16th October 2026

FRIDAY FOCUS

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1. THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

A Lovely Week of Learning and Well-being

It has been wonderful to see so many parents joining us for our Year 3 and Year 5 exit points recently. These events are a fantastic opportunity for the children to share their learning, showcase their achievements and talk proudly about what they have been discovering in class. Seeing their enthusiasm and excitement as they share their work with you is always a real highlight. Thank you for taking the time to come along and for your continued support. Your involvement makes such a difference to the children and helps us celebrate their learning together. There are still two opportunities to join us next week! Our Year 4 exit point will take place on Wednesday 21st October at 2:30pm, followed by our Year 6 exit point on Thursday 22nd October at 2:30pm. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

We also enjoyed a lovely visit from Praisin' Hands from Hythe Reform Church, who treated the children to an engaging half-hour puppet show all about well-being. The performance provided an entertaining and thoughtful way to explore the importance of looking after ourselves and our emotional well-being. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and we are grateful to the team for taking the time to visit us and share such a positive message.

2. ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance and punctuality are essential to children's progress and success at school. **Please ensure that children are on the playground by 8:25am, ready to come into school at 8:30am.** Many of our interventions, targeted support groups and one-to-one sessions take place first thing in the morning, before maths lessons usually begin at 9:00am. These sessions are carefully planned to address individual needs and help children make progress. Regularly arriving late means children miss valuable learning opportunities and can undo much of the planning and preparation teachers put into supporting them. Please remember that persistent lateness can have serious consequences. In England, penalty notices may be considered when a child accumulates 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school-week period. Thank you for your support in ensuring that every child arrives on time, ready to learn and able to make the very best start to their school day.



3. FOOTBALL SUCCESS



Another day, another football competition! The sun shone on Calmore as both our Year 5 girls and Year 6 boys took to the pitch for two terrific afternoons of football!

Tuesday saw the girls grow in confidence with every game, showing fantastic resilience and sportsmanship before securing a well-deserved win in their fourth match. As Bella brilliantly summed it up: "It's like a movie, Miss Ingram… I'm loving this game!" Then yesterday, our boys travelled to the impressive Stoneham Lane Football Complex for the Southampton Schools 6-a-side Tournament, a competition we hadn't entered for eight years! Despite two heartbreaking defeats in their opening three games, both decided by the final kick, they showed tremendous character to bounce back with a final 6–2 victory. Both teams demonstrated that football is about so much more than results. Teamwork, determination, resilience and, above all, enjoyment were there for everyone to see. Well done, Team Crazy and Team Calmore! You did us proud!

4. NO MOBILE PHONES OR SMART WATCHES



Please can we remind all parents and pupils that we have a **no smartphones and smartwatches** policy at school. Since introducing our smartphone ban, we have noticed a lovely difference at the end of the school day. Rather than immediately turning to their screens, children are leaving school chatting with their friends and talking to their parents. It is wonderful to see these face-to-face interactions and the positive impact they have on social skills and relationships. Smartwatches can also be a distraction in school, particularly when they receive notifications or messages during the day. For this reason, we ask that pupils do not bring smartwatches to school. Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping us maintain a focused, distraction-free environment where children can learn, socialise and thrive.

CELEBRATION AND AWARDS



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher Award winners!

Y3 - Harrison and Rosie Y4 - Eddy and Henry
Y5 - Bella R and Ella Y6 - Caitlin and Zirah

ACTIVE Awards

Well done to these children who have been demonstrating one or more of our learning behaviours.

Y3 - Olivia and Lyla Y4 - Kodi and Isabella
Y5 - Anaya and Poppy R Y6 - Paisley and Nelly

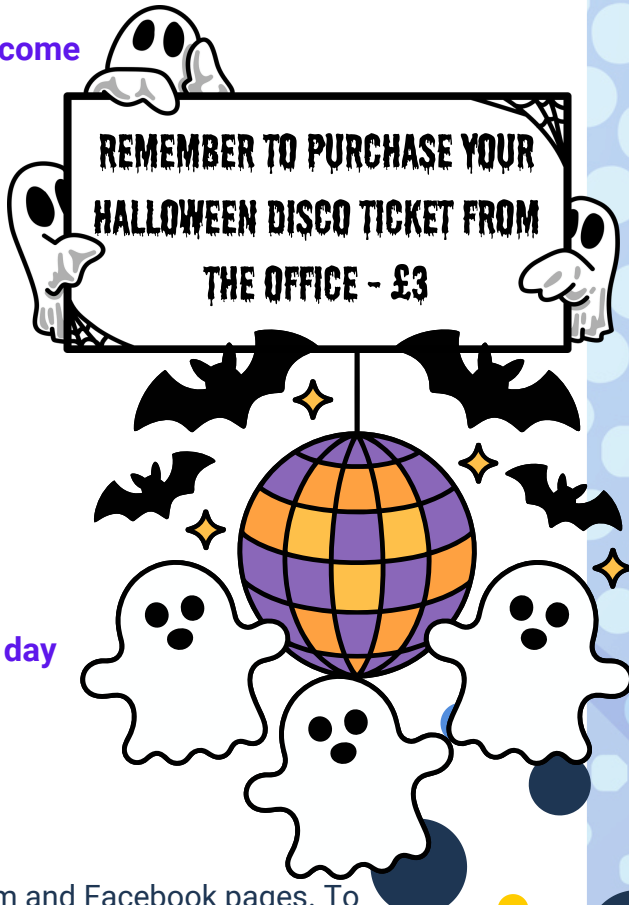
Golden Tokens!

The lucky 8 whose names were plucked from the hat as reward for being on the golden zone this week.

Y3 - Hettie and Xander Y4 - Harrison and Owen
Y5 - Umran and Oana Y6 - Alexa and Thomas

KEY DATES Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 ALL

- Tues 20th Oct, 8:45am - CJSA meeting new parents welcome
- Tues 20th & Weds 21st Oct - Parents Evenings
- Weds 21st Oct, 2:30pm - Year 4 Exit Point
- Thurs 22nd Oct, 2:30pm - Year 6 Exit Point
- Fri 23rd Oct - Y6 Tile Barn deposit deadline
- Fri 23rd Oct - last day of half term / Non uniform day £2
- Mon 2nd Nov - INSET day
- Tues 3rd Nov - start of Autumn 2 half term
- Tues 3rd Nov, 4-5pm - Halloween Disco
- Weds 4th Nov, 9-10:30am - Y4 Vikings show
- Thurs 19th Nov - Explorer Dome for Y3 and Y5
- Fri 4th Dec, 9am - Y4 Brass Concert/Exit Point
- Thurs 10th Dec- Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day



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