



From Our Head Teacher

In the Catholic Church, May is traditionally dedicated to Mary. During this month, children are encouraged to honour Mary and reflect on her role in the life of Jesus. We began our month, with our traditional Crowning of Mary liturgy. This was a joyous event that enabled us to celebrate the life and mission of Mary. This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost. Celebrated after the 50 days of Eastertide, it is often called the "birthday of the Church," because receiving the Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the courage to start spreading Jesus's message to the world. In our Gospel assemblies, we have been considering how we too can spread the Good News.

Our Year Six children completed their SATs tests last week. I want to thank them immensely for their positivity and mature attitudes. They completed their assessments with minimum fuss and most importantly they all persevered and did put their maximum effort into completing them. They are a credit to their teachers, families and to themselves. I cannot speak highly enough of them!

Our gardening club and chaplaincy team have been working hard to spruce up the prayer garden and the flower bed at the front of the school dedicated to St Francis. The pride they take ensuring that our grounds are kept beautifully is very inspiring!

Finally, as I write this, the weather for next week is astonishingly sunny. I hope that you all get to spend the time together enjoying each other's company and an ice cream or two.

With very best wishes,

Mr Lynch

Breakfast and After School Club

The Breakfast Club and After School Club are open from Monday to Friday term time only. Mrs Dias, Mrs Bennet and Miss Rai run the clubs and there are many activities, games and themed days to enjoy.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opens from 8:00 am. The cost per session is £3.50, all payments need to be done via Arbor. You do not need to book for Breakfast Club.

After School Club

After School Club will operate from 3:20pm to 6:00pm. The cost per booking is £10.00, however you can collect your child anytime between 3:20pm and 6:00pm, snacks are served at 4:30pm

Please book Arbor in advance, the cut off for booking is 48 hours. If you cancel within 24 hours you will incur the cost. We are still able to take Ad Hoc bookings.

Please note late collection fees are £5.00 plus £5.00 per 5 minutes after 6:00pm.

SENDCo Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

We all know that the mental health is very important and CAMHS Hampshire are offering some training sessions and workshops on trauma, young person's mental health and other issues.

Please have a look: <https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>

It is the last week before half-term and we would like to wish everyone a great break with plenty of rest and good weather!

The SEND Team



Thank you for working with us in ensuring your children are in school. We will regularly be reviewing the children's attendance and contacting parents where we are concerned .

Please note that no holiday during term time will be authorised. Holiday dates have been published on our website so please do book family breaks during this time.

We know that for some children, worries can make attending school tricky. Please do contact us if your child is worried about anything, especially school related, so we can offer support and resolve any issues.

Well done to Parks Class for their May Attendance

	May	2026
Class	Attendance %	Lateness %
Shakespeare	95.29	1.49
Seacole	94.02	3.91
Anning	97.27	1.07
Parks	98.49	0.54
Einstein	91.98	0.55
Armstrong	96.44	0.57
Mandela	97.95	0.97

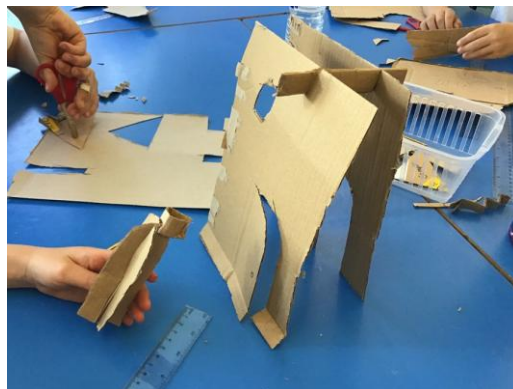
Shakespeare Class

Our 'Grow, grow, grow' theme this half term culminated in our first 'school trip on a coach' to RHS Wisley. The children were very excited to travel on the coach, explore the glasshouse at Wisley and find lots of different creatures in the ponds and around the gardens. We have been busy recording what we enjoyed about our trip by writing, drawing pictures and using our oracy skills. Thank you to the parents and helpers who volunteered their time to accompany us - we were very lucky with the weather!

After half term our final theme in Yr R will be 'Animal Magic' with a focus on transition into Year 1. We look forward to meeting the new Year Rs as they begin their weekly visits to our school while the current Shakespeare class get to visit their new Year 1 classroom. Exciting times ahead!



DT



Art

As part of the Art and Design Sculpture and 3D unit, Year 3 have explored abstract shape, trying different ways to make card shapes three dimensional such as folding, slotting, cutting, curving or joining the flat shapes together.

Science Selfie Competition



Well done to everyone that took part in the Science selfie competition, there were so many wonderful selfies to choose from. Congratulations to all our winners, Imogen, Rebecca and Aoife.

Year 4 FAST Museum Trip

We started our tour with a group photo in front of the Cody Statue at the museum.

We were given a welcome talk and advised of the rules for our visit. We then had a brief history lesson about aviation generally and at Farnborough specifically. This included learning about Samuel Cody as well as Tilly Shilling.

We were then divided into groups with a volunteer guide, and toured the Cody Pavilion, the Museum, the Air Raid Shelter and the aircraft. We were encouraged to touch certain exhibits to reinforce our learning.

We also had a talk on how wings work, the names of parts of an aircraft and the six degrees of freedom they have. We learnt about port and starboard, as well as roll, pitch and yaw.

We ended our visit with a paper airplane competition and photos with Samuel Cody (a cardboard cutout obviously).

We all received a certificate and had a wonderful time.





1st May
2026

Charism Character Awards

Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Amara	For demonstrating perseverance in her learning, especially when writing about the life cycle of a butterfly.
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Freya V	For demonstrating compassion, always a kind and caring friend.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Jannah	For demonstrating perseverance when creating a beautiful stained-glass window representing her faith.
Year 3 Ms McCue	Rebecca	For demonstrating perseverance across all subjects. You always try your best even when you find things tricky and this positive attitude is supporting your progress. Well done!
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Lucas	For demonstrating perseverance in all aspects of school life and trying hard when things are tricky.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Emilia J	For demonstrating courage and perseverance. Throughout the whole year her confidence has grown a huge amount. She is now always putting her hand up and sharing with the class.
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Ellie	For demonstrating perseverance with all of your learning this week – from your arithmetic questions to thinking of ideas to use within a narrative!



1st May
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Mission Maker Award

Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Cosmo	For demonstrating the passion to learn- working hard to learn all his phase 2, 3 and 4 tricky words!
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Erica	For demonstrating the passion to learn in maths, exploring heavier and lighter.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Aleyssa	For demonstrating the strength to love by being a caring friend and for always helping her friends and teachers.
Year 3 Ms McCue	Grace	For demonstrating the strength to love by always willingly offering your help and support in the classroom. Thank you.
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Aoife	For demonstrating the passion to learn. She always has a big smile on her face and is willing to take on a challenge.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Nate	For demonstrating the passion to learn. He has worked really hard on his DT project, which now looks really amazing!
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Jordan	For demonstrating the passion to learn in maths over the last few weeks. You have been fully engaged in lessons, with your hand up to answer most questions!



8th May
2026

Charism Character Awards

Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Freya	For demonstrating compassion- Always showing her caring side towards others.
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Logan	For demonstrating perseverance with his handwriting this week.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Leo	For demonstrating perseverance in his writing this week. Leo wrote some brilliant sentences about the lion from "The Lion Inside" story.
Year 3 Ms McCue	Scarlett	For demonstrating compassion: you are a calm and considerate friend and peer who always makes the right choices and thinks of others' feelings before acting. Thank you.
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Florence	For demonstrating compassion by always being calm, considerate and kind to everyone in class.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Oscar	For demonstrating perseverance this week in class. You have been working super hard on your attitude to learning. Well done!
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Jaden	For demonstrating perseverance this week with all of your learning – the positive mindset you have shown this week has been great to see!



8th May
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Mission Maker Award

Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Suvam	For demonstrating the passion to learn. Suvam is working hard to be more focused in his learning and make good choices. Well done, Suvam!
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Poppy-May	For demonstrating the passion to learn in maths exploring half.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Maria	For demonstrating "the courage to fail". Maria NEVER gives up on anything! She always tries her best and if she makes a mistake, she always tries again.
Year 3 Ms McCue	Jason	For demonstrating the passion to learn: you are so engaged and focused during our lessons and are always super keen to answer questions. You are a great role model.
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Jenson	For demonstrating the passion to learn in computing by creating a fantastic game in scratch.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Abigail K	For demonstrating the strength to love, especially during DT. You have been so helpful and kind to all of your peers who have been stuck!
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Skyla	For demonstrating the passion to learn when revising for your SATs this week – your positive attitude towards challenging questions is always fantastic!



15th May
2026

Charism Character Awards

Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Abigail	For demonstrating consistently our school Charisms throughout her daily interactions. Well Done Abigail!
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Amarachi	For demonstrating compassion always kind and caring to her friends.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Delphi	For demonstrating compassion to everyone – she is a wonderful friend and perseverance – she is trying SO hard with her writing.
Year 3 Ms McCue	Abigail	For demonstrating compassion. You are always kind and caring and you were so helpful to your friends this week when we made 3D nets. Thank you.
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Aldo	For demonstrating perseverance and making excellent choices this week. Well done!
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Ones (Onesimus)	For demonstrating perseverance. He has worked so hard to keep positive during all lessons. Well done!
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Year 6	For demonstrating perseverance throughout the whole week – you worked amazingly and had great attitudes towards your SATs!



15th May
2026

Mission Maker Award

Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Leshae	For demonstrating a passion to learn- working hard to improve his handwriting and spelling.
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Keegan	For demonstrating fantastic passion to learn in English this week.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Bobby	For demonstrating the passion to learn when retelling the story of “The Lion Inside” and changing the two main characters to a mole and a fox. Well done!
Year 3 Ms McCue	Kosmo	For demonstrating the passion to learn. You have made huge improvements with your handwriting and the poster you produced on the Romans was excellent. Well done!
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Olivia	For demonstrating the strength to love by helping her friends and being very responsible during the trip to the FAST Museum.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Honey	For demonstrating the passion to learn. She has really started to take responsibility for her learning and she is always striving to succeed.
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Year 6	For demonstrating the passion to learn and the courage to fail this week in your SATs. Even though there were some challenging questions, you never gave up!



22nd May
2026

Charism Character Awards

Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Oliver	For demonstrating perseverance- working hard weekly to complete his sentence writing in the given time- which he can now do. Well done Oliver!
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Erika	For demonstrating compassion, so kind and supportive to her friends.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Caoimhe	For demonstrating perseverance and compassion this week. She has worked hard to complete her work and to make good friendship choices.
Year 3 Ms McCue	William	For demonstrating perseverance this week. He has stayed positive and focused, especially in the afternoons, which he sometimes finds tricky.
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Layla	For demonstrating courage and perseverance in all areas of her school life.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Freddie	For demonstrating courage during English and guided reading. He has worked really hard to apply his inference skills this week!
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Amari	For demonstrating compassion all week – you have been so happy and positive this week and cheered up so many people just by being around!



22nd May
2026

Mission Maker Award

Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Sumaiya	For demonstrating consistently, the school mission through your positive attitude towards learning and others. Well done, Sumaiya, you are a wonderful role model!
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Alson	For demonstrating the passion to learn in maths exploring half of numbers.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Iris	For demonstrating the passion to learn. She is always ready for her next task and sets a great example to everyone. She always does it with a beaming smile!
Year 3 Ms McCue	Subish	For always demonstrating the passion to learn. He always gives 100%, and pushes himself to learn and understand more. Well done!
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Raphael	For demonstrating the passion to learn through the amazing progression he is making in class.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Mariel	For demonstrating the passion to learn always. She is always working really hard and challenging herself.
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Xaine	For demonstrating the passion to learn in English this week when thinking really carefully about how to build suspense in your narrative!

Author of the Month May

Ibtihaj Muhammad



Ibtihaj Muhammad is a fencer and the first Muslim American woman in hijab to compete and to win a medal for the United States in the Olympic Games. An activist, speaker and entrepreneur, Ibtihaj has written a memoir, Proud, and inspired the first hijabi Barbie in her likeness. Her first picture book, The Proudest Blue, was an instant New York Times bestseller.

Books by this author:

