



# FRIDAY FOCUS

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*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024*

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day

What a fabulous and festive day we enjoyed yesterday! Lots of smiles, singing and sprouts as the staff and pupils all tucked into their festive food. With teachers and teaching assistants serving up turkey and spuds, waiting on tables, carrying the children's food to their tables, and joining in with the eating, it was a special time at school. The children all looked wonderful in their jumpers and I was so impressed by all of the children's manners whilst being served. Thank you to members of the CJSA that also came in and helped sprinkle that extra sparkle on a really merry Christmas feast!



## Christmas service at Testwood Baptist Church

We so look forward to this annual event at the church. Parents, grandparents and extended family are invited to join us for a 10am start at the church to share a Christmas festive celebration. We look forward to seeing you there. If anyone can walk with the children at 9:30 from school, please let the office or your child's class teacher know. We would be very grateful. The more the merrier!



## Year 6 exit point

So lovely to see so many parents at the exit point today. The children created some amazing moving vehicles and had fun racing them around the hall today.



## Advice

### The ABC Checklist

With Christmas just around the corner, the holiday period is a great time to take stock of the devices they have (plus any new Christmas devices) and ensure they are set up correctly with any parental features you feel are appropriate for your child.

One frustrating issue is that the available features and how you set devices up differ so to help parents, Internet Matters have really good, non-techie guides which you can follow as part of their ABC Checklist. ABC stands for:

A - Activate parental controls.

B - Balance screen time.

C - Check and chat.

You can find a full explanation, set up guides and advice [HERE](#).



## What have we been learning this week?

Each week, we share what we have been learning in class.

**Year 3** In Maths, we have been learning that 1 kilogram is equal to 1000 grams. We learned to read scales and weighed objects from around the room. We also worked out how many grams are in a half, a quarter, three quarters, a fifth and a tenth of a kilogram. In English, we have now published our stories and shared them with both Year 4 classes. Everyone had a very exciting time in DT when we created moving dinosaurs using simple levers. Our RE concept is Holy and we are learning about the annunciation of Mary and why some Christians believe she is holy. Even though next week is our last week before the end of term (where has the time gone?), we are still having our times tables test on the Thursday as we know the children would hate to miss it!

**Year 4** - This week in maths, we have been learning to add fractions with the same denominator. In English, we have been identifying features of a non-chronological report. In history, we had our Viking launch day with a special assembly from Mr. Dilly! Next week in maths, we will be revisiting our assessment papers and looking at how we could improve our learning. In English, we will be planning and writing our own non-chronological report on Grendel. In history, we will be discussing if the Vikings were raiders or traders and formulating our own opinions using the knowledge we have learnt.

**Year 5** - This week in year five we have been finalising our non-chronological reports on dragons. In guided reading we have been mastering the skill of summarising by launching our own inter-class competitions. In gymnastics, we have been learning how to roll with finesse and exploring movement between our stretches and balances. We have been enjoying our vector drawing immensely in ICT - so much that we are now illustrating our own Christmas cards!

**Year 6** - In DT this week, Year 6 have been busy making their moving cars - we hope you enjoyed seeing them at our Exit Point today. In maths, we have continued to learn about the properties of

3D shapes as well as how to draw and measure angles using a protractor. In English, we have begun a descriptive unit of work, based on Diagon Alley from Harry Potter. We have focused on how to use noun phrases to add interest and description for our audience.

## Celebration and awards

*Congratulations*

Each Friday, we have a celebration assembly where we highlight some of the children who have been working really hard and displaying our learning behaviours. The following children were awarded....



### Head Teacher's Awards

Yr 3: Grace and Yuvan  
Yr 4: Alliyah and Jack B  
Yr 5: Liberty and Poseidon  
Yr 6: Aleah and Wynter



### ACTIVE Awards

Yr 3: Scarlett and Umran  
Yr 4: Josh B and Vinnie P  
Yr 5: Sapphire and Maddie  
Yr 6: Natasha and Saifan

### Vending machine winners.

## Congratulations....

.... to these children whose names were pulled out of the 'hat' and who chose a prize from the vending machine this week. All of the children in the draw made it onto the gold section of the behaviour chart during the week. Well done.

3ED - Ronnie  
4AV - Alexa  
5SJ - Callum  
6HS - Leyton

3CB - Anaya  
4LD - Paisley  
5LP - Ethan  
6JB - Amber

### Totton Santa Fun Run

Congratulations to all of the pupils and parents that took part in last weekend's Totton Santa Fun Run! We celebrated both Evie and Poppy P in assembly day as they had brought their medals in to show but we know there were many more of you who took to the streets. Elyse and Inaya look great in their outfits here...as do mum and dad!



# Diary Dates

RED year 3,

YELLOW year 4

GREEN year 5,

BLUE year 6

PURPLE- all year groups



Event	Date	Time
Year 4 Exit point	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9am
Year 5 Explorer Dome - Space	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9am & 10am
<b>NEW DATE</b> Year 5 Exit point	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	2:30 pm
Testwood Baptist Church service	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	10am
Last day of term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	-
First day of spring term	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	8:30am
INSET days 2024/2025	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> and Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	

## REMINDERS

### ADVICE and SUPPORT

Hampshire Healthy Steps Family Programme is now available to book for January!

#### What is the Hampshire Healthy Steps Family Programme?

Hampshire Healthy Steps offers families with 2 to 12 year olds, support through a 6-session group programme. The programme offers families support and advice on:

- Eating Well
- Getting Active
- Sleeping Well
- Healthy Teeth
- My Community
- And more!

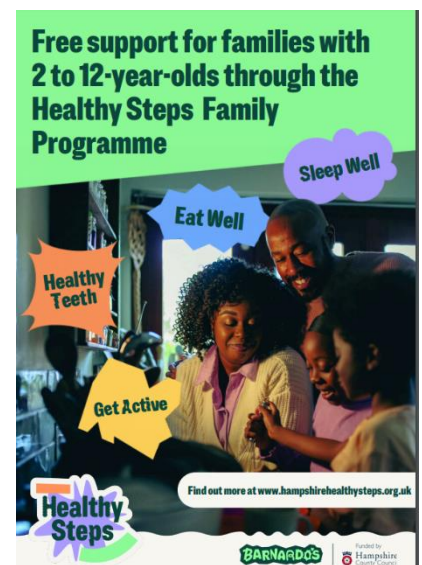
All groups are designed to be fun, and interactive and to encourage children to get involved.

#### How can I book?

- Families can book a space on the Healthy Steps Family Programme via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hampshire-healthy-steps-91941566143>
- Find a family programme near you: <https://padlet.com/HampshireHealthySteps/find-a-family-programme-near-you-4qygcOym30ov7dvr>

#### Where can I find out more?

- Healthy Steps website: <https://www.hampshirehealthysteps.org.uk/support-for-families>
- For any questions and queries please email [healthysteps@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:healthysteps@barnardos.org.uk)



## PE days for Autumn 2

Please can the children come into school in their PE kit on these days.

**Year 3**      **Tuesday and Friday**  
**Year 4**      **Thursday and Friday**  
**Year 5**      **Monday and Wednesday**  
**Year 6**      **Monday and Wednesday**



## Communication



We will communicate most of our information through Parentmail. Unfortunately, we are not able to receive messages back through this or through Arbor or Parentmail so please email us on [adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk)

*Have a wonderful weekend.  
Miss Cathy Ingram, Headteacher*