



NEWSLETTER

**Friday, 25th September
2026**

CLASS FOCUS



Maracas class have settled well into the new class routine and are enjoying this term's topic – 'In the Forest'. They have been enjoying the morning movement sessions – counting movements, sorting big and small sticks and moving around drawn on lines on the floor. Zachary loves exploring the big sticks and Elana likes to run around the lines.



The children start their day with a 'bucket time' session linked to that day's learning – big and small, The Gruffalo, the number one and mark-making. Charlotte finds it funny when the big ball bounces to make a big mess and Chloe likes to watch the big and small balls pop in the air.

Their literacy focus has been around 'The Gruffalo'. The children have enjoyed exploring all the props from the story and mark-making in

Gruffalo-themed sensory materials such as owl ice cream and scrambled snake. Maracas were not a fan of the ice cream! Alex enjoys exploring the story props – the purple prickles were his favourite.



In numeracy the class has been engaging with a 'Five Little Hedgehogs' number song, sorting big and small foxes and exploring a big and small teddy bears' picnic. All the children have been working hard in these activities at their workstations.

They have also had the opportunity to visit Portway's forest school once a week. The children all love exploring the forest school area. Delilah loves to make muddy puddles with the watering can and Zack enjoys running around and exploring the environment.

Days are finished off with toast for snack, where the children are working on their spreading skills. This is Frankie's favourite time of the day and she is always the first one at the snack table awaiting her yummy jam on toast with a big smile and giggles.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

We are pleased to announce the election of Craig Soutar as Parent Governor. Thank you to everyone who voted.

We now have three new governors and they are as follows:



Craig Soutar
Parent Governor



Martin Tobin
Co-opted Governor



Donna Cozze
Staff Governor

The next Full Governors' Meeting will be held on 13th October at 4pm.

IT'S HARVEST TIME

As many of you will already know, Andover Food Bank is our chosen charity for this special time of year. We have listed below the items the Food Bank finds the most useful to receive in order to pass on to those in need of extra support for day-to-day living. If you are able to donate any of the items before the start of the half term break, we know they would be very grateful. **Please do put yourself under any financial pressure in doing so.**



Tinned fruit
Tinned meat
Tinned soup
Tinned tomatoes
Curry sauce
Pasta sauce

Rice pudding & custard
Baked beans
Long life milk
Treats (chocolate, crisps etc)





We are sorry to say that **TJ**, one of our Lunchtime Assistants is leaving us today. TJ has been invaluable during lunchtime, preparing the playground so it's ready for the students to let off some steam. The children have enjoyed having TJ's around and will miss their enthusiasm. We wish TJ all the best for the future.



Samuella, who worked closely with our Family Support Worker whilst studying for her Psychology degree last year, and has more recently been helping us out as a class-based LSA., is now passing on her skills at Jigsaw where she is going to be an SEN Behaviour Analyst and Comprehensive Application of Behaviour Analyst to School (CABAS). Nice one Samuella!



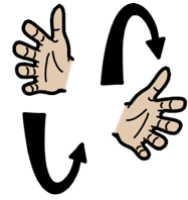
And now onto more news!
We welcome **Trina** back into the fold. After taking some family time out, Trina will be returning as an LSA next week. Trina's experience with our students will be invaluable and we look forward to working with her again.



We have been very busy recruiting this week, having successfully employed three more Lunchtime Assistants—one of whom is **Sunal**. Sunal has already joined us and has been busy getting to know the students in Drum class and our lunchtime routines.

We will introduce you to our other two new LTAs next week when they start their duties—one will be a familiar face to our younger students *how exciting!*

SIGNS OF THE WEEK



October	Autumn	reading	church
supermarket	cafe	town	park

AUTUMN TERM 2026-27

SEPTEMBER

29th Alice Holt Forest Trip (Cello & Harp)

OCTOBER

2nd Simon Says Day

12th FE Community Action week

13th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)

21st Parent Group Coffee Afternoon (1.30pm)

22nd Parents' Evening

26th-30th **HALF TERM**

NOVEMBER

2nd **Inset Day (Glasto & Victorious students only)**

18th Cinema trip (FE)

18th Parent Group Coffee Afternoon (1.30pm)



BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

Eli, Banjo 12 years old

Happy birthday!



SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

The following students have been awarded the Class Star of the Week Award

Drum	- CJ
Maracas	- Delilah
Tambourine	- Ceazer
Triangle	- Ajax
Trumpet	- Arthur
Oboe	- Jacob M
Banjo	- Alfie
Harp	- Shelby
Cello	- Leon



The School Superstar of the Week is ... **ALFIE!!**

Alfie has the most infectious smile and giggle, which never fails to brighten everyone's day. He particularly loves playing catch with an adult and bouncing on the trampoline. He shows so much enjoyment during these activities, and it's lovely to see his excitement. He is becoming increasingly confident in communicating his wants and needs using his ALD board, pointing and using his very cute little whistle to get our attention! It is fantastic to see him finding different ways to express himself and make his choices known. Alfie is a big fan of crisps and chocolate biscuits — two of his favourite treats!

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(*Personal, Physical, Independence,*



Gus

and

Ruby



JEANS FOR GENES

We are happy to let you know that a total of £67.91 was raised for this great charity. Thank you to everyone who donated.

