

# Newsletter - 17th October 2025



We have had a great start to the school year. Our new year 1 and 2 curriculum this half term has had two topics 'Wonderful Me' and 'The Great British Harvest'. Today the year 1 and 2 children shared a great harvest feast with the year 1 children making bread and the year 2 children making soup bought from Southbourne Farm Shop! Lots of fun had by all and some amazing learning.

## Read with Me

Read with Me is back! As a school we know that reading is the key to all learning, and reading for pleasure plays a massive part in children wanting to read. If you can please come to our Read with Me sessions and share a book with your child. If you cannot attend please don't worry we have lots of staff who will be sharing a book with children too. These sessions are on Friday afternoon at 2.50pm—see dates on the dates section, and start up after half term.

## Forest School

Hedgehogs and Badgers will start their forest school sessions after October half term. Year 1 sessions are Thursday morning and Year 2 sessions are Thursday afternoon. Children are to come to school dressed in their Forest School clothes on these days. Please see separate letter about Forest School which will be sent before your child starts the sessions.

## Harvest Collection

Many thanks for all your kind donations of food for Chichester Food Bank. They came to collect the donations this week and some brilliant year 2s helped them to load the donations into the van. Well done year 2 helpers!

## Six Weeks in for new Year R parents

Next Wednesday 22nd October the early years teachers are running a six weeks in meeting for all the new year R parents. This is at 9.00am just after drop off. There will be tea and coffee provided by FOSS. This meeting is a chance to find out about the early years curriculum in more detail and find out about other ways to support your child's learning.

## Reception and Year 1 Phonics Workshops for Parents and Carers

In July we sent home a parent questionnaire. Thank you to those of you who responded to this. One area for improvement was to ensure parents are more informed about the children's learning in school and how you can support at home. Following on from this we have added a phonics workshop for year 1 parents this term, as well as our usually year R workshop. Year 2 will also be offering a curriculum workshop later in the term so please look out for this date. These workshops are to inform you about our phonics curriculum and how you can support learning at home. Please attend these if you can, but if you cannot attend there will be a handout that will be posted on ClassDojo—see dates section.

As a school we are always seeking to make improvements to our provision ... everyday is a school day! Please know that if you have any concerns I am available for you to come and talk to, and your class teachers can also answer any questions you have too.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Whiffin

## NUT FREE SCHOOL

We are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**, this is due to children with severe nut allergies. Please do not send any foods into school that contain nuts and read all food labels. If your child has a nut product in their lunchbox they will not be able to eat this, and you will receive a green slip in the lunchbox explaining this.

## Flu Vaccination

Please see letter emailed to you Wednesday this week. You must complete the online form to say if you DO or you DO NOT want your child to received this Vaccination, in early December.

## Dates

More dates will be added throughout the year.

### October

Monday 20th—Individual photos

Wednesday 22nd @ 9.00 —Six Weeks in Meeting for Reception Parents/Carers

Friday 24th—Last day of half term

HALF TERM BREAK Monday 27th—Friday 31st

### November

**Monday 3rd—INSET DAY staff Training**

Wednesday 5th @ 9.00—Year R Phonics Workshop for Parents/Carers

Friday 6th @ 9.00—Year 1 Phonics workshop for parents/Carers

Thursday 6th—Hedgehogs and Badgers Class 1st Forest School Session (4 Weeks)

Friday 14th - READ WITH ME @ 2.50pm

Tuesday 18th—Parents/Carers consultations

Wednesday 19th—Parents/Carers consultations

### December

Thursday 4th—FOSS Christmas Shopping Day

Friday 5th—READ WITH ME @ 2.50pm

**Christmas celebrations to parents—Each year group have two different days and times**

Monday 8th - Year 2 @ 2.30

Tuesday 9th—Year 2 @ 9.00

Tuesday 9th—Year 1 @ 2.30

Wednesday 10th - Year 1 @ 9.00

Wednesday 10th - Year R @ 2.45

Thursday 11th - Year R @ 9.00

Friday 12th—Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

Wednesday 17th—School Christmas Disco

**Friday 19th —Last Day of Term**

## Other INSET DAYS 2025—2026

Monday 23rd February Monday 1st June