

Sun Hill Junior School Newsletter



Issue 6

Friday 18th October 2024

""There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

—Margaret J. Wheatley



As we reach the end of our first half term, I am pleased to reflect on the numerous enriching experiences and achievements that have characterised this half term at Sun Hill Junior School. Our commitment to providing a diverse and engaging curriculum has been evident in the educational trips undertaken by our children.

The Year 5 and Year 6 classes embarked on an enlightening visit to the Sea City Museum, where they were afforded the opportunity to explore life on The Titanic and link it to their Rich and Poor History project. This trip served to augment their understanding of historical contexts and reinforce classroom-based learning through tangible experiences.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children participated in an immersive educational journey to Butser Ancient Farm. This excursion provided a vivid illustration of prehistoric life, allowing our children to engage with practical demonstrations of ancient technologies and agricultural practises. Such experiences are instrumental in fostering a deeper appreciation for historical perspectives and their relevance to contemporary society, particularly in relation to our Homes project.

In addition to these off-site learning opportunities, Cranes Class demonstrated their understanding of harvest through the beautiful poems, art and songs in the harvest festival at St John's Church. This event reinforced the importance of community engagement and cultural awareness.

It is with great pride that I announce the formation of our Equalities and Rights Advocates (EARA) group. This initiative reflects our school's commitment to fostering an inclusive environment and empowering our children to be active proponents of equality and rights. The enthusiasm demonstrated by the children who have joined this group is commendable and augurs well for the future of our school community as they go out and work with other primary schools.

Our recent fundraising efforts for Cancer Research UK have been particularly noteworthy. Through a combination of a free dress day and a biscuit sale, our school community has collectively contributed to this worthy cause. Our fundraising group not only raised funds but also cultivated a sense of social responsibility among our children.

Furthermore, I am pleased to report on the palpable sense of engagement and enthusiasm observed in our classrooms. The positive learning attitudes exhibited by our children are a testament to their intrinsic motivation and the supportive learning environment we strive to maintain.

As we progress into the next half term, I am confident that we will continue to build upon these successes, further enhancing the educational experience of every child at Sun Hill Junior School. Your ongoing support and collaboration are invaluable and I look forward to sharing more of our achievements in the future.

Sue Griffiths
Head Teacher

Lower School Trip

"On Tuesday, Year 3 and 4 went on our first trip of the year (which we were all really excited about!) to Butser Ancient Farm. For our project this term, we have been looking at the key question "What makes a house a home?" So we were eager to see what the people at Butser had in store for us when we got there.

On the coach we met the people who work there. We went into the biggest round-house I'd ever seen and learnt how they made the houses. Then we went into one of the smaller round-houses. We learnt that different people played different roles. After we went into the Roman villa and we learnt that it had multiple rooms, there were different chaise-lounges for different people and there was even central heating under the floors! We went to look at the Roman toilets... YUK!

When we left the villa we made flint pillars and it had to be really sturdy because Sarah (our

instructor at the time) was going to jump on them -fingers crossed she didn't break an ankle! One by one, we slowly moved the bits of flint to make these sturdy pillars. Then we had lunch in an amazing open field and even saw a baby goat that was born in March called Nectar! It was so cute!

After lunch we had to crush chalk with wooden mallets. Then we took the chalk, added water and destoned clay. It turned all mushy and wet. Some of us thought it felt really nice but others thought it was HORRIBLE! Then we put it on an unfinished wall. It looked great!

After we had finished we made our own clay pots. It was really HARD. It kept cracking.

Then we got on the coach and rattled on home.

We had such an amazing time and would like to thank all of the staff at Butser for making the day memorable."






Written by Sophie and Jack.



Making a Difference



Congratulations to all our stars for making a difference and therefore receiving head teachers awards this week!

	Todd J (Cranes), Bella C (Cranes), Will P (Hérons)
	Aiden C-B (Woodpeckers)
	Samuel D (Swans), Jack B (Swans), Bella M (Robins), Reuben C (Robins), Gabby T (Kingfishers), William O (Kingfishers)
	Oleksii H (Hérons)
	Kieran p (Woodpeckers)

This week our school Make a Difference Star Mascots Simon & Puff Puff were awarded to:

Samuel D (Swans)



“his fantastic pottery skills!”

The Bingo Wellbeing Award



Thank you for all
your nominations
this half term!

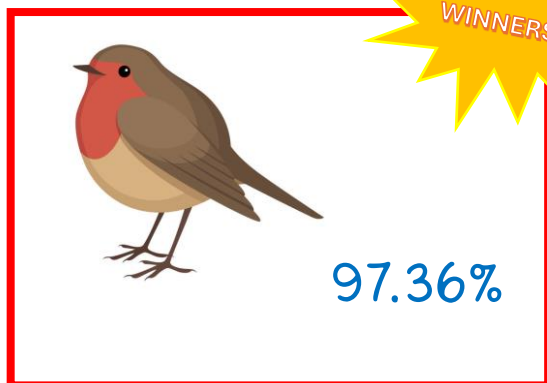


Isaac N (Robins)!

"for always helping his friends
in school"

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School Attendance Award



97.36%

Whole School

Attendance- 96.34%

(results taken from Friday to
Friday)

House of the Week!

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Friends of SHJS



SUN HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

CHICKEN OR VEGGIE CURRY
WITH A SELECTION OF SIDES
FULLY LIENCED BAR
QUIZ STARTS BY 8PM

£14 PER PERSON
8 PEOPLE MAXIMUM PER TEAM

BOOK NOW

SHJS QUIZ NIGHT

<https://forms.gle/au91n2PL2sSBoJmN7>

SHJS Wraparound Care

All information regarding the school's extended day provision can be found on our website.

https://www.sunhilljs.net/files/ugd/c73a4c_06939d76389d4018a3531f1056229a48.pdf

Please contact extendedday@sunhill-jun.hants.sch.uk regarding the provision.

School Notices

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Students will soon have the opportunity to purchase a poppy in receipt of a donation to the RBL Poppy Appeal. Members of the School Council will be selling poppies after lunch, from Monday 4th- Monday 11th November. There will also be a selection of Poppy Appeal products available to buy from the school office. These will include wristbands, plastic key rings and slap bands. Please note that if your child buys a slap band this will be put into a named envelope for them to take home. Slap bands are NOT to be worn in school at any time.

Key Dates 2024-2025

The school will update families as soon as possible, but please note these dates are subject to change.

Monday 4th-Monday 11th November- Poppy Appeal*

Tuesday 5th November- Special Bonfire Menu*

Wednesday 6th November- Parents Evening*

Thursday 7th November- Parents Evening*

Monday 11th November- Armistice Day

Tuesday 12th November- ODD Socks Day*

Tuesday 12th November- Bag2School Fundraiser*

Wednesday 13th November- Sibling Photos*

Tuesday 12th-Friday 15th November- National Anti-Bullying Week*

Friday 15th November- Children in Need*

Friday 15th November- SHJS Quiz Night*

Monday 2nd December- Registration for Spring Term Sports Clubs Opens

Wednesday 4th December- Badminton Competition at Eggars*

Friday 6th December- Elf Day (SHJS Fundraiser)

Tuesday 10th December- Upper School Listen to Me Concert

Wednesday 11th December- Rock Steady Concert

Wednesday 11th December- Lower School Christmas Matinee 1.30pm

Wednesday 11th December- Lower School Christmas Performance 6pm

Thursday 12th December- Lower School Christmas Performance 6pm

Tuesday 17th December- Christmas Service at St. Johns Church

Tuesday 17th December- Lower School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18th December- Upper School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December- Whole School Christmas Treat

Friday 20th December- Last Day of Autumn Term (1pm finish)

*a letter has been communicated about this event.

Monday 6th January- First Day of Spring Term

Wednesday 5th February- SEND Parents Evening

Monday 10th February- Sponsored Read Launch

Tuesday 11th February- Parents Evening

Thursday 13th February- Parents Evening

Friday 14th February- INSET DAY

Monday 17th-Friday 21st February- Half Term

Monday 24th February-Monday 24th March- Year 5 Swimming Sessions

Thursday 7th March- World Book Day

Thursday 3rd April- Easter Service at St. John's

Monday 7th-Monday 21st April- Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April- INSET DAY

Wednesday 23rd April- First Day of Summer Term

Monday 12th May-Thursday 15th May- SATS Week

Monday 26th-Friday 30th May- Half Term

Friday 27th June- INSET DAY

Tuesday 22nd July- Last day of academic year (1pm finish)

Academic year 2025/26**

Wednesday 3rd September- First Day of Autumn Term

Monday 20th October- Friday 31st October- Half Term

Friday 19th December- Last Day of Autumn Term

Monday 5th January- First day of Spring Term

Monday 16th February- Friday 20th February- Spring Half Term

Friday 27th March- Last day of Spring Term

Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April- Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April- First Day of Spring Term

Monday 4th May- Bank Holiday

Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May- Summer Half Term

Wednesday 22nd July- Last day of Summer Term

***Inset Days for the academic year 2025/26 will be confirmed by the school's board of trustees in due course. These will be shared with families as soon as possible.*

You are invited to St John's Light Party - a great alternative to Halloween.

**Saturday 2nd November 4 - 6pm in the John Pearson Hall, StJohn's Church
Alresford.**

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Crafts, fun, food, activities - bring a torch. Free entry but donations welcome.

**To book a place (any dietary requirements,
allergies), please email the Benefice Office at arlevalleychurches@gmail.com**

KEEPING
EVERYONE
UPDATED

Everyone Active Newsletter
Winchester Sport and Leisure Park

Welcome to the Everyone Active October 2024 Newsletter!

We hope you have had a good start to the School Year and are excited to let you know about everything going on in our centre in the coming weeks.

- Halloween Activities for the Family
- NEW Swimming Lessons
- Membership Offers

Halloween Activities

- Visit our 'Top Rock' climbing wall this month to experience our Halloween spooky spiders! A hunt to find all the spiders as you climb... with a treat at the end. *Sessions running from the 28th of October until the 3rd of November.*
- Join in with our Halloween themed Active Antz sessions for colouring, crafts and fun. Keep an eye out for our extra special October decorations... you'll be sure to see pumpkins, bats and so much more!
Sessions running 28th of October and 1st -2nd of November.
- Our pool disco is coming back by popular demand! Join us for inflatables, floats, lights and music – a party for the whole family.
Sessions running on the 26th and 27th of October.

The Latest News from Everyone Active

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Claim your **FREE 7-day pass** by quoting 'Autumn'.
Redeemable up until **31/10/24***

To claim your free pass or for more info email
winchestersportparkma@everyoneactive.com

*Terms and conditions apply

Membership

We offer a variety of monthly and annual membership options to suit everyone.

- **Standard fitness membership.**
Unlimited gym, swimming and group exercise classes
- **Wellness membership.**
As above, PLUS – Health Hero, PT, Guest passes & more
- **NEW Platinum Wellness+ membership.**
As above PLUS – Unlimited Squash, racquet vouchers as well as access to EA sites with Fortis, Hot yoga & Spa's
- **Swim only membership.**
Unlimited swimming
- **Junior membership.**
11–15-year-old access to gym* and swimming

Reduced joining fee on all membership options available throughout October too, plus exclusive offers on our Platinum & Wellness packages.

Swimming Lessons

Spaces Available Now!

We offer swimming lessons from 4 months old to advanced adults and all abilities in-between.

Benefits of joining our Swimming Lessons:

- Start at any time throughout the year
- Track your Progress through our app
- Badges and Certificates
- Anytime Public Swimming all year round
- 6 Months free Kids Pass

NEW CLASSES beginning this month:

Introducing...

Adult and Child lessons on a Saturday:

- 4-18 months at 08:45
- 19-36 months at 09:15

Adult lessons on a Sunday:

- 19:00 and 19:30

(Timings dependant on water ability and confidence).

Please contact us to register your interest or to ask any questions.

To join, or find out more, please contact our membership team at:

winchestersportparkma@everyoneactive.com

Winchester Sport and Leisure Park

Bar End Road,
Winchester,
Hampshire,
SO23 9NR

T: 01962 848700

W: www.everyoneactive.com/centre/winchester-sport-leisure-park/

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GINGERBREAD COMPETITION

IN ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, BISHOP'S SUTTON
ON SUNDAY 15th. DECEMBER '24 @ 10.00 a.m.



WONDERING HOW TO WOW YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS THIS CHRISTMAS?

FANCY PUTTING YOUR BAKING SKILLS TO
THE TEST BY ENTERING OUR
GINGERBREAD COMPETITION?



PRIZE FOR BEST TWO ENTRIES: A VUE CINEMA GIFT CARD

Competition entries should comprise of either:

- 1) Your personally designed Gingerbread House decorated in your own Christmas style.
- OR
- 2) Your personally designed Christmas Gingerbread Person decorated in your own unique style.

Interested?

Please register by sending your name and email address to:
bstncomps@hotmail.com by Sunday 1st.December 2024

Take your entry to St. Nicholas Church on Sunday 15th.
December 2024 at 10.00 a.m. for judging. Please click on the
QR code to make a donation. All donations gratefully received
for Church roof fund.

