



Dear Parents,

Christmas Shoebox Appeal Deadline Monday 12th October 2026

Thank you for the shoeboxes received so far. Just a reminder that the deadline to send in to school any completed boxes or donations is **9am on Monday 12th October** ready for the Rotary Club to collect. Thank you for your support!

Year Group News



Year 2

This week in Year 2 the children have continued to learn about poems and they have chosen a meaningful thing to write their poem about. They also explored how to use powerful adjectives and verbs to make a sentence more interesting and create imagery. In Maths the children have been measuring using rulers and metre sticks. Perhaps you could ask your child to do some measuring of items around your home? In Computing the children learnt about internet safety and why privacy and security is important. In Music the children have been thinking about beats and pulses in music to create a rhythm.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fabulous week! In English they found an apple with a hole in it! After discussing what might have happened, they discovered it was eaten by a Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children then sequenced the events of the story in chronological order. Can your child remember what the Caterpillar ate on different days of the week? In Maths, the children have been measuring lengths of different objects, comparing items that are longer and shorter than a lolly stick. In Art, the children have finished painting their self-portraits

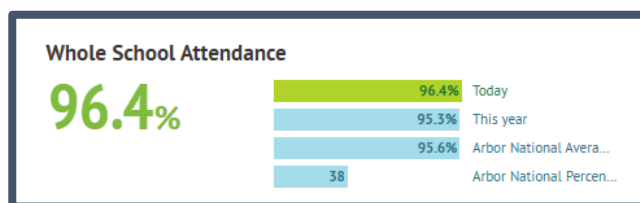
Year R

Year R have had another busy and exciting week! They continued developing their subitising skills and have been enjoying spotting and recognising numbers without counting. The children have been learning about rhyming words through singing and making their very own 'Rhyming Silly Soup' — ask your child to tell you a rhyming word at home? They have also been learning some lovely Autumn songs and have been enjoying singing together. Our Number of the Week has been 2, and our Book of the Week has been The Day the Crayons Went to School, which inspired us to decorate our very own colourful crayons.

Year R First class & Nativity Photographs Permissions

Please reply before the **deadline Friday 9th October**, to give permission for your **Year R child** to appear in the **Basingstoke Gazette First Class and Nativity Photographs**. Unfortunately, without your consent we will be unable to include your child in these photographs. For more information, please see the email sent on 30th September.

Weekly Attendance



Harvest Festival

The children will walk to St Mark's Church on Monday next week (12th October) for our Harvest Festival.

In the past the children have very generously brought food gifts with them to be distributed in the local community. We appreciate that with the current challenges it might not be possible for everyone to give items for the Harvest collection but if you are able, please send any food donations in to school by Wednesday 14th October.

This year Basingstoke Foodbank will collect any items that you are able to donate. A list of items that they are especially in need of can be found attached to the newsletter and on our website:

[Basingstoke FoodBank Harvest list](#). Thank you for your support!



School Photographs

Your individual school photographs from Cardwell & Simons are now available to order online. For children whose individual photographs were taken on the 24th September, the deadline to order photographs for delivery to school, is: **Tuesday 20th October 2026**.

K.S.A Christmas Cards

Please look out for your child's Christmas card artwork which will be sent home in their book bags today. The deadline to place orders is 12noon on 23rd October 2026.



Lunchbox Items

Grapes, strawberries and cherry tomatoes are good forms of healthy snacks, but if you include these in your child's packed lunch, to reduce the risk of choking, please remember to always cut them **lengthwise and ideally in to quarters first**.

Scooter Safety

A local resident has raised concerns about children riding scooters and bikes and not always stopping before reaching the road. Please remind children to slow down, stop and check carefully before crossing and ensure they are supervised where appropriate.

Thank you for helping keep our children and local residents safe.

Nasal Flu Vaccine – 13th October 2026. Action needed! DEADLINE APPROACHING

The Immunisation team will be at school on Tuesday 13th October 2026 to administer the flu nasal spray to the children. 🤧

Please visit their website [Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)

Our unique school code is: **SH116036**

IMPORTANT, please note: School health would like you to complete the form by 9th October even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccine. This is to ensure your child's health records are up to date.

If you change your mind or need to tell the immunisation team about changes to your child's medical history, do not complete another consent form. Please contact them directly by calling 02382 318318 or email hiowh.nwimms@nhs.net to tell them about any changes or if you have any queries.

Half-Term Activity Clubs

Kempshott Junior School October Half-Term Holiday Club

Kempshott Junior School are now taking bookings for their half term holiday club.

Dates: 26th October – 29th October 2026. 9.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: £35 per child, £31.50 for siblings.

If you are interested in booking a place for your child, please contact the Junior school office on 01256 326713 or email them at adminoffice@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk.

Sports Xtra

Half-Term Holiday Clubs

Sports-Xtra – Multi Sports & Activity Camp

EVEREST COMMUNITY ACADEMY from Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

<https://sports-xtra.com/>

More information can be found on our website by using this link:

<https://www.kempshottinfants.com/page/?title=Community+News&pid=189&action=saved>

Letter Alert!

Copies of our year group letters can be found on our school website

[Kempshottinfants.com/parents/letters](https://www.kempshottinfants.com/parents/letters).

You are also able to navigate to the 'related' year group section from here too.



- **Parents Evening Appointments**

This year appointments will take place **on Wednesday 14th October and Tuesday 20th October 2026**. The online bookings are now open. Please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the event code RFNE4.

Bookings will close at **midday** on Monday 12th October. Please make your appointments before this date.

Reminders:

- **Children starting school in September 2027**

Is your child due to start school in September 2027? Please visit our website [Parent Tours for September 2027](#) for our school visit dates and online booking information. Applications will open for Hampshire residents on 1st November 2026. More information can also be found on www.hants.gov.uk/admissions.

- **SENDCo Surgery**

Appointments are available for our next SENDCo Surgery on **Tuesday 25th November**. To book an appointment please email sendco@kempshott-inf.hants.sch.uk
For more information, please see the email dated 10th September 2026.

Diary Dates

Please see the separate sheet for forthcoming events at school.

Kempshott Schools Association (K.S.A.)

Please see the attached information for this week's K.S.A. news.

Yours sincerely

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