

### CRAFTS

**Mon** EASTER BUNNY POPSICLES  
**Tue** EASTER BEAD ORNAMENTS  
**Wed** FLOWER POT CREATIONS  
**Thu** EASTER BASKETS

### GAMES

**Mon** EGG & SPOON RACES  
**Tue** EASTER CHARADES  
**Wed** EGG ROLLING  
**Thu** EASTER RELAY RACES

### SPORTS

**Mon** DODGEBALL  
**Tue** FOOTBALL  
**Wed** TAG GAMES  
**Thu** BASKETBALL

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# EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS



HELD AT:

## WATERSIDE PRIMARY WEEK 2

HELD AT:

Waterside Primary School  
Ashford Crescent  
Hythe  
Southampton  
SO45 6ET

**COST:**  
£24 per child  
1 x Sibling 25% off



DATES:

WEEK 2

Tuesday 7th Apr  
Wednesday 8th Apr  
Thursday 9th Apr

**TIMES:**  
08:00-12:00/ 13:00-17:00/ 09:00-15:00  
Early drop off (AM) and Late pick up (PM) available

### CRAFTS

**Tue** EGG CARTON CHICKS  
**Wed** FARFALLE BUTTERFLIES  
**Thu** ORIGAMI BIRDS

### GAMES

**Tue** SPRING OBSTACLE COURSE  
**Wed** BUG BINGO HUNT  
**Thu** PIN THE TAIL ON THE BUNNY RELAY

### SPORTS

**Tue** TENNIS  
**Wed** CRICKET  
**Thu** FOOTBALL

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## A Handy update!

March 2026



Welcome to our March newsletter! Please share with as many people as you can. For those who don't know who we are – we are THE HANDY TRUST. A full youth support service running in the Waterside area offering youth clubs, holiday clubs, detached work, individual support and much more! We hope you enjoy getting more updates on what we're up to!

### Easter holidays

We have lots of exciting plans for Easter! We are open to the whole family for free with a fully funded lunch! Those 10 and over can attend independently, under 10s must attend with an adult – just turn up for these clubs. Join us to make Easter bonnets (booking only), and show them off! The Easter bunny will also be joining to judge the best bonnet! See below for further details.

### What else...

You will see us out and about even more now the lighter evenings are here! We will be around the local community available for young people to talk to, as well as anyone who would like to say hi!

Our youth hubs are also running as normal with more fun to be had next term including murder mystery night, football tournament and a nerf war!

**Easter Holidays**

- 30 Marchwood Hub
- 31 Hythe Hub
- 1 St Annes, Netley View (booking only - please see separate poster)
- 2 Hythe Hub
- 7 Marchwood Hub
- 8 TBC
- 9 Hythe Hub
- 10 Marchwood Hub

JOIN US AT OUR HUBS 11:30 - 1:30

**EASTER EVENT**

1st APRIL 2026 2:00PM  
St Annes Netley View

Easter Crafts, Party Games & Much more!

Meet, dance and take photos with the Easter Bunny

Supported by: Hythe & Dibok, New Forest, GNG

**ALL STARS CRICKET AT FAWLEY CRICKET CLUB!**

8 Weeks of Fun and Games for Boys & Girls Ages 5-8!  
Build Skills, Make Friends & Enjoy Cricket!

**STARTS SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 9:45AM!**

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