



Newsletter Number 3 – 09.10.2026

Diary Dates

October

- 11.10.26 – FOOBS Trail Run
- 14.10.26 - 9:15 – Open Morning for new YR 2027
- 20.10.26 – Parents evening 3:30pm -6pm
- 22.10.26 - Parents evening 3:30pm -6pm
- 23.10.26 – Be Bright Be Seen Day – information to follow
- 26-10.26 – 30.10.26 HALF TERM

November

- 2.11.26 – INSET DAY
- 6.11.26 - 9:15 – Open Morning for new YR 2027
- 6.11.26 – YR Phonics and Reading Presentation on the school website
- 9.11.26 – 13.11.26 – Friendship Week
- 10.11.26 – YR Q&A on TEAMS
- 11.11.26 – Flu immunisations
- 13.11.26 – Children in Need
- 23.11.26 - 9:15 – Open Morning for new YR 2027
- 27.11.26 – FOOBS Christmas Market – Information to follow

December

- 11.12.26 – UNICEF Day for Change
- 14.12.26 – 2pm YR Nativity
- 15.12.26 – 9:30am – YR Nativity
- 17.12.26 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 18.12.26 – INSET DAY

End of Autumn Term

Key future Dates

- Easter Fair – March 20th 2027 at the Infant School
- Summer Fair - July 4th 2027 at St Mary's Junior School

We have certainly had some autumnal weather this week which now it has arrived, I am not so sure I am ready for! Just a reminder to please make sure you label your child's clothes – especially YR as they get changed for PE. We have a lot of un-named jumpers and cardigans in lost property at the moment, so please come and take a look.

Staffing

As many of you will know, after twenty-five years Mr Bowman is retiring from his job as our Site Manager at the end of this month. He has been part of the very fabric of our school for many years and I know that he is going to be missed by many of us. As you can imagine, Mr Bowman is very keen to pass his much loved job on to the right person so we currently have an advert out in the hope of finding someone to fill his very big shoes! If you know of anyone who may be interested, please see the attached and/or direct them to [Jobs and careers with Hampshire County Council](#)

Open Morning for New Entrants 2026

We have three more open mornings – October 15th, November 7th and November 24th. Once the parents have had a look round our Infant School, St Mary's Junior School are also opening their doors so that they can have a look at what the Junior school is like too. So, if you know of anyone with a child starting school in September 2027, please let them know.

Discussion point

As you know along with St Mary's CE Junior School we are continuing to work on improving our pupils' speaking and listening skills! This week what will your friends and family come up with for this question?

'If you could build a secret room in our house, what would it look like and what would you put inside it?'

This question encourages imagination: There are no wrong answers, which builds confidence in quieter children. Builds descriptive vocabulary: Children will naturally use spatial words (under, inside, next to), colours, textures, and sizes. Promotes turn-taking: It easily turns into a game where everyone adds one idea at a time.

Parent Governor

We have had six applicants for the two vacancies that we have for Parent Governor. The vote is now open so please read the information sent to you this week and make a vote!

Sporting Achievement

Does your child take part in a sport away from school? We are looking to celebrate children and their sporting adventures away from school on our PE topic board near the school office. Please send pictures and a comment into our school office for your child's sporting achievements to be celebrated in school.

F.O.O.B.S

F.O.O.B.S. News:

The FOOBs Trail and Fun Runs are almost here! Advanced entries are now closed and we are looking forward to seeing everyone who has entered on Sunday! Please check F.O.O.B.S. social media for up to date news and entry availability for any on the day entries. We would be very grateful for donations of cakes, homemade or shop bought, to sell on the refreshments stall on the day. Please avoid nuts and any nut-based ingredients and if homemade, please include a list of ingredients. As always, a big thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help on the

day, we couldn't run the event without you. If anyone is able to stick around to help clear up after the fun run, that would be very much appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who attended our AGM on Wednesday this week, and it was lovely seeing some new faces too. It was good to be able to show what we've been up to this past year and talk about upcoming events.

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale for both schools at the Junior school on Monday 12th October 3:30-4pm where uniform for both schools will be available.

Please also see attached a poster regarding the F.O.O.B.S. Lotto. We'd love you to join the Lotto, from as little as £1 a month you would be in for a chance of winning the monthly draw!

Many Thanks!

Have a lovely weekend and I hope to see many of you on Sunday at the trail run!

Sonia Denning