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MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Nurture – Inspire – Challenge

The first signs of Spring are finally here. Flowers look lovely when they are in the soil so that everyone can enjoy them so, please don't pick them! This half term will be a busy one and will include Parents Evenings. Please make sure that you have set up a Scopay account. Some replacement letters have been sent out this week. Appointments will be open for booking next week.

School Improvement

Plenty of work was carried out over the half term holiday. Year 2 have beautiful new carpets, the woodwork in the hall has been fixed, ceiling tiles have been replaced where there was water damage and Mr Loris has removed the gazebo roof.

Mr Loris and Mrs Ford will be meeting next week to draw up the list of resources that will need to be purchased to create our new library. Fingers crossed that we have met our £1000 for 1000 reads target!

Governors were delighted with the number of responses to their questionnaire. The results are being analysed for next steps.

School Events

Year 1 had a great day on Tuesday at the Weald and Downland Outdoor Museum. As part of their History learning, they looked at toys from the past and had fun using them. The children were so respectful all day and the staff were very impressed.



Times Table Rockstars

We are delighted that more children are now trying Times Tables Rockstars. This is great as it prepares them for transitioning to the junior school. Keep it up Year 2!

Zones Of Regulation Workshop

Our Inclusions Team are running a morning and an evening workshop on 12th March. We are planning to record a video as well. The workshop focuses on how the zones are used in school and how they can be used at home. The tools allow children (and adults) to identify their feelings and then do what is needed to return to the green zone which is the best for learning and living! Come along and find out more.

Whole School attendance: 94%



INSET Dates

These have been set alongside the junior school. School is not open for children on these days as they are used for staff training.

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Thursday 4th September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Final Straw Beach Clean

Please join Evie (7), one of the Final Straw Youth Ambassadors at Hayling Island Beach as part of the nationwide Great British Spring Clean. Meet by the council car park along from the Ferryboat Pub, Hayling Island, on Saturday 8 March from 10:00 - 12:00 for a public beach clean. Every bit of litter and rubbish we pick up makes a difference. Everyone is welcome, individuals, singles and families.

Find the exact location here: <https://w3w.co/chip.cube.curving>

The Final Straw Foundation will provide gloves, litter pickers, bags and buckets, but if you have any of your own of these that you would like to use, please bring them.

Hayling Holiday Lunches

Our donation station has been moved to beside the Music Room. Please do drop in anything that you can spare to make a difference to our community who are struggling.

Pupil Premium and School Funding

Although all children in an infant school are all able to have a free school meal, the school is funded based on the amount of families who are eligible for free school meals due to their circumstances. We currently use the money that comes into our school budget to pay for Inclusions and the resources and training they require, speech and language programmes and training for staff from the Educational Psychology team so that all children can be well supported.

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If your circumstances have changed and you may be eligible then check using the following link.

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

Dates for your diary

Year 2 School Trip to Winchester Science Centre	4 th March
World Book Day Dress up and 1000 books for £1000 deadline	6 th March
Final Straw Public Beach Clean	8 th March
Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop	12 th March at 9am and 5pm
Non uniform Day for Easter Rainbow Hampers	14 th March
Hamper Tickets go on sale	24 th March
Parents Evening	25 th March 3.30 – 6.30pm
Parents Evening	26 th March 3.30 - 6.30pm
Mother's Day Event	28 th March 9-10am
Hinduism Learning Day	3 rd April
Sharing Together at pick up and break up for Easter	4 th April

