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MILL RYTHER INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Nurture – Inspire – Challenge

The children were beautifully presented on Monday ready for their individual school photos. We also had siblings photographed together. Unfortunately, although many were absent due to chicken pox, we are unable to reschedule the photographer. On a positive note, at least this reduces the likelihood of the nativity missing some angels or shepherds!

School Improvement

The roof is coming on but we have still got residual leaks which are yet to be sorted out. The impact on the school grounds is significant. We are planning to plant spring bulbs as soon as the scaffolding is removed. Donations of flowering bulbs are very welcome.

The children had a special assembly on Monday using the NSPCC speak out, stay safe resources. Children were reminded that if they have a worry then it is a good idea to share that with a safe adult who can then seek help. They listened very respectfully. Year 2 will be following this up with a workshop next Tuesday.

The School Council, librarians and PTFA are keen to begin fundraising for our library to be refurbished. We are seeking inspiration from specialist companies but it is proving tricky. Luckily Hampshire Library Service are going to meet the children and discuss their ideas. We will keep you updated!

Site Safety

Please ensure that your children are not playing amongst the staff cars after school. They are little and cannot always be seen. Once collected, children should stay on the grass outside the junior school with their parents.

Harvest Collection

Hayling Holiday Lunches were delighted with the generous donations gathered. They sent this message "What a wonderful array of groceries you have brought into school following your Harvest Festival. As the organisers of Hayling Holiday Lunches, helping more than 90 families from local schools with a food delivery in the school holidays, we are so grateful for donations like this which enable us to build up our stocks and leave us with more money to spend on fresh food and fruit. Thank you so much! You are all stars!"

We are going to keep a donation station all year round to continue to support this wonderful initiative. Look out for details!

Learning at Home

Numbots is being used really well by the school as part of their home learning. It was great to give out the first certificates at our assembly on Friday. Thank you for all your support with reading. The amount of children who have achieved their sapphire badge is really positive. The next badge is amber.

Please can I remind you that there is no money left in the school budget to replace books that have been damaged. We have lost a significant amount already this year to water damage due to bottles leaking in bookbags. Bug Club texts cost £3.50 each.

Reception September 2025 Events

We are delighted to showcase the school to parents seeking a space for their child to start school in September 2025. We have two open mornings still to run on 14th November and 10th January. Please ring the office or email to book at appointment!



Whole School attendance: 87.8%

Best class attendance this week: Sunfish Class



PTFA

Our PTFA are going to be raffling coloured hampers at Christmas. Each class will be allocated a colour. On Friday 22nd November the children are invited to come into school in non uniform in return for a donation of an item for the class hamper. The colours are Rainbowfish – gold, Paddlefish- green, Sunfish – silver, Parrotfish – red, Kingfish – blue, Dragonfish- purple.

Dates for your diary

Anti Bullying Week including NSPCC Visit	w/c 11 th November
MyHappyMind Launch	w/c 18 th November
Non Uniform Day	22 nd November
Kingfish Parents Evening	26 th November <i>Note - Change of date</i>
Autumn Born Year R – School Nurse Checks	3 rd December
Year R Nativity	11 th December 2.15pm
Year R Nativity	12 th December 9.15am
Infant Christmas Carols	16 th December (after school)