



Bikability group finding shade during one of their earlier sessions

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a week like no other. At times, it has reminded me of the pandemic and the daily challenge of working out pupil numbers and adapting plans accordingly. Despite this, there have been plenty of smiles along the way.

Last week, I joked in assembly that almost every assembly or newsletter seems to mention the weather, whether it is reminders to wear coats, bring in hats or apply sun cream before school. It would, however, be rather unusual if this week's heatwave did not dominate this week's newsletter.

I have to start with thanks.

Thank you to every member of staff for helping to provide a safe and positive environment throughout the week. Curriculum plans were adapted, timetables changed and plenty of creative activities emerged as the week went on. Thank you to our teachers and teaching assistants for managing classrooms so well in what have been uncomfortable conditions, looking out for each other, covering for colleagues to ensure breaks were possible and, as always, caring so well for the children.

Thank you to Mr Dalziel for arriving earlier than usual each day to help prepare classrooms and put up gazebos. Thank you to the office team for managing increased communication, collection arrangements, lunch changes and countless other jobs behind the scenes. Thank you to our kitchen staff for continuing to prepare meals for our children despite working in very challenging conditions. Thank you to parents and carers for your support, understanding and kind words throughout the week.

Finally, thank you to the children. They have continued to learn, adapt and, perhaps most importantly, enjoy themselves. Some pupils have even told us that this has been their favourite week of school ever!

We also managed to find enough time and shade in the mornings to get 20 children from Year 5 through their Bikeability course. Thank you to the Bikeability instructors for adapting activities and groupings to make this possible.

Unfortunately, the decision was taken to postpone the PTA Summer Fayre due to the extreme temperatures. Whilst disappointing, we felt this was the right decision for the wellbeing of children, families, volunteers and staff.

We are currently working with the PTA to explore whether an alternative date can be found later in the term, taking account of both the school and PTA calendars. If we are able to identify a suitable opportunity, we will let families know.

With any hot weather, many families may choose to spend time near water to cool down. Please remind children that rivers, lakes, canals and other open water can be dangerous, even in warm weather. Always supervise children closely and only swim in safe, supervised locations where appropriate. Remember the Water Safety Code: Stop and Think, Stay Together, Float and Call 999 in an emergency.

Looking ahead, on Monday we will share our staffing structure for next year as well as class allocations for September. Putting together balanced classes that take account of friendships, attainment, educational needs and a range of other factors is a complex process and one that takes considerable time. Children will spend time with their new class on Tuesday and parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers informally at classroom doors at the end of the day.

Finally, congratulations to Mrs Richards, who this week celebrates 10 years as an ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) at Wessex Primary School. Over the past decade, Lisa has supported countless children and families through her work in school and more recently through her role as our ELSA. We are very proud of her!

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

"Eating ice lollies and watching movies has been amazing :)"
Eliana, Year 5

"My favourite thing this week has been watching movies and having ice pops because I never had more free time, and I felt relaxed" Alissa, Year 5

"This week was so fun. Wednesday - Friday was so much fun. On Wednesday, we did some maths, and then we watched movies and played games on the computers, and we even had ice lollies. We played games and more; we have done some work, but mostly fun activities. This week was the best!" Anaya, Year 5

"My favourite part of this week Mr Beavan coming around with ice pops, he was like Father Christmas" Summer, Year 6

"I have really enjoyed production practice this week, we finally finished it all" Arran, Year 6

"My favourite part of this week has been in Maths where we did optical illusions" Chloe, Year 6

Diary dates coming up



Tuesday 30th June to Friday 3rd July
Travelling Book Fair

Tuesday 30th June
Class swap session pm

Meet the Teacher – 3.20pm to 3.50pm

Thursday 2nd July
Sports Day – 9am to 12 noon

Friday 3rd July
Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 8th July
Y1 Birch Class Trip to Braywick Nature Reserve

Thursday 9th July
Y1 Beech Class Trip to Braywick Nature Reserve

School photos

No good news certificates this week as it has been such an unusual week.

Do remember that class photos are available to view and purchase online. Please see the letter sent earlier today for more details.



Attendance

Unsurprisingly, there is no attendance cup or award this week.

Thank you to all of the parents who have sent such positive messages to the school this week. They have been much appreciated. Thank you also for your support.

School Values



This week, we have been focusing on the value of charity. We were very grateful to welcome members of the Cox Green Village Fayre, who informed us we would receive £1,400 to help fund OPAL. This is a wonderful example of our community helping others.



We also linked this to the idea of teamwork through the World Cup, exploring how helping others, sharing and treating people kindly are just as important in school as they are in sport. We shared that charity is not just about money, but about giving time, attention and kindness. We then thought about how we can “pay it forward” this week.

OPAL fundraising

We are very grateful to Hunter's dad in Year 3, who will be taking on an incredible challenge in September to raise money for OPAL play development at Wessex. His plan is to hike from Inverness to Ben Nevis and back again, covering an astonishing 153 miles whilst camping along the route. The challenge is expected to take between 10 and 12 days to complete.

A [Gofund me page](#) has already been set up and has raised £250 so far. There is also a [facebook page](#) and a [TikTok page](#) should you wish to follow their journey. We wish him the very best with his preparations and will share further details with families as the challenge approaches.

OPAL updates

Before the recent heatwave arrived, we were really pleased to reopen our Mud Kitchens following a relaunch in our OPAL assembly. Mrs Patrick worked hard to clean and reorganise the area, introduce new resource storage and make improvements to help children enjoy messy play safely and responsibly.

The Mud Kitchens have quickly become one of the most popular areas of our provision, with children showing imagination, creativity and teamwork as they mix, build, create and explore together. It has been lovely to see pupils collaborating, sharing resources and developing their own ideas through play.

Character Curriculum

As part of our character curriculum, we have been focusing on helping others in simple, thoughtful ways. Children have been learning to notice when someone might need help, offer support, and act kindly without expecting praise. This links closely to encouraging others, sharing, and contributing positively to our school community.

We are continuing to build the understanding that everyone can make a difference through small everyday actions.

Helping other people



- Does the other person need help?
- Can you stop to help them?
- Ask if the other person needs help
- Accept that they may not need help
- Do it because you want to; not for praise, thanks or rewards.





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Autumn Term 2026

15th of September – 8th of December*
(excluding half term & parents evening – 27th of October & 17th of November)

Years: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.25 - 4.25pm

Venue: Upper School Hall

Cost: £90.00

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*Please note these dates are subject to change

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