



Cupernham
Junior School

The Cupernham Chronicle

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12th June 2026

Headlines

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to yet another edition of the Cupernham Chronicle and the first one of this last half-term of both the Summer term and indeed this academic year!

School, as always, has been as eventful these past few weeks as the weather has! Year 4 have been working hard on their multiplication times tables checks - a key milestone in their Junior journey and foundational knowledge to so much Mathematics; Year 3 have visited and been visited by the local rivers team to take part in a local study; Year 5 were joined this week by our resident Patron of Reading, Maz Evans, to further engage them in their study of 'Who Let The Gods Out'; and, our Year 6 children got stuck into their Business Enterprise unit (including a Dragons' Den style pitching experience) before heading off to Harry Potter Studios on Thursday. Oh, and swimming has started too when the weather has been kind to us!

If your children are anything like my two boys, they will no doubt be incredibly excited by the World Cup, which, of course, started yesterday evening. They will, however, be watching the matches on iPlayer and on catch up, rather than staying up until midnight (or beyond) to watch them live! I would encourage parents, especially when matches are on school nights, to do the same!

Until next time, let's all hope the weather clears up and that we didn't have our summer during the May half-term break. Enjoy the football, if you're into it, and have a wonderful weekend before we do it all again next week!

With warmest wishes,
Mr Frost

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

Wednesday 17th - PTA World Cup Disco

Friday 19th - Thursday 25th - Y6 Bikeability

Monday 29th - Y6 Leavers and Class photos

Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th - Y6 Leavers Production - details to follow

JULY

Wednesday 1st July - Shuffle up day

Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd - Y4 Camp on the field

Monday 6th - Friday 10th - Y6 Activities week

Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th - Y6 Osmington Bay

Monday 13th - Y5 Listen 2 Me concert 2.45pm

Tuesday 14th - Y4 Listen 2 Me concert 2.45pm

Friday 17th - Swim gala - more details to follow

Wednesday 22nd - Y6 Leavers assembly 9.15am

WEDNESDAY 22nd - EARLY FINISH 1.15pm

2026/27 INSET DAYS

TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER

FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER

MONDAY 4th JANUARY



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SPECIAL SPORTS' WEEK

Just before half-term, the whole school took part in one of Cupernham's Special Weeks – this time around focusing in on PE and Sport!





The week began with a bang, with an inspiring assembly and visit from guest speaker, Ellie Steel, a GB British Powerlifter and recent European Champion!



Throughout the rest of the week, the children took

part and engaged in tchoukball, archery, ultimate frisbee, with Year 3 loving yoga; Year 4 getting stuck in with football; Year 5 moving to dance; and Year 6 smashing tai kwon do! We also had our first House Games before concluding the week with our annual Sports' Day!





It was a superb week
and one that we
know the children
engaged with and
thoroughly enjoyed.
Thanks especially to
Miss Mellor and the
whole Cupernham
Team for organising
this special week!



CUPERNHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY 2026

It was marvellous to have the whole school together for our Sports' Day before half-term to finish what was a marvellous Sports' Special Week! Once again, we were delighted to see so many parents, carers and grandparents in attendance (in your hundreds)!





Thank you to those parents,
grandparents and visitors who took
the time to either say in person or
email in with a celebration of the
day, the organisation of Sports'
Day and, of course, how well
the children did!







Our congratulations go to
Birch House for winning
Sports' Day 2026!



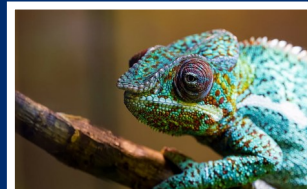
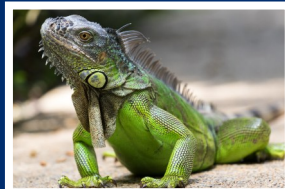
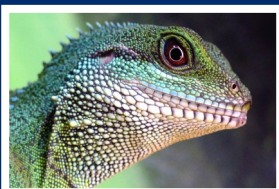
Year 3 Spotlight

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed the launch of our new Geography topic, all about rivers. At the beginning of the week, we were very lucky to welcome Holly from the Wessex River Trust, who delivered an engaging and informative assembly. The children learned about the water cycle and explored the journey a river takes from its source to its mouth, with a particular focus on chalk streams. This was a fantastic way to introduce the topic and sparked lots of interest and enthusiasm across the year group.

Following the assembly, most classes had the opportunity to visit Fishlake Meadows for a morning of exciting, hands-on activities. The children learned about river safety, explored the local environment and spotted a range of wildlife. A particular highlight was pond dipping, where the children searched for and discovered a variety of invertebrates, doing a great job identifying and classifying what they found.



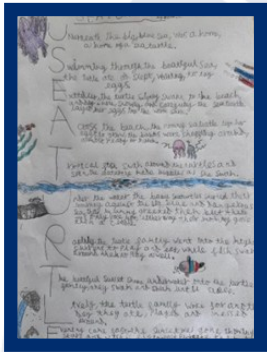
Unfortunately, due to the weather, Chameleons class were unable to make the trip to the river. Although disappointed, they showed a fantastic attitude back at school. Holly kindly brought river samples into the classroom, giving the children the opportunity to take part in a similar experience. They approached this brilliantly, carefully observing, identifying and classifying different invertebrates just as the other classes had done. We were incredibly proud of their resilience and positive approach, and they still gained all of the same valuable learning. It has been a brilliant start to our Geography topic and all of the children have represented Year 3 wonderfully!



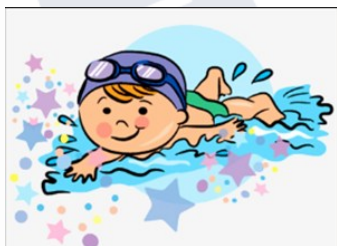
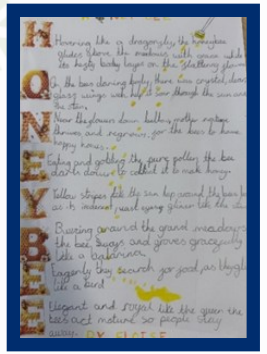
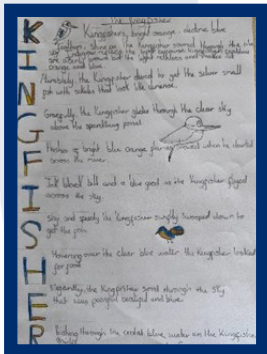
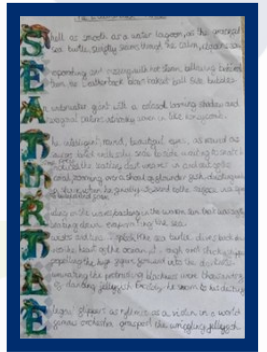
Year 4 Spotlight



Year 4 have hit the ground running taking part in our Multiplication Tables Check this week. The teachers are so impressed with how well the children have responded to the check and of the incredible amount of work that they have been putting in over the last 9 months. We've never given out so many 'Gone Green' certificates! Well done everyone! Again, thank you for any support you have given your child at home.



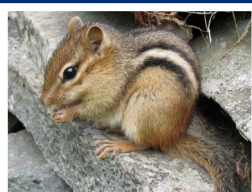
Year 4 have also been enjoying a fantastic writing unit on poetry! They began by studying poems from a beautiful book called 'The Lost Words'. This book combines acrostic poetry, wonderful vocabulary and exquisite pictures. The children then focussed on creating their own poetry. Each child chose whether they wanted to write about a sea turtle, a honeybee or a kingfisher. The children worked so hard to use top-level vocabulary, expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, similes and conjunctions to extend their sentences. They all produced fantastic results and we are so proud of their work! We have also published our writing and are making a class book from our work!



This week, swimming commenced. We have had discussions about how to stay safe in and around water and we were excited to begin our lessons. Please continue to discuss pool and water safety with your child at home as Summer approaches.

Violin Concert - Tuesday 14th July at 2.40pm

Please save the date for our final Listen2Me concert of the year where your children will showcase their violin skills!



Year 5 Spotlight

Ancient Greece

Year 5 have launched Summer 2 with an exciting deep dive into Ancient Greece across Reading, Writing and History. They began by exploring the world of Greek Gods, crafting detailed fact files about real deities such as Zeus and Athena, before inventing imaginative gods and goddesses of their own. This mix of research and creativity has helped them build a strong understanding of how myths were used to explain the world in ancient times.



We revealed the 'Eureka' topic with a hands-on mystery that brought the ancient world to life. Pupils worked in teams to reassemble broken Greek pots, gradually revealing a hidden Greek letter. Once translated into English, the letter formed part of an anagram that they eagerly solved to complete the puzzle. To build on the excitement, they shared what they already knew about Ancient Greece before watching an engaging documentary that deepened their understanding of Greek life, culture and discoveries.



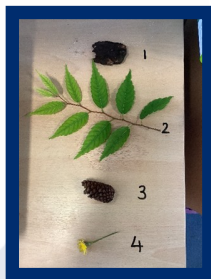
They have also been studying the legendary tale of Theseus and the Minotaur, comparing different versions of the story and discussing how interpretations can change depending on the storyteller. To bring the myth to life, pupils retold



key scenes through drama, experimenting with movement, expression and staging to show tension, bravery and fear. It has been a brilliant start to the half term, full of imagination, teamwork and rich storytelling.

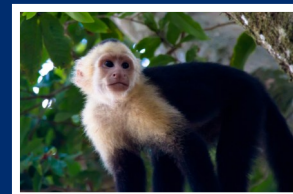
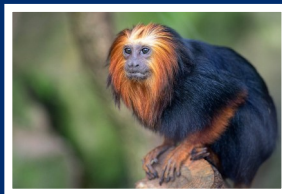
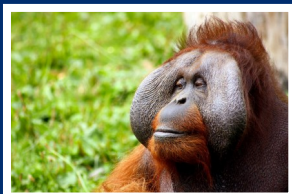
Science

In Science we have been busy extending our classification work by exploring the four main types of plants. Heading out into our own school field, the children collected real examples to help them identify and sort mosses, ferns, conifers and flowering plants. They compared features such as leaves, stems and fruit, becoming true young botanists as they applied their scientific skills to the world right outside our classroom.



PSHE

Year 5 have also been developing their PSHE learning by exploring how self image links to self-esteem. Through thoughtful discussions and reflective activities, the children considered the strengths that make them unique and practised turning unhelpful or negative thoughts into positive, encouraging ones. They worked together to recognise the qualities they value in themselves and others, building confidence and a healthier mind-set as they continue to grow into kind, resilient learners.



Year 6 Spotlight

Y6 have really thrown themselves into our last term, making a brilliant start on their enterprise projects, production and our new writing unit.

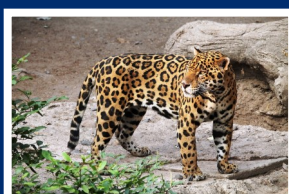
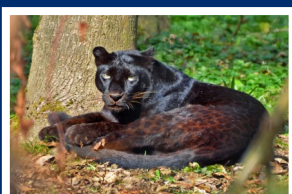
Last week, Y6 were tasked with creating their own mini businesses, including writing a pitch to the “Dragons”, deciding on a pricing structure, carrying out market research and developing an advertising campaign. On Friday they delivered their pitches to the “Dragons”, aka Mrs Reilly and Mr Frost, to see if they would invest in their businesses. The Dragons were very impressed with how creative and well thought out they were and needless to say, lots of money was invested! Next week the children will be running their businesses at lunch time and we can’t wait to see how much profit they make!



Y6 have also made an amazing start to their end of year production “Let Loose”. Having carried out auditions before half term, it has been lovely to see how enthusiastically they have all started to learn their lines and develop their parts. The singing has been equally impressive with all the children working really hard to learn the songs and sing with real passion. We can’t wait for you to see it in a few weeks.



Finally, we have started to explore our new writing unit which is based on Charles Dickens “Great Expectations”. The children have compared the opening of both the original and the new modern adaptation to see the difference between how the characters are portrayed. They have also explored the language used to create the setting, as well as how this allows the character to be portrayed.



CUPERNHAM GROUNDS



I think people comment that farmers and gardeners are never satisfied with the weather...but it has, so far, been quite an extreme time for seed growing! One week it's cold, rainy and miserable, the next it's bone dry and temperatures are in the 30's, then cold and windy again!

This has not helped germination of many of the seeds we have planted over the past weeks!



However, the runner beans are doing well, as are strawberries, raspberries, onions, garlic, carrots and tomatoes. Lettuces are growing, gooseberries and blackberries are ripening slowly, apples and pears are forming. This past week we have put out sweetcorn and curly kale plants. So, as you can see, there is lots going on.

Soon we will begin to harvest our long awaited potato crop, I wonder how many we'll get! Last year we had enough for each year 3 child to take home a potato after their gardening lesson. This year, who knows, gardening is not an exact science!

Last week, Iguanas gardening lesson was interrupted by black clouds, rain and much thunder, so we hurried to the classroom for an impromptu gardening quiz. Three teams, Sunflowers, Daffodils and Primroses, answered all sorts of garden and plant related questions. Great fun was had by all, and some learning too!

I do hope you will pop round to see the allotment at its summer best.

Good wishes and happy gardening,
Lynda Emery





Funded by
UK Government

Free holiday activities and meals for eligible children this summer!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy a variety of fun activities and healthy meals for free during the summer break through the Hampshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Scan the QR code on the left to browse HAF schemes in your local area via our new booking system, or scan the code on the right to find out more about the HAF programme through the connect4communities website.



Book Schemes



HAF FAQs

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities>



Osborne & Shepherds Down School Outreach Services Parent Workshop:



Tuesday 16th June 2026

10.00am – 2.30pm

**Venue: Oliver's Battery School, Austen Avenue,
Winchester SO22 4HP**

This workshop will provide you with an insight into autism and how it affects your child. Our aim is to provide you with a range of practical strategies to support your child in the home environment.

The course will cover:

- ❖ An introduction to autism and the areas of difference
- ❖ Positive behaviour management
- ❖ Communication

Led By:

Carson Elday

(Osborne School Outreach Service)

Laura Watts (Shepherds Down Outreach Service)



Free of charge

To book a place please contact Osborne School Office

Please do not contact Shepherds Down or Oliver's Battery to book.

N.B. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

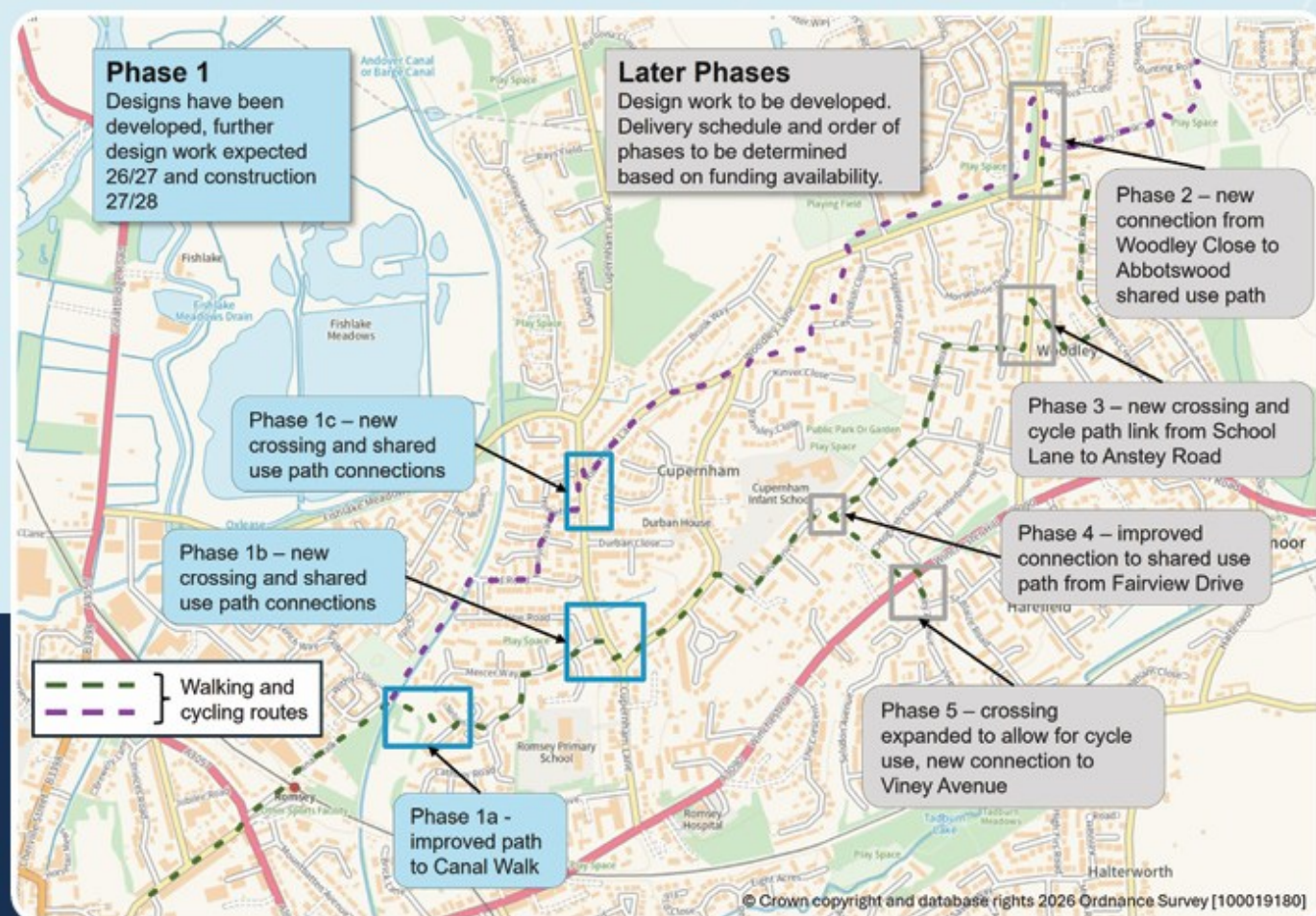
Refreshments will be provided, please bring a packed lunch.

Email admin@osborne.hants.sch.uk

Phone 01962 854537

Parking – On site.

Help shape the proposals to create better spaces for people walking, wheeling and cycling in Romsey.



We are seeking your views on these proposals.

The feedback form opens on 1st June and closes on 12th July 2026.

To find out more, visit:

hants.gov.uk/northeast-romsey

Contact us: engagement.feedback@hants.gov.uk



Scan the QR code to find out more

PTA NEWS

A vibrant, colorful poster for a 'World Cup Disco' event. The background is a collage of various national flags and confetti. In the center, a large, stylized 'WORLD CUP' text is arched over a golden trophy. Below the trophy, the word 'DISCO' is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. The poster features several children and adults dancing and celebrating. Two purple boxes with white text are placed on either side of the trophy: 'BRING EAR DEFENDERS' on the left and 'BRING WATER BOTTLE' on the right. At the bottom, the event details are listed in white text on a dark background, including the date, times for different year groups, entry fee, and a QR code.

WORLD CUP

DISCO

BRING EAR DEFENDERS

BRING WATER BOTTLE

WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE 2026

YEAR 3 - 15:30 TO 16:15*

YEAR 4 - 16:30 TO 17:15

YEAR 5 - 17:30 TO 18:15

YEAR 6 - 18:30 TO 19:15

£3.50 ENTRY - BOOK WORLD CUP DISCO

*YEAR 3: BRING DISCO CLOTHES TO SCHOOL

MUSIC BY DJ ANDY MAXWELL - PRICE INCLUDES SWEET TREAT OR FRUIT SNACK



Celebrate the Hero in Your Life!

FATHER'S DAY



During the week of 15th June, all children will be given the opportunity in the classroom to create a special Father's Day gift to bring home. We recognise that Father's Day can be a difficult time for some families, so the gift is suitable to give to any special person, such as a Grandad, Uncle, friend, or anyone important to the child.

To help cover the cost we are asking for a voluntary donation of £2 per child or your chosen amount payable via the PTA events site. Alternatively there will be a collection pot in the school office for donations.
Please bring exact change.

https://pta.events/fathersday_2026

Many thanks for your continued support with our fundraising efforts. We are always grateful for donations no matter how small. We are Gift Aid registered so we can claim an extra 20% on donations if you opt for Gift Aid and complete the declaration.

WATER SAFETY

Stay safe. Have fun. Enjoy the water. 

DROWNING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN IN THE UK.

MOST INCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE.



As the weather warms up, children and young people spend more time around water – at home, on days out or on holiday. Let's keep them safe.



Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher – especially when 25°C or above.

THE HSCP WATER SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS & CARERS INCLUDES:



EVERYDAY RISKS AT HOME

Including bath time safety and garden hazards.



STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS

Such as the beach, around rivers and in open water.



PRACTICAL SAFETY ADVICE

Including the Water Safety Code and how to "Float to Live".



AGE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

For babies, young children, older children and teenagers.



WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

Including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.

Small actions, big difference 

- ✓ Keep children within arm's reach of water.
- ✓ Choose safe places to swim.
- ✓ Talk to your children about water safety.



Together, we can help prevent tragedies and keep our children safe this summer.



For practical advice and resources, download the Water Safety Toolkit: www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/



Enjoy the water
Stay safe
Look out for each other



HSCP
Hampshire Safeguarding
Children Partnership

Safeguarding children together

SWIMWEAR VISIBILITY IN POOL WATER



SWIMWEAR VISIBILITY IN OCEAN WATER



Let's Build a 
KINDER,
SAFER
HAMPSHIRE

Everyone has the right to
 feel safe and be respected.

Help and support is available.

-  Call Hampshire
 Domestic Abuse Service
03300 165 112 (24/7)
-  Visit
hants.gov.uk/domesticabuse
 for support and information
-  In an emergency, always dial **999**.

DOMESTIC ABUSE CAN AFFECT ANYONE



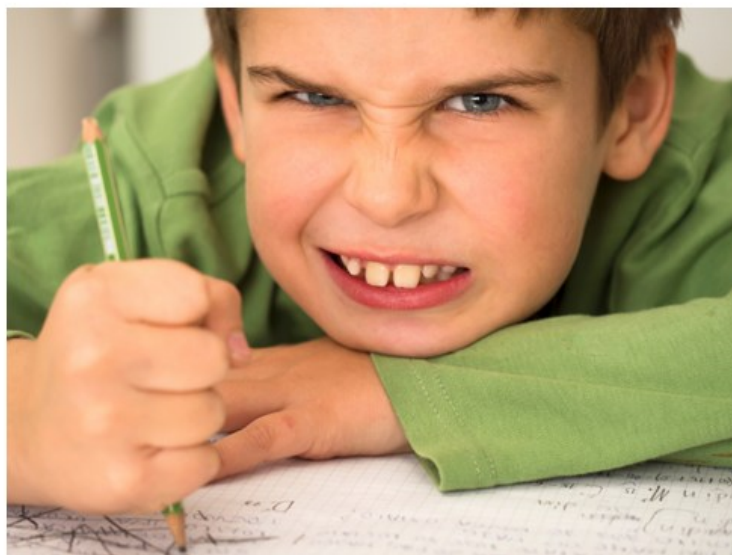
*Together, we can
 make a difference. *

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Let's listen. Let's support.
 Let's build a safer Hampshire.
#SaferHampshire

 Hampshire
 County Council

Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents
Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your
 ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the **PARENTS - Live Talks** page
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Let's Celebrate!

Let's celebrate the children of Cupernham Junior School who have shown exceptional commitment to our school values,

GOLDEN CERTIFICATE WINNERS



JOY -



KINDNESS - Penny B, Lenny O, Emily T, Thea P



ASPIRATION - Eden K, Chloe B



RESPONSIBILITY - Dylan P, Matilda HH, Poppy S, William H, Holly T, Thea LS, Oli B, Theo P, Freya G



CURIOSITY -



COLLABORATION - Claudia L



CREATIVITY -



COURAGE - Ben B, Ruby G



COMMITMENT - Florence P, Hattie LS, Toby D



ALL CORE VALUES - Tobias P, Penelope D, Erin H

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SILVER CERTIFICATE WINNERS



JOY - Felix DZ, Zoe W, Elia N, Lewis H, Owen K



KINDNESS - Bella S, Alfie W, Demi-Rae H, Josh N, Matilda HH, Poppy T



ASPIRATION - George H



RESPONSIBILITY - Chiara S, Dylan M, Zoe V, Leo J, Darcey B, Sophie M, Georgia S, Georgia D



CURIOSITY - Finley RS, Kami-Li H, Hector ST, Flo C



COLLABORATION - Max VDB, Eliza B, Esme M, Jacob A, Jackson B



CREATIVITY - Heidi R



COURAGE - Lucy T, Noel W



COMMITMENT - Henry M, Brody M, Tatum R, Fletcher RS, George P, Jenson S, Colby C, Florence W, Rowan M, Arthur W, Imogen G, Leo G, Niamh P, Jack R, James S

And Finally....

HOUSEPOINTS

This Fortnight

BIRCH - 3005

OAK - 3173

WALNUT - 2331

PINE - 2689

This Term

BIRCH - 8657

OAK - 8799

WALNUT - 7628

PINE - 7460



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