



## FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

*It seems incredible that half term is already here. I have enjoyed watching the children become confident and grow in their new classes. They have gotten through so much! Their courage and perseverance have definitely been on display. Whether they have been attempting a new sport in PE; sewing a tote bag; creating fabulous art work or partaking in a school trip, I feel privileged to watch the children grow and develop.*

*Our house captains helped pack the Farnborough Food Bank van full of all the goods donated over the past three weeks. Thank you so much for your generous donations and for helping the children to understand the importance of being part of an active and supportive local community.*

*After half term there is an opportunity to support our global community with our shoe box appeal. If possible, please do support this worthwhile cause.*

*Closer to home we are very excited about our Express Yourself Talent Show on Friday 14th November. I'm looking forward to celebrating the vast array of talents that will be on display during the evening.*

*Wishing you a happy and fun-filled half term.*

Yours sincerely,

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 will be open from 8.00 a.m. and is held in the new room (Old Year 5 Class)

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 – 6.00pm in the new room (Old Year 5 Class) 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 on 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**





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.

### Attendance Matters September 2025

Class	Attendance %	Lateness %
Shakespeare	95.57%	0.58%
Seacole	95.25%	2.02%
Anning	96.68%	1.25%
<b>Parks</b>	<b>98.97%</b>	<b>0.86%</b>
Einstein	94.94%	0.4%
Armstrong	95.77%	0.85%
Mandela	95.84%	0.93%

## UPCOMING EVENTS AUTUMN TERM 2025

<b>Monday 27th Friday 31st October</b>	Half Term
<b>Monday 3rd November</b>	Return to School
<b>Tuesday 4th November</b>	Year R and Year 6 NHS Height & Weight/ Vision
<b>Monday 3rd to Friday 14th November</b>	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal
<b>Wednesday 5th November</b>	STEM Day, Engineer Programming for Pupils
<b>Monday 10th November</b>	Individual Pupil Photos Family Photos 3:20pm
<b>Monday 10th to Thursday 13th November</b>	Scholastics Book Fair
<b>Monday 10th to Friday 14th November</b>	Anti-bullying Week The Power of Good
<b>Wednesday 12th November</b>	STEM Day, Engineer Programming for Pupils
<b>Thursday 13th November</b>	Open Evening for prospective parents 6:30pm
<b>Friday 14th November</b>	Odd Socks Day Talent Show 5pm
<b>Monday 17th November</b>	Inservice Day
<b>Friday 21st November</b>	Jubilee Celebration Day
<b>Thursday 27th November</b>	Panto Performance for Pupils

## SENDCo Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hampshire have run a campaign promoting mental and emotional wellbeing for children and young people and there is still time to take part and access resources. Here is the link:

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/campaigns/safe-campaign-copy/>


They have produced a great resource titled CONNECT TO THRIVE In 2025. The main theme is on connections we make with other people and how they can have a positive impact on us. You can find the booklet here:

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/C2T-Booklet-2025.pdf>





We hope you and the children have a wonderful half-term break. Stay safe and have fun!


SEND Team


Friday	19th September 2025	 Charism Character Awards
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Alson	For demonstrating perseverance when writing his sentence in English.
Year 2 Anning Miss Hyatt	Albie	For demonstrating perseverance working hard in all subjects.
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Alana	For demonstrating compassion and being an excellent role model to others. Alana was especially helpful and supportive to peers in our computing lesson. Thank you.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Florence	For demonstrating being such a polite and helpful member of Einstein Class and showing compassion to others at all times.
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Onesimus	For always trying his best even when he thinks something is too tricky for him. Especially during independent work in maths.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Orla	For demonstrating courage and compassion in PE when helping to guide a group to create a routine using leaps and spins!


Friday	19th September 2025	 Mission Maker Award
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Poppy-May	For demonstrating the courage to fail demonstrating a growth mindset in History.
Year 2 Anning Miss Hyatt	Laura	For demonstrating the strength to love always such a kind friend.
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Oscar	For demonstrating the passion to learn in maths this week. Oscar worked so hard and was really focused when learning about Place Value. Well done.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Sebastian	For demonstrating the strength to love by being a kind and helpful friend.
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Martha	For demonstrating the courage to fail by picking herself up after finding English tricky. Martha then continued to show pride in her work after working with a teacher.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Elisa	For demonstrating the passion to learn in all subjects this week, especially English when thinking about vocabulary to describe the senses and showing fantastic balances in PE!

Friday	26th September 2025	 Charism Character Awards
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier &	Logan	For demonstrating courage, having a go at skipping on our trip.
Year 2 Anning Miss Hyatt	Bobby	For demonstrating perseverance, for overcoming barriers.
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Lydia	For demonstrating perseverance and always having a go. Lydia keeps on working even when she finds things tricky.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Dominic	For demonstrating enhanced focus this week and producing a good piece of persuasive writing.
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Abigail K	For demonstrating courage when giving her speech for why she should be pupil chaplain. As well as taking on the job in order to improve her group speaking skill.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Skyla	For demonstrating compassion and kindness to your peers, always and being a fantastic role model to everyone in the school!


Friday	26th September 2025	 Mission Maker Award
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Arthur	For demonstrating the passion to learn in History, understanding old and new toys.
Year 2 Anning Miss Hyatt	Victoria	For demonstrating the passion to learn, the courage to fail and the strength to love.
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Hannah	For demonstrating the passion to learn. Hannah is always engaged in her learning, works hard and is always keen to answer questions.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Layla	For demonstrating resilience in her maths throughout the week.
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Emilia J	For demonstrating the passion to learn. Emilia has been really creative in art and has used some really original artistic methods.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Stephanie	For demonstrating the passion to learn, always, but specifically in English this week when writing a poem based on a character from the book 'Way Home'. Well done!

Friday	3rd October 2025	 Charism Character Awards
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier &	Yasir	Perseverance in English writing his recount of our trip to Milestones.
Year 2 Anning Miss Hyatt	Laura	Perseverance n everything you do and pushing yourself to always achieve.
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Nara	For demonstrating compassion. You have been so supportive and helpful this week. Thank you for all the extra jobs you have done in class.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Aoife	For demonstrating perseverance in everything she does. She is always doing her best and willing to take on a challenge!
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Rosie	For demonstrating compassion by being there for her peers and always offering help.

Friday	3rd October 2025	 Mission Maker Award
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Rosie	For demonstrating the passion to learn in all subjects – well done!
Year 2 Anning Miss Hyatt	Bruno	What an absolute pleasure you are to everyone around you!
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Nonso	For demonstrating the passion to learn by completing lots of maths and writing tasks. You have worked so hard this week. Well done!
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Jenson	For demonstrating the passion to learn. He helps his peers when they are finding computer work tricky. Well done!
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Nkeiruka	For demonstrating the passion to learn by always listening and getting involved in class.

Friday	10th October 2025	 Charism Character Awards
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier &	Logan	For demonstrating perseverance giving things a go.
Year 2 Anning Miss Hyatt	Aleyssa	For demonstrating kindness and respect in all you do and say
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Sarah	For demonstrating perseverance and putting extra effort into all of her work. Keep up the good work.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Nathan	For demonstrating perseverance by working very hard in every aspect of school life. He has set a great example to everyone.
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Nuwair	For demonstrating perseverance by having an amazing first full week at the school. Nuwair has settled nicely and already made some good friends.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Arabella	For demonstrating perseverance by always working hard to develop her understanding and being an amazing role model around the school.

Friday	10th October 2025	 Mission Maker Award
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Shreenkia	For demonstrating the passion to learn in reading showing excellent prosody.
Year 2 Anning Miss Hyatt	Liia	For demonstrating a real passion in all your learning this week.
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Ailbhe	For demonstrating the strength to love by always being kind, helpful and supportive to everyone in Parks class. Thank you.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Olivia	For demonstrating the passion to learn this week – doing her best in all lessons.
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Mariel	For demonstrating the passion to learn. Mariel is always a great role model for her classmates.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Lily	For demonstrating the passion to learn in all lessons – engaging with all activities and always showing a fantastic attitude to learning.

Friday	17th October 2025	 Charism Character Awards
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Logan	For demonstrating compassion, always a kind and helpful friend
Year 2 Anning Miss Hyatt	Albie	For demonstrating courage and perseverance on our school trip to sea City
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Grace	For demonstrating perseverance. Grace always has a go and then keeps going even if the learning gets tricky. Well done
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Helena	For demonstrating compassion by being really helpful in the classroom with her peers.
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Ruby	For demonstrating compassion. Ruby is always helping people who need it and showing everyone kindness.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Avery	For demonstrating courage and perseverance by asking questions to develop your understanding and being really focused when learning new and challenging concepts, especially in maths!

Friday	17th October 2025	 Mission Maker Award
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Lennon	For demonstrating the passion to learn with his reading this week.
Year 2 Anning Miss Hyatt	Noah	For demonstrating all of our mission maker qualities on our school trip to sea city
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Subish	For demonstrating the passion to learn and having an excellent attitude towards his learning. He always gives extra effort to everything he does. Well done.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Barbara	For demonstrating the strength to love by looking after her entire table group!
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Honey	For demonstrating the strength to love. Honey has really come out of her shell and shown us how amazing she is.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Grace	For demonstrating the passion to learn through having a fantastic attitude to learning always, especially this week in maths when learning long division – well done!



### **Congratulations**

The Gardening Club run by Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Edwards won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Rushmoor Community in Bloom.

The Mayor of Rushmoor awarded Ailbhe their certificate for all of the club's hard work.

# Art and DT

As part of the DT Textiles unit, Year 6 have begun the process of designing their sustainable tote bags and will be constructing them using needle, cotton and embellishments in the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing the finished bags!

## Shakespeare Class

Our reception children in Shakespeare class have had a wonderful start to their school journey at St Bernadette's. We have been finding out all about ourselves, our feelings and emotions and our families as well as things we like to see, do, learn and play with.

We are learning the new school routines and expectations, including lining up and receiving our school lunch. We have shared lots of stories together and we already know 10 phonemes!



## Pupil competition – My Walktober Journey Report

### How pupils take part:

Pupils create a report about their active or sustainable journey – whether it's a new journey or part of their regular routine.

They can be as creative as they like – write, record, present, draw or photograph their journey.

Once their report is complete, they can ask an adult to help them submit it using the pupil competition entry form at [myjourneyhampshire.com/walktober](https://myjourneyhampshire.com/walktober), where they can also view some examples. We've attached some instructions to help with uploading reports.

We also have a competition collection point in the school office. Please have all entries in by 7th November 2025.



## Thank You

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that was able to donate to the Harvest Foodbank this year.

Our House Captains did an amazing job helping us to pack up all the donations for Farnborough Foodbank.



# Year 4 Exploring States of Matter in Science Class!

During a science lesson, our class explored the fascinating world of states of matter – solids, liquids, and gases – through a fun and fizzy experiment!

We combined vinegar (a liquid) and baking soda (a solid) to observe what happens when different states of matter interact.

Here's how it worked:

- We poured vinegar into a bottle
- Then, we filled a balloon with baking soda
- Carefully, we stretched the balloon over the top of the bottle
- When the baking soda dropped into the vinegar, a chemical reaction occurred!

The result? Carbon dioxide gas was produced, which inflated the balloon right before our eyes!

This experiment helped us see how mixing a solid and a liquid can create a gas – a great example of a chemical reaction and a change in state of matter.

Our classroom was full of excitement and curiosity as we watched science in action!



**Bring in your donations between  
Monday 3rd November and  
Friday 14th November**

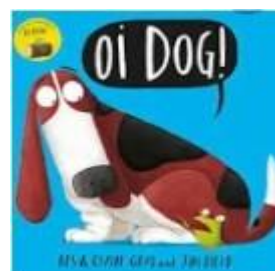
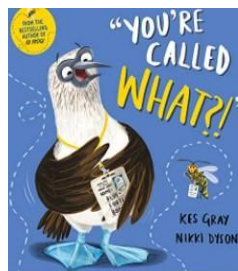
# Author of the Month October

## Kes Gray



Kes Gray is a bestselling, award-winning author of more than 50 books for children of all ages, including critically acclaimed picture book, *Oi Frog!* (Hodder) and the Daisy series (Random House). As well as winning the Red House Children's Book Award for *Eat Your Peas, Billy's Bucket* and *Daisy and the Trouble With Zoos* (Random House), Kes was noted by *The Independent* as one of the top ten children's authors in the

*Books by this author:*



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