



Weekly News

Friday 16th October 2026

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has helped make the last few weeks so memorable for our children.

Our Year 6 residential was a tremendous success, providing pupils with opportunities to challenge themselves, develop their independence and create lasting memories with their friends. We have also enjoyed two fantastic educational visits, with Year 5 exploring Hampton Court Palace and Year 3 stepping back in time at Butser Ancient Farm. These experiences enrich learning and create opportunities that children will remember for years to come. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of the staff who have generously given up their time to make these visits and residential experiences possible.

Thank you also to the parents and family members who joined us for Hazel Class Assembly on Friday morning. It was wonderful to see so many of you there celebrating the children's achievements and sharing in their learning.

I would also like to share some happy personal news from our staff team. Ms Smart is expecting her first baby in March and will begin her maternity leave in February. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her and wishing her well as she prepares for this exciting new chapter. Once arrangements for staffing in Rowan Class have been finalised, we will communicate these with parents.

As we break up for our two-week half-term holiday, I would like to thank our pupils, staff and families for their continued support throughout what has been another productive and successful half term. I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest, and I look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed and ready for the second half of the autumn term.

Have a wonderful half term break.

Vicky Egan
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Weeks commencing 19th and 26th October
HALF TERM

Tuesday 3rd November - Year 4 Swimming lessons commence (every Tuesday morning for 5 weeks)
Wednesday 4th November - Year 5/6 Cross Country races (by invitation)
Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day
Thursday 19th November - PTA Discos
Wednesday 25th November - Y5 Sports Crew training (by invitation)
Thursday 26th November - Year 5 trip to the Mary Rose
Wednesday 9th December - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert, performances at 2pm and 6pm
Saturday 12th December - Choir to visit Collingwood Grange Care Home, 10-11am
Thursday 17th December - Carol Concert at St Pauls (children and staff only)
Friday 18th December - Last day of term, 1.30pm finish

Wednesday Football and Netball

Please note that there will be **NO** football/netball training or fixtures on Wednesday 4th November due to the Cross Country Races that will be taking place here at Crawley Ridge that afternoon.

Wow Work Winners

Oak: Poppy
Elm: Noah A
Maple: Millie
Chestnut: Thomas
Rowan: Antiopi
Hazel: Elara
Beech: Lucy
Sycamore: Dylan



Attendance

Whole School Attendance for w/c 12th October 2026

96%

Elm: 99.3% Oak: 99%
Rowan: 98.5% Hazel: 97.9%
Chestnut: 97.8% Sycamore: 93.3%
Maple: 92.2% Beech: 89.3%

Year 3 trip to Butser Farm

On Wednesday, Year 3 visited Butser Ancient Farm to be immersed in the Stone Age to Iron Age way of life. We wattle some fences, carved into chalk, spun our own woollen creations and took part in an excavation task to uncover hidden artefacts. Each and every child showed our school values, were polite, resilient and had a fantastic time. They received lovely compliments from the staff at Butser Farm. We are very proud of them! Have a look at the pictures to see more:



Upcoming Craft Opportunities

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Chick has arranged the following activities to take place during the second half of the autumn term:

Craft Club: Monday's for 5 weeks commencing 9th November. £5 per child to cover resourcing. Yr 4 to Yr 6 only (due to use of glue guns). 20 children maximum. Club will finish at 4:10pm. Sign up opens on Saturday 17th October via the club section of the Arbor parent portal

Parent and child craft workshop: Thursday 3rd December 6pm - 7pm Cost £4 per person. Open to all year groups. Maximum of 50 places. Further details to follow after half term.

Wreath Making: Friday 4th December. £6 each. Open to all year groups. 15 children maximum. Finish at 4:10pm. Further details to follow after half term.

Year 5 trip to Hampton Court

Year 5 had a wonderful day exploring Hampton Court Palace and bringing their history learning to life on Tuesday. Throughout the visit, the children examined historical clues found within the palace, using their observation and enquiry skills to help them understand what life was like in Tudor times.

From the impressive Great Hall to the beautiful grounds, pupils discovered how historians use evidence from buildings, objects and artefacts to learn about the past. The children were engaged, thoughtful and enthusiastic throughout the day, asking insightful questions and making connections with their classroom learning.

We were incredibly proud of their excellent behaviour and curiosity, which helped make the visit both enjoyable and memorable for everyone.



CGP Homework Books for Year 6

The CGP homework books will be distributed to year 6 children immediately following the half term break. If you have not already purchased books for your child you can still do this via the school shop on Arbor over the half term break to ensure your child receives the books. Please note that children for whom the school receives pupil premium funding will automatically receive the books and no payment from parents is required.



Year 6 Residential

Year 6 have had a fantastic time on their residential to Oakwood Climbing Centre this week. The children have embraced new challenges, developed their independence, and shown brilliant teamwork and resilience. It has been wonderful to see them encouraging one another, stepping outside their comfort zones and making memories with their friends. We are incredibly proud of them.



Choir Opportunity

We are pleased to announce that we have a fantastic opportunity to go into Collingwood Grange Care Home to do a Christmas Carol performance for its residents. Therefore, if your child would like to sign up to be part of the choir, which will be rehearsing on a **Tuesday lunchtime in Elm class with Miss Gomm and Mrs Taylor**, please let us know by registering your child through the club section of the Arbor parent portal.

The choir will be starting on Tuesday 10th November. If children join the choir, they will be committing to the performance which will be happening on **Saturday 12th December at 10am**. Children will need to be brought to Collingwood Grange Care Home and picked up from there at 11am. If you have any questions, please do speak to either Miss Gomm or Mrs Taylor.



Housepoint totals this week



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