



## From Our Head Teacher

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*A warm welcome back after the Christmas break; I hope you had a wonderful and fun filled rest. Thank you for your kind words, cards and tokens of appreciation prior to the Christmas holidays they were well received by everyone.*

*This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. It is depicted as beautiful event that made a bold statement - Jesus is God's Son!*

*God wants us to:*

- *Know that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit were all present at Jesus' Baptism.*
- *Understand that Jesus' Baptism makes a bold statement about who Jesus is – God's beloved Son.*
- *Know that He wants to welcome us as part of His family.*
- *Choose to make a bold statement for God in how we live our lives.*

*At the beginning of 2026, we have a fantastic opportunity to live out this message of love. One small change can make a massive difference!*

*In February, Bishop Philip will be visiting the school as part of his school visitation programme. This is a lovely opportunity for the children and the Bishop is looking forward to meeting them all and sharing in a time of prayer.*

*Starting this month, the school nursing team will be holding a monthly clinic. They can see parents or parents with children about any health related issue like toileting, eating, emotional health, sleep. If this is something that you feel would benefit you and your child, please email the school office. Places are limited per clinic.*

*Please can I remind you that daily attendance at school is vitally important. Children who miss time due to lateness or unauthorised absence will struggle to keep up. Being late by 10 minutes every day equates to 50 minutes a week lost learning time. Over a year this is 32 hours and 30 minutes (or over a school week) of learning time lost.*

*Finally, we say goodbye to Mrs Agius on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January. She has committed a lot of time and skill supporting our children and we wish her well in her new endeavours.*

*Wishing you a healthy and prosperous new year.*

*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 Mrs Agius 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 £2.50, 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 hope you have all had a good and restful break. It has gone so quickly!

It is wonderful to see that our children appear to be happy and full of energy!

As always, CAMHS Hampshire have a good offer of workshops for families. Please see the schedule included in this newsletter and please do have a look at their website and book:

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! The

SEND Team



Well done to Parks Class for their December Attendance

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.

	December	2025
Class	Attendance %	Lateness %
Shakespeare	92.8	3.56
Seacole	92.4	4.22
Anning	96.0	2.11
<b>Parks</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>1.83</b>
Einstein	91.0	0.67
Armstrong	96.5	1.49
Mandela	94.5	1.08

# PACE

2026  
PARENT & CARER EVENTS

**NHS**  
Hampshire Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Services

Free health & wellbeing events for all parents & carers  
who support or work with young people

DATE	LOCATION
Thursday, 26 February 2026	<b>Basingstoke</b> Queen Mary's College, Cliddesden Rd, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 3HF
Thursday, 16 April 2026	<b>Eastleigh</b> Junction Church, 2 Romsey Road, Eastleigh SO50 9FE
Friday, 8 May 2026	<b>Lyndhurst</b> Lyndhurst Community Centre, Central Car Park, High Street, Lyndhurst SO43 7NY
Thursday, 25 June 2026	<b>Andover</b> Winton Community Academy, London Rd, Andover, Hampshire SP10 2PS
Monday, 5 October 2026	<b>Havant</b> Trosnant School, Stockheath Lane, Havant, Hampshire PO9 3BD
Friday, 23 October 2026	<b>Waterlooville</b> Waterlooville Community Centre, 10 Maurepas Way, Waterlooville PO7 7AY

BOOK YOUR SESSION SPACE AT:

[hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events](https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events)

# Art & DT

The children in Yr 5 have produced some really unusual self-portraits as part of the 'Painting Portraits' unit within Painting and Mixed Media. They took photos of themselves and then expanded and decorated the photos using different resources and media. Great job!

## DIOCESAN BUILDING FUND



### **Support St Bernadette's - Help Build Their Future and a Better Future for Our School**

The Building Fund plays a crucial role in maintaining and enhancing the school facilities at St Bernadette's. Your support is key to keeping our school a safe and inspiring place for all students. As a voluntary-aided Catholic school, we rely on contributions from parents to meet 10% of building costs.

Contributions from parents help fund important projects like classroom upgrades and keeping our school facilities in the best condition for current and future students. In the past St Bernadette's have benefited from a number of projects which have been funded through the Diocesan Building fund scheme. These have included: Essential roof repairs and installation of new windows and most recently our new toilet refurbishment.

We ask parents for a donation of just £45 per child for the school year or £15 per term, an affordable way to support vital improvements to your child's school environment. Please make your payment via Arbor or at the school office. Every contribution counts and we simply can't do it without you.

Gift Aid: If you are a tax payer, please do also sign the gift aid form, this is available from our school website or the school office. This allows us to claim an extra 25p for every £1.00 donated.

## **Shakespeare Class**

The children in Shakespeare Class have come back to school with renewed energy which is great as this is an important half term to begin to focus on the specific areas of learning - literacy, maths, understanding the world and expressive arts and design.

We have been able to explore the world this week, talking about the snow, how it changes, what happens in each season etc. The children are really beginning to embed their phonic knowledge as we move into learning phase 3 phonemes and diagraphs and this will help them in becoming independent readers and writers.

Our theme this half term is 'People Who Help Us' so if there are any willing volunteers who could give up 20 mins of their time to talk to our children about their helpful job, it would be much appreciated (please let the office know).



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## Charism Character Awards

Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Arthur	Fantastic handwriting in English this week.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Bobby	For demonstrating compassion towards other children in our class and across the key stage. He is always looking out for others.
Year 3 Ms McCue	Dylan	For demonstrating perseverance and trying extra hard to make good choices. You have had a very positive week. Well done.
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Raphael	For demonstrating perseverance in all subjects this week, not backing down from a challenge and keen to achieve his best.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Kuba	For demonstrating compassion. He has been really helpful in class this week and he never says no when someone needs help.
Year 6 Miss Parkinson	Jordan	For demonstrating perseverance in all subjects, really focusing on your learning – especially in geography when completing your map!



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## Mission Maker Award

Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Eliza	For demonstrating the passion to learn in maths this week exploring 3D shapes.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Drey	For demonstrating the passion to learn and really trying hard to do his best. He has created some lovely pieces of work in History and Geography this week.
Year 3 Ms McCue	Annalise	For demonstrating the passion to learn in maths. You have worked hard and stayed focused. Well done.
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Oliver	For demonstrating the passion to learn and making great progress in his reading.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Daniel	For demonstrating the passion to learn in class. He has been working really hard all of this week.
Year 6 Miss Parkinson	Jayden Q	For demonstrating the passion to learn in all subjects, where you have shown a fantastic attitude to your learning!

# Author of the Month January

## Tom Fletcher



TOM FLETCHER is one of the UK's bestselling authors for children. The Christmasaurus was the biggest debut middle-grade novel of 2016 in the UK, and The Creakers was a number one bestseller. Tom is also the bestselling author of picture books There's a Monster in Your Book, There's an Elf in Your Book, and There's a Dragon in Your Book, which received a Children's Choice Honor! The Dinosaur That Pooped picture books, written with his bandmate Dougie Poynter, have sold over a million copies. With his wife, Giovanna Fletcher, Tom is the author of Eve of Man, the first in a YA trilogy. He is also a songwriting, guitar-playing, Guinness World Record-holding, diaper-changing, galaxy-defending dad!

To learn more about Tom Fletcher click on the link below:

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/authors/224728/tom-fletcher/>

[CBeebies Bedtime Stories—Tom Fletcher Reading There's a Big Bad Wolf](#)

Books by this author:

