

Sun Hill Junior School Newsletter



Issue 18

Friday 7th February 2025

"Your mind is like a garden. With care, it will bloom beautifully."

— Unknown.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week, we're focusing on our theme of Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. We have been discussing how to equip and empower ourselves and others, to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to us.

We would like to invite families to take part in the following activity at home. Please send us what your child creates! We would love to see their interpretation.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/media/n4ahekau/art-activity-2025-know-yourself-grow-yourself.pdf>

SUN HILL POWER!

Recently our enthusiastic eco ambassadors hosted an assembly focusing on power and electricity. The children explored with and informed their peers on how electricity gets to our school, how the grid works and how as a school community we can use less energy.



They are excited to announce that our school solar panels made

284kw last month! The children discussed how the seasons and






weather will impact the amount of energy the solar panels make. We are looking forward to tracking the totals created over the next year and seeing if their predictions come true



Making a Difference



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

	Lyra W (Cranes), Georgie E (Hérons)
	Holly B (Hérons)
	Evelyn D (Kingfishers), Caspian D (Robins), George H (Woodpeckers), Erika-Maria D (Woodpeckers)
	William O (Kingfishers), Amelie B (Robins), Albie A (Swans)
	Luke M (Cranes), Jess W (Swans)



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

Erika-Maria D (Woodpeckers)

*“Excellent descriptive sentences using
fronted adverbials”*

Congratulations to all our stars for achieving their first 25 stars certificates for their "Making a Difference Awards" this week!



Reuben C (Robins)



Imogen H (Hérons), Lily C (Robins), George T (Robins), Jago M (Robins), Bella M (Robins), Thomas M-N (Cranes), Savannah G (Cranes), Alice K (Cranes), Bella C (Cranes)



Maia H (Woodpeckers)



Alice A (Woodpeckers)



Ben L (Hérons)

The Bingo Wellbeing Award



Bella C (Cranes)

"For putting fun into any learning"



School Attendance Award



98.85%

WINNERS!

Whole School
Attendance- 93.46%
(results taken from Friday
to Friday)



Students can now practice their times tables and win points for their house!
The competition will run from Friday to Thursday lunch every week and scores accrued will be translated into house points. Good luck everyone!

This week the points totalled: Arle-110, Candover- 142, Itchen- 159 & Meon- 235.
These points have been added to this week's House point totals.

The top players this week were:

Arle- Charlotte O, Cassia T, Isobel C

Candover- Isaac N, Amira D, Ariana B

Itchen- Florence S, Sophia B, Imogen H

Meon- Kilian K, William S, Lily E

House of the Week!

Meon



Sun Hill Wraparound Care

SHJS Wraparound Care



Tower building at Sunrise Club

Please contact extendedday@sunhill-jun.hants.sch.uk regarding booking. All children aged 4-11 are welcome to attend!

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

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



BAG 2 SCHOOL



Our next Bag2School collection
has been arranged for

Thursday 27th February 2025

Any questions – please ask your school
collection organiser adminoffice@sunhill-jun.hants.sch.uk

The SHJS Big Book of Kindness

Dear Students,

You are invited to take part in an exciting short story competition! The story should be one you would enjoy reading- the best story to write is one that comes from you.

Please write a story exploring the magic of an act of kindness and the impact kindness can have on our world.

The story should be all your own ideas. You get to imagine and create everything! You choose the characters, the setting and the plot, as long as, you include the theme of kindness. Your story will not be marked on spelling, punctuation or grammar but instead on your creativity. However, we would like to gently encourage you to try your best to produce a piece of writing you are proud of.

How will you structure your story? Where will your story start? Will there be a dramatic build up and a satisfying ending, or will there be an unexpected twist?

Think about your characters. What kind of person do you want your main character to be? What do they look like? What do they enjoy doing?

You can use words to paint a picture. Think about the details and descriptions you include of how the world in your story looks, sounds and feels. Let your imagination run wild!

Stories can be handwritten or typed, 500 words or less, should not include any personal details and should be appropriate for ages 7-11.

Your story will be judged on characterization, plot, originality, language and enjoyment. Everyone who submits a story will be in with a chance of winning prizes and house points. The story of the overall winner will be made into a real and fully illustrated book! The winner will get to take their book home to read and enjoy forever. Another copy of the winning story will also be added to our school library for everyone to appreciate.

Please submit your story to the school office on or before **Wednesday 26th February**. We cannot wait to see what you come up with!

Good Luck!

HELP WITH FOOD

Carroll Centre Food Pantry (Winchester)

Location: Somers Close, Stanmore, Winchester SO22 4EJ

Hours: Open Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 9am - 12pm, and Thurs 3pm - 6pm

Referral Process: Membership required; open to all residents. Members contribute £5 and receive at least £15 worth of fresh and store-cupboard groceries

Contact: info@thecarrollcentre.org/foodpantry or call 01962 840 022

Winchester Basics Bank

Locations: Various locations in Winchester and Alresford

Hours: Open Monday to Friday; exact hours vary by location

Referral Process: New users can self-refer up to eight times per year. After that, they require a referral from a local agency or support worker

Services: Offers emergency food and clothing

Contact: winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk or call 01962 855774

Unit 12 Community Pantry (Winchester)

Location: Unit 12, Winnall, Winchester

Hours: Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat 10am - 1pm, and Tues 6pm - 8pm

Referral Process: Membership required; open to all residents. Members contribute £6 and receive at least £15 worth of fresh and store-cupboard groceries

Visit www.unit-12.org/community-food-pantry for more details

Wickham Community Pantry

Location: Wickham Community Centre

Hours: Open every Tuesday; please check with the pantry for current hours.

Referral Process: For a £6 donation, shoppers receive around £20 worth of fresh, frozen, and store-cupboard ingredient

Contact: To find out more please call [01329 833688](tel:01329833688) or email wickhampantry@gmail.com

Meon Valley Food Bank (Serving Bishops Waltham)

Location: Bishops Waltham, with services to surrounding areas.

Hours: Typically open Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Referral Process: Referrals are recommended, often coordinated through local agencies.

Contact: Call 07956 375447 or visit www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk



SHJS School Notices

Support our School!

- **My Name Tags:** Order name tags for your child's uniform, water bottles, coats and shoes in many different designs: Please visit www.mynametags.com and enter the code: 21102. FOSHJ will receive 24% of the order value.
- **Easy fundraising** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> just search for Friends of Sun Hill Junior School and every time you access your online shops through this website a donation is made to FOSHJ at no cost to you!

Key Dates 2024-2025

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

Tuesday 11th February- Parents Evening*

Thursday 13th February- Sponsored Read Launch; Dress as your Favourite Music Artist*

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*

Wednesday 26th February- Short Story Competition Deadline*

Wednesday 26th February- Extended Parents Evening*

Thursday 27th February- Bag2School Fundraiser*

Thursday 6th March- World Book Day

Friday 7th March- Lower School Paultons Park Trip*

Wc. Monday 10th March- Science Week

Monday 10th March- Wonderdome Space Day*

Wc. Monday 17th March- Neurodiversity Week

Friday 21st March- Comic Relief Free Dress Day

Thursday 3rd April- Easter Service at St. John's lead by Swans Class

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

Friday 16th May- Wellbeing Day

Friday 23rd May- Sports Day

Monday 26th-Friday 30th May- Half Term

Thurs 5th, Fri 6th & Mon 9th June- Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 10th June- Bag2School Year 6 Fundraiser

Wc. Monday 23rd June- Year 6 Leavers Performance Week

Friday 27th June- INSET DAY

Monday 30th June- Friday 4th July- Year 6 Leavers Week*

Wednesday 9th July- Transition Day

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

*a letter has been communicated about this event.

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.*

ALRESFORD COMMUNITY THEATRE SOCIETY PRESENTS

The SOUND of MUSIC

ACTS
ALRESFORD COMMUNITY THEATRE SOCIETY
since 1999

THE SOUND OF MUSIC
MUSIC BY RICHARD RODGERS
LYRICS BY OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
BOOK BY HOWARD LINDSAY AND RUSSEL CROUSE
SUGGESTED BY 'THE TRAPP FAMILY SINGERS' BY MARIA AUGUSTA TRAPP

20TH - 22ND FEBRUARY 2025
PERINS SCHOOL HALL, ALRESFORD
TICKETS - ADULT £12/CHILD £8
TICKETS FROM TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK OR SIX WEST, ALRESFORD

THURSDAY 20TH - 6.30PM
FRIDAY 21ST - 6.30PM
SATURDAY 22ND - 2.00 & 6.30PM

This amateur production of THE SOUND OF MUSIC is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

Come and support your classmates as they star in The Sound of Music at Perins School this February half-term. Join Jess, Martha, Ellie, Jemima and Joseph as the Von Trapp children, who have to learn to live with a new governess in their house and then escape the soldiers invading Austria during the Second World War. The show includes classic songs such as Do Re Mi, The Lonely Goatherd, Edelweiss and So Long, Farewell. It's going to be a great show!

Tickets available at ticketsource.co.uk, Six West in town or by scanning the QR code above. We hope to see lots of you there.