



HIGHBURY NEWS

Valued as Individuals, Inspired and
Nurtured as Learners'

March 2026

Hello...

Another term has flown by and it has been a very busy one!

We are delighted to reflect on the wonderful learning experiences your children have enjoyed this term through a wide range of enrichment activities and trips. Our Year 1 pupils began their term with a magical adventure at Alice Holt, where the search for the Gruffalo sparked plenty of excitement and imagination. Year 2 stepped back in time during their visit to the Seacity Museum, gaining a vivid and memorable insight into life aboard the Titanic. Year 3 travelled even further into the past with an immersive Stone Age experience at Butser Hill, while Year 4 embraced the outdoors with an action-packed day at Purbrook Activity Centre. Meanwhile, our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a fantastic residential stay at Little Canada on the Isle of Wight in the glorious sunshine, returning full of stories—if a little weary! For those who remained in school, a fun packed activity week proved to be a huge hit. The children worked creatively and collaboratively, with the designs for the egg-drop, to having a great time bowling in Gunwharf!

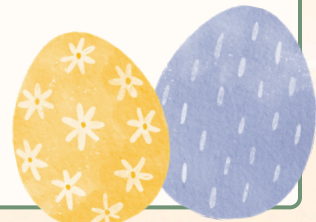
World Book Day was another success with us becoming World Record holders for engaging in a live reading lesson at Fratton Park! The children were amazing and had a great experience. Thank you for your support at the Reading Cafe, this created such a lovely atmosphere and it was wonderful to see so many children enjoying books. This is something we hope to continue with throughout the year.


Our class assemblies have been a true celebration of pupils' talent, with children performing confidently and clearly enjoying their moment to shine. The Year 3 and 4 Easter Service at St. Phillips was particularly memorable, as pupils brought the Easter story to life through thoughtful storytelling, expressive songs, and well-presented plays. We were also delighted by the strong turnout for Parents' Evening, which reflected the value of the positive and supportive relationships we continue to build between home and school.

This term has been a whirlwind of learning, creativity, and exploration, and we are so proud of all that your children have achieved. Thank you for your support in making these experiences possible.

We wish you all a very happy Easter, having some relaxing family time and enjoying the opportunity to eat an Easter egg or two!

Take care,
Mrs Watson





Celebrating Wonderful Achievements...



Karate - Alfie E-W, Laura H, Ronnie P

Dancing - Bella T, Hattie D, Kyla F,

Football - Birdie L, Kenny M, Rupert S, Kade F, Teddy M, Florence Q. Lewis S

Swimming - Oliver C, Evie E, Bethany N

Gymnastics - Florence T, Betsy W, Gabby B (Gymnast of the Year)

Kickboxing - Bobby N

Ariel Competition - Harri M

UTC Bronze Winners - Berry BW, Evie E, Annie S

Theatre Arts - Annabelle C

Chief Scout Acorn Award for Squirrels - Joseph W, Tristan V, Oliver C



Year 6 Easter Fayre

A huge thank you to the Year 6 children, staff and parents for your amazing Easter Fayre. The children were so creative in organising the games, sourcing the prizes and engaging the whole school with their enterprise. A mammoth £1079.15 was raised for the year 6 children!

Thank you all for your support and generosity.

Thank you...

The recent Scholastic book fair was a huge success and we managed to take £950 in book sales. This will help to supplement our library even further with new book titles.

Red Nose Day was a success and we managed to raise £145.65. The children looked great in their outfits!



Our amazing PTA did a fantastic job in organising the Someone Special sale and Easter Egg hunt. These were great experiences for the children and I am sure everyone enjoyed their special gift.



On 24 April 2026, we're asking everyone to join us in being Visibly Loud for Deaf Children.

At The Elizabeth Foundation, being "visibly loud" doesn't mean being noisy. It means being seen, being heard through action, and standing up for access.

We're asking you to get involved on 24 April and be Visibly Loud by:

Wearing something bright — from a small splash of colour to a full, gloriously bold outfit!

Going bold and colourful or full fancy dress!

As an inclusive school, we wish to help raise awareness about deaf children and the importance of early communication support in the early years.



Upcoming Events..

April 2026

- 13th April - Return to school - Summer term begins
- 14th April - Reading Celebration Assemblies
- 16th April - Beech Class Assembly
- 15th April - Year R - Walk in the local area
- 20th - 23rd - Stubbington Residential Visit - Year 3 & 4
- 21st April - Maple Class Assembly
- 21st April - Year 3 & 4 non residential - Playzone Trip
- 24th April - Pupil Parliament Cake Sale after school
- 24th April - Visibly Loud - dress down day
- 30th April - Rabbits Class Assembly

May 2026

- 11th May - Year 6 SATS week
- 15th May - Year 6 Park Trip
- 18th May - Year 1 Mini Professors
- 21st May - Year 1 Marwell Zoo visit
- 22nd May - INSET DAY
- 22th May - Last day of term
- 25th - 29th May - Half Term

INSET DAYS

22.05.26

26.06.26

June 2025

- 1st June - Back to school

Pupil Parliament

The Pupil Parliament representatives have made the decision to have a cake sale on Friday 24th April to raise their own money for school resources. We kindly ask for donations of cakes on the day. More information to follow.

Transition to Year 7

Portsmouth Parent Voice (PPV) is hosting a parent workshop on transitioning to secondary school, facilitated by the educational psychology team. The session is open to all parent carers of children living in or attending school in Portsmouth.

Date: Monday 20th April 2026

Time: 10am - 12pm

Location: Menuhin Room, third floor,
Portsmouth Central Library

Please see the [flyer](#) to attend this workshop.