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- 5.7.26 - Summer Fair
- 8.7.27 – Joint coffee morning at St Mary’s Junior School
- 10.7.26 – Rock Steady End of Year Concert
- 13.7.26 – 2pm Y2 Leavers’ Show
- 14.7.26 - 9:30 Y2 Leavers’ Show
- 15.7.26 – YR Marwell trip
- 17.7.26 – Family Picnic with St Mary’s Junior School – details below
- 21.7.26 – Y2 Leaver’s Party
- 22.3.26 – Last Day of Term

What a week this has been! Thank you for your support and understanding this week with the decision Gemma Lillywhite and I made regarding optional early pick up. We know that many of our pupils really do struggle in the heat whilst in a full classroom of 30 children, but we are also very aware of the commitments that working parents have, so to balance the two is tricky. Adverse weather does not happen very often so when it does it presents schools with many decisions to make with very little firm guidance – other than on attendance! We have had around 35 children with us each afternoon with some staying on until 6pm at Ace Kids. Thank you for the appreciative comments that I have had both from parents who are glad to collect their children and from those parents who have needed our wrap around care. Those comments go a long way when things get challenging.

Family Picnic

End of year family picnic, joint with St Mary’s Junior School – 17th July 12:45pm-2:00pm

We are pleased to share plans for an end of term family picnic to mark the end of the academic year! We have enjoyed several joint events this year and these activities and links are important for our school community and relations.

On Friday 17th July you are invited to join your child/children for lunch at the junior school.

Details will be confirmed nearer the time, but infant parents will be asked to join their infant school child/children at school at 12:30pm to then walk over to the junior school with their class at 12:45pm.

Junior children will meet their family on the junior school field.

Any child who does not have a parent/relative in attendance will enjoy their picnic with their class.

At the end of the picnic, children will be able to leave with their parents/carers. For safeguarding reasons pupils will only be able to leave after the picnic with their own family – children will not be allowed to leave with any friends. There will be no exceptions to this for pupils at either school.

Mrs Lillywhite and Mrs Denning

Parish Council - Design a Front Cover Competition

The Parish Council launched its Design a Front Cover Competition at the village carnival last weekend. The competition gives children the chance to design the front cover of the Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Newsletter, which is delivered to every household in the parish. They would love to receive as many creative entries as possible from local children.

The entry form and details of how to enter can be found at the bottom of this newsletter. Good luck!

Summer Reading Challenge - 2026

Hampshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2026 – Read to the Beat!

It would be great to see lots of our pupils signing up for this summer's Hampshire Libraries reading challenge. Sign up at your library or online from Saturday 11th July to Saturday 12th September.

This year the challenge theme is 'Read to the Beat!'

We have a visit from Chineham Library on July 7th.

F.O.O.B.S. News

The Summer Fair is almost here and preparations are well underway. Look out for our communication regarding volunteer slots, our Summer Fair simply wouldn't be possible without our lovely volunteers. Entry tickets are available to purchase for the Summer Fair until Friday 3rd July via the F.O.O.B.S. Website www.foobs.weebly.com -£2 for adults (children are free and don't need a ticket).

Talk Point

Would you rather live by the beach or in the mountains?

Why have you chosen your option? Can you convince others to change their minds?

Coffee Mornings and Parental Support

Our half-termly coffee mornings are an opportunity for parents to get together, to share ideas and challenges over a cup of coffee (and biscuits!) Join us for the last one of the year. Mrs Thompson (our SENCo) and Mrs Medlin (SMJS SENCo) will be attending alongside the Primary Behaviour Service.

Meet us 9am to 10.30am on:

8th July

Have a good weekend – and I promise I won't moan on the drive through next week when it is raining!

Sonia Denning

DESIGN A FRONT COVER

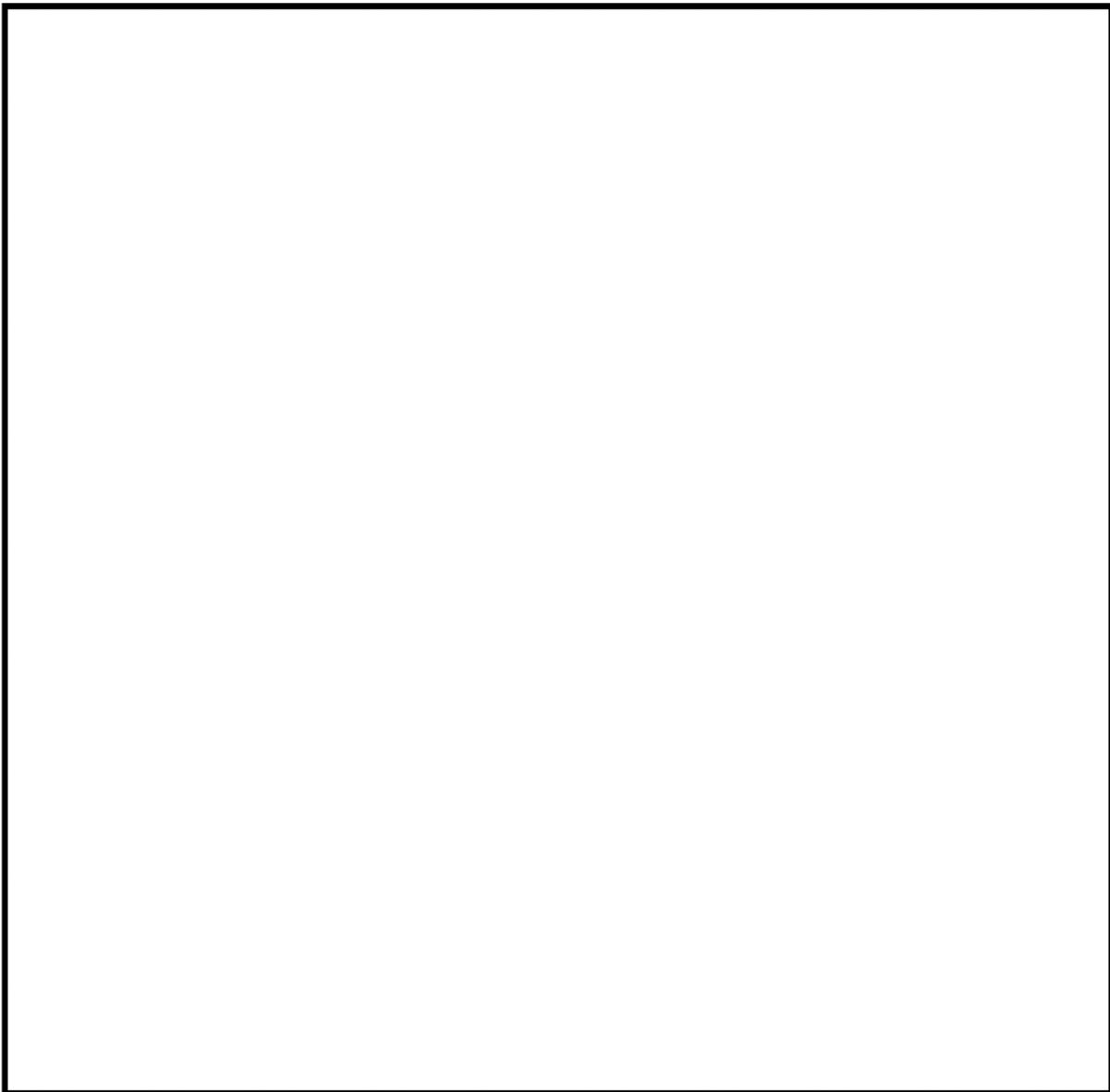
FOR THE PARISH NEWSLETTER



Calling all young artists!

We would love you to help create the front cover for our next parish newsletter. Get creative and draw something that reminds you of our parish community. It could be our church, people, celebrations, nature, music, groups, or anything else that makes our parish a special place.

Use your imagination, be colourful, and have fun! We can't wait to see all your wonderful ideas and artwork.



HOW TO ENTER:

- ✍ CREATE YOUR PICTURE IN THE SQUARE ABOVE
- ✍ WRITE YOUR NAME AND AGE ON THE BACK.
- ✍ RETURN YOUR ORIGINAL ARTWORK TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY 31ST JULY 2026.

**SELECTED ARTWORK WILL BE FEATURED ON THE FRONT COVER OF THE PARISH NEWSLETTER.
GOOD LUCK, AND HAPPY DRAWING!**