OCTOBER

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Langrish Primary School

Harvest Festival

Well done Year 1 for leading our annual celebration of Harvest. We had a poetry recital, story-telling and songs performed with smiles in what was our first class assembly of the year.

Thanks to everybody who sent in donations. These were collected by the PACT foodbank, ably assisted by our Year 6 pupils who loaded the car with all of your goodies!







Bedales' Football Festivals





At the beginning of October we were lucky enough to be invited to take part in the Bedales' Football Festivals. Held on consecutive afternoons, these events provide a friendly forum for the local schools to enhance their match play in a range of fixtures against each other. We were delighted to be able to take two teams to each event, packed with enthusiastic fottballers from Years 4 and 6 respectively.

Congratualtions to all of the players who took part, showing resilience, sportsmanship and teamwork. What a lovely start to the football season!





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Smartphone Free Progress

We are pleased to be able to share our updated Smartphone Free statement created in collaboration with the other Petersfield schools. As a result of the joined-up approach to educating our pupils and communities over the last 18 months and strengthening our position on smartphones in schools, we are delighted to be able to report a hugely positive trend in our pupils' access to these devices. The Petersfield School have surveyed their current Year 7 pupils to determine the success of their policy. This year, overall smartphone ownership in the cohort is down from 93% in 2024, and 78% in 2025 to just 59% this year! These figures are broadly reflected in our own, ex-pupil group, 21 of whom are now at TPS and responded with the data below. Our hope is that this time next year, those with a smartphone will be in the minority!

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21 responses | 11 current smartphone owners

Smartphone ownership and use

Measure	Raw	School %	Cohort %	Difference
Own a smartphone	11 / 21	52.4%	59.1%	-6.7 pp
Keep/charge smartphone in bedroom overnight	2 / 11	18.2%	40.7%	-22.6 pp
Parents place restrictions on smartphone	7 / 9	77.8%	77.9%	-0.2 pp
Parents know smartphone password	9 / 11	81.8%	92.0%	-10.2 pp
Parents check smartphone regularly	5 / 7	71.4%	63.8%	+7.6 pp
Have own social media account	4 / 11	36.4%	32.7%	+3.6 pp

Smartphone acquisition: Year 4-7

Year first acquired	Raw	School %	Cohort %	Difference
Year 4	2 / 11	18.2%	14.8%	+3.4 pp
Year 5	1 / 11	9.1%	21.0%	-11.9 pp
Year 6	8 / 11	72.7%	44.4%	+28.3 pp
Year 7	0 / 11	0.0%	8.0%	-8.0 pp

Headline: smartphone ownership is 52.4%, -6.7 pp against the whole-cohort average of 59.1%.

Next steps at Langrish

Meanwhile, we are continuing to explore how we use technology in our school. While computing and digital literacy remain hugely important skills for our children to develop, our broader use of screens across the school day is now under the microscope. Since being challenged to reduce passive screen use last May, our teachers have been getting creative! Some classroom designs have changed, home learning options are getting broader and class games, talk time and shared reading have all increased. Ask your child if they have noticed the changes and what they think.

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

Black History Month - EARA

To honour Black History month, our EARA group put together an assembly to deliver to the school that was interactive and timely. They began by asking if the school could remember what the word 'equality' meant and then took the school through a timeline of black history. They then did a short quiz and finished by reminding the school that using our voice, being fair and treating each other with respect is fundamental to our sense of belonging (one of Langrish's school values).



‘Distractions by the road’ Assembly - JRSO



Our JRSOs did a fantastic assembly in October focussed on walking along the pavement and crossing the road safely. They reminded the school of the many dangers and distractions that we may face, revisited the Green Cross Code and launched an exciting poster competition, which all classes will do for homework over the next two weeks. The three biggest distractions discussed were: our friends, mobile phones and music through headphones. We can't wait to see the entries for the competition and will put some on the website!

Eco-Council update

Air quality

This month, Eco-Council have started thinking about how we can keep our building supplied with fresh air as the weather begins to cool.

We know how important this is for our engagement and health so have begun by collecting data from around the school to identify problem areas, where the carbon dioxide reading is higher.

Our next step is to plan and deliver an assembly to ensure everyone is aware of the benefits of fresh air and the measures they can take to improve our air quality, especially when using some of the lower performing areas.

Walktober has been a great success again this year with many children reporting enjoying their walks (or cycles) to school, ensuring they arrive at school alert and ready for their day.

Our school is recycling batteries to protect the planet (and for a chance to win book vouchers for the school).



We need your help - plus your child could win some fantastic eco-inspired prizes too!

How can you help?

1. Hunt out used batteries at home. We are collecting AA, AAA, C, D, 9V and button batteries.
2. Tape over the contacts of lithium (Li) and button batteries.
3. Put them in a tied plastic bag (preferably reused)
4. Post them in our collection box in the foyer.
5. Enter the prize draw at jointhepod.org/win

Safety first:

Not only is storing and recycling batteries safely great for the environment, it can also help reduce risks associated with batteries:

- Batteries can cause serious injury or death if swallowed, please keep batteries out of reach of small children and pets.
- Lithium and button batteries need to be taped so their contacts don't touch, as they could short circuit if they do.

Use sticky tape over the contacts (top and bottom of batteries). Button batteries can be placed in a line between two sections of sticky tape. Lithium batteries can look like any battery, but they will have lithium (Li) written on them.

Many thanks for your support and happy battery hunting!

Water Assembly

AquaSmart, a company that works alongside Southern Water, visited out school recently to deliver a talk to KS2 on the importance of clean water and not wasting water. They shared some shocking statistics and encouraged us to be more sustainable. Did you know that each of us uses on average 140 litres of water every single day? We know that there is only a finite amount of water on the planet, so the children have started thinking about how they can help. The company are coming back next month to help us look at how we can do more at school.



Play Leader Training for Year 5



Sara from Perins School came to train our Year 5 pupils to be Play Leaders this half term. The Swifts had a great time learning all about what it takes to be a great Play Leader. We thought about the qualities we would need as well as how to design and deliver engaging and creative games that kept younger pupils active and happy.

They were taught the acronym SPACE (Safety, People, Area, Communication, Equipment) and how to apply each one to our sessions. The Swifts were so inspired that twenty of them have submitted their applications to be a Play Leader this year!

Year 3 Mary Rose Trip

Year 3 had a super day out at the Mary Rose Museum! It was a great way to end their history topic and, as well as being able to see the ship, they loved having the chance to show off their learning to all the conservators and staff. They enjoyed getting hands on with artefacts, learning the story of how the wreck was found and even touching a piece of the ship. Well done Year 3!











What do I want to be when I grow up?







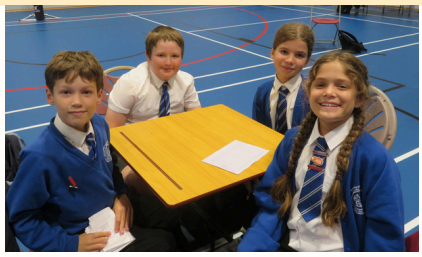
Team Squirrel have been thinking about what they could be when they grow up. They have been finding out about different people's jobs and the equipment they may use. The children's interests led them to find out more about the emergency services, building and making the different vehicles and role playing vets and doctors. A lot of 'medicines' were given out as suddenly everyone was very sick and needed a doctor's appointment. The doctors were very busy! Maybe the children were inspired by Alfred's Daddy, who sent us photos and information about his job as an anaesthetist. Thank you so much for doing that, it sparked great discussions about what else we could see in the photo.

Another huge thank you to Mrs Gooch and Mrs Wilson for coming in to share your jobs. The children asked great questions and learnt so much from you both too.



Year 6 Quizzers at Churcher's College







Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Picture	Total
Dynamites	12	11	10	10	12	7	12	74
Fungi's	11	13	6	7	14	7	12	72
Tiddlywinks	11	12	8	7	13	9	11	71
Herons	9	12	8	8	15	8	10	70
Penguins	10	11	5	9	13	9	12	69
Monstr Munchers	11	5	9	9	13	7	11	68
Nerds	12	12	7	9	12	6	10	68
Slugs	9	12	7	9	14	8	11	68
Lucky	12	13	8	9	8	8	9	67
Unicorns	13	10	7	5	13	8	11	67
Goats	9	11	8	9	11	9	11	66
Kingfishers	8	10	9	7	13	9	10	66
Chilli guys	10	9	7	10	12	6	11	65
Rabbits	9	8	7	8	12	6	14	65
Awesome	9	11	6	8	10	9	12	63
Eggheads	8	11	7	7	11	8	10	62
Jokers	7	10	7	6	12	8	12	60
Bananas	8	9	5	8	12	5	11	58
Oranges	8	8	6	8	11	6	12	57

Congratulations to our three teams of Year 6 pupils, who took part in a Year 6 quiz at Churcher's College this month. After 6 rounds of general knowledge questions and a picture round, our Fun-gis came a very impressive 2nd out of 19 teams, just 2 points behinf Liphook's winning group. All teams worked well together and our runners up doing themselves proud too, coming 8th and 12th respectively.

Hallowe'en Discos





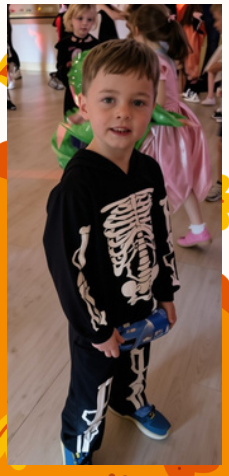














A huge thank you to FoLS for their ingenuity, perseverence and commitment to making our end of term discos go ahead on Friday in spite of the power cut. The children had so much fun showing off their costumes and dancing the night away. What a lovely start to the half-term break. Thanks to everyone involved and buying the tickets!

Achievements Outside of School



Congratulations to Maya & Toby, who took part in the AJ Bell Junior & Mini Great South Run on Saturday 17th October. Both did amazingly well, running the 1.5km route in-front of the crowds cheering them all on!



Click the image to see details of Hallowe'en activities this half-term



Looking ahead

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October		
Tuesday 3rd November	Year 4: Winchester Trip	
Friday 6th November	Year 6: Remembrance Assembly	8.45am
Monday 9th November	FoLS: Green House Bake Sale	3.10pm
Wednesday 11th November	Year 1: Toy Museum Trip	9am – 1pm
Thursday 12th November	Flu immunisations	9am
Wednesday 25th November	School photos – individuals and siblings	9am
INSET DAYS: Friday 27th November – Monday 30th November		
Friday 4th December	Year 5: Residential Visit meeting	2.45pm
Tuesday 8th December	Years 1 & 2 Nativity to parents	1.30–2.00pm
Wednesday 9th December	Years 1 & 2 Nativity to parents	1.30–2.00pm
Friday 11th December	Family Carol Service @ St Peter's Church	5.30–6.00pm
Wednesday 16th December	Year R Christmas Celebration	8.45–9.00am
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Jumper, Lunch and Fayre Day	
Friday 18th December	Pantomime	1.30–3.00pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2027		
Tuesday 19th January	Young Voices Concert	

Your child's annual Flu Vaccination is now due. The vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness. The vaccine will help your child to build up immunity which means your child will be better able to fight off flu.

If you have not yet done so, please follow the links below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

Session date: 12/11/2026 Year Group: Year R – 6 Link to form: Flu Vaccination Consent Form