



Newsletter 2026-2027 No.3 - 25th September



Housepoints

Congratulations to Blue Kestrels for winning the House Point Cup this week:

- Kestrels (Blue) earned 165pts
- Eagles (Red) earned 158pts
- Hawks (Green) earned 123pts
- Falcons (Yellow) earned 120pts



Good Work Assembly

Well done to the following children for being selected for their excellent learning this week: Autumn, Ruby, Matilda and Thomas.

Diary Dates

September:

- 30th Bikeability session for some Y6
- 30th - Reception Reading and Phonics Workshop **New Date**

October:

- 1st - Y6 Sports Leadership Day (in school)
- 1st - Flu Immunisations **New Date**
- 2nd - Wren Reading and Phonics Workshop **New Date**
- 6th and 8th - Parent Evenings
- 20th - Last day of Term 1
- 21st - Teacher Development Day

November:

- 2nd - First day of Term 2

Parent Evenings

Our first round of Parent Evenings are coming up and from Monday 28th you can book your appointments. There will be sign-up sheets in the hall from 3.00pm. If you are unable to come into school at that time, please phone the office to book your appointment from Tuesday onwards. This is a really valuable opportunity to find out how your child has settled into the new school year. The Parent Evenings are on: Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th October for all classes. If you have children in different classes, please leave a 10mins gap between the end of your first appointment and the start of the next one.

FOSP

New and experienced FOSP members have recently met to discuss future plans - including events/activities and things they can purchase for the school. We hope to arrange the first Disco of the year and will let you know as soon as the date is confirmed. Watch this space!

Y6 Library Visit

Well done to our Y6s who visited Chippenham Library recently. Your engagement and conduct was amazing. We were delighted to receive an email from Tracy - from the library, saying how wonderful the class were:
'I absolutely LOVED the class visit. They were charming, engaged, and so well behaved. Possibly one of, if not the best, year 6 class visit ever.'
Well done Peel Class.

Y6 - Bikeability

Well done to all our Y6s who took part in Bikeability this week - which included cycling on our school site, and further away from the school. The instructors were super impressed with your engagement and progress you made towards each level. The second group will have their final session on Wednesday 30th September.

OPAL - Outdoor Play and Learning

Many of you will already know about our OPAL provision - providing lots of enriching opportunities for quality play at break and lunchtimes. Whilst we are always looking for new ideas and resources, we are also mindful of the need to replace well-used equipment. Throughout the year we will make requests for any donations of resources you may no longer need at home. The children really enjoy playing around the mud kitchen and in the sand-pit. If you have any unwanted kitchen utensils - such as saucepans, wooden spoons etc, or beach tools - such as buckets and spades, that you no longer need/want, we would be happy to receive them. As with all our OPAL equipment, we need to check each item for safety - such as sharp edges etc. Therefore, please leave any donations in the office. Thank you for helping our playtimes FUN.

Reading Workshops and Meet the Teacher

There are two reading workshops next week - Wednesday 30th for EYFS and Friday 2nd October for Wren Class. These workshops are to provide an opportunity for parents/carers how to support your child with reading at home. The Wren workshop will be followed by 'Meet the Teacher.' Wren and John Coles parents will be sent details of the timings. We hope to see you there.

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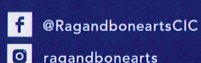
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Online Course



Helping My Child to Prepare Positively for Change

Thursday 5 November
10am-12pm

Booking closes Thursday 29 October 2026

- Explore the reasons why children may find change difficult
- Discover ways to support your children at home in developing their ability to cope with change.
- Develop an understanding of how simple steps at home can help children prepare for change.

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
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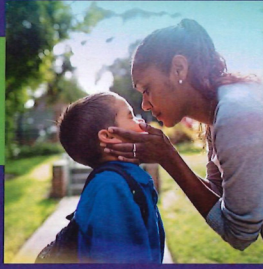
Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years, have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: individual income less than £26,800 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee or asylum seeker status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.

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Online Course

Understanding School Anxiety
Early Signs of Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Two Dates Available:
Monday 12 October 10:00-12:00
Thursday 26 November 10:00-12:00



Booking closes 7 days before course start date



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance?
- Strategies to support with school based anxiety and worry
- Practical ways to support school attendance
- Educational Psychologist available to answer questions

For bookings and enquiries: scan the QR code, call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 or contact familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

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For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2027?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 31 October 2026

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010** for more information or to request our guide to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

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For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2027?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 15 January 2027

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