

# Hythe Primary School Newsletter

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## A message from Miss Peppard

### Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a good Christmas break and that 2026 has started well for you all.

This term brings the excitement of the swimming pool at school, as well as movie night, school trips and lots of new learning.

With the dusting of snow and plenty of ice we've already had, I'd like to ask that you ensure children have a coat in school on those days when the temperature is very low and/or if it's rainy. Generally, the children much prefer outdoor playtimes rather than indoor, so, unless it's absolutely awful weather, we do tend to go outside with them. I know that some children don't make it easy for parents when it comes to wearing a coat, but, if you can just get them to bring it, we'll ensure they're wearing it when they need to! Also, if you can remember to write your child's name on their coat label then that will help keep the lost property box from overflowing!

Many thanks! *C Peppard*

### Swimming Lessons

We are very excited to announce that our temporary swimming pool is here ready for KS2 swimming to begin next week as part of their curriculum. Please return your swimming slip if you haven't done so already. All of Year 3/4 and some children who need top ups in Year 5/6 will be swimming.

The swimming instructors have asked us to pass on some key information for parents to look at before swimming begins.

#### What to wear for swimming?

Girls to wear a one-piece swimming costume.

Boys to wear swimming trunks or swimming shorts (above the knee).

Goggles may be worn but remain the responsibility of the child and worn at their own risk.

Long hair must be tied back or ideally a swimming hat worn.

Jewellery is not permitted during school swimming lessons, i.e. earrings, bracelets, necklaces, waterproof watches, rings etc. **Only stud earrings** that are not able to be removed for swimming can be worn for safety reasons.

Please ensure your child also brings a towel with them to dry after their session!

The pool meets industry standards and safety requirements, ensuring that all children can enjoy a fun and secure swimming experience. The pool is 10m x 5m and is 1.2m deep.

It is equipped with a filter and pool heater to maintain a safe water temperature, and the pool is situated under a 6x12m marquee for shelter and shade. Changing rooms will also be supplied for the children to change in.

Here is a picture of what the pool looks like.

Year 1-2 & 4-6 children will also be offered after school swimming lessons which parents will need to sign up and pay for via Active me 360's website (contact the office for more details).



### School Travel Tracker

Last term, our school has recorded a total of 6926 active trips including cycling, scooting and walking to school, of which 2384 were trips walking all the way to school. Congratulations! Your hard work is making a difference.

### Requests, information and reminders

**Year R & Year 6** — Heights and weights are being done on 12th February. If parents do not write in (not email) to say they **do not** want to have them done, all children will be done on or just after this date.

**Year R** — Stay and play sessions for parents will begin on 15th January from 8.45am-9.15am every Thursday.

**Year R 2026** — Applications for your child to start in Year R in September close on 15th January. Please contact us for more information.

**Bursledon Brickworks, Living Rainforest and Bucklers Hard trips** — The trips for Year R & Year 3/4 are due to be assessed this week to see if they can go ahead. If you have not done so already please return your child's permission slip. Please also return the permission slips for the Year 5/6 trip to The Living Rainforest.

**Year 6** — A member of staff is offering some after school tuition for any Year 6 children on a Wednesday.

Please contact the school office for more information and we will pass this on for details about costs.

**Movie Night** — To book your child in for this, it must be done by Thursday 8th January am

### Willy Wonka Lunch

On January 15th we will be doing a special menu for the children. It will be the only options for lunch on that day:

**Red:** Scrumdiddlyumptious sausage in a roll (hot dog)

**Green:** Charlies cheesy mac n cheese

Both of these options come with Wonka's wedges or Loompa's Loaded wedges

**Blue:** Jolly Jacket potato with a variety of toppings

**Yellow:** Wonka Tastic Tomato pasta

Pudding will be Scrumdiddlyumptious Popping Brownie or Fizzy Lifting Jelly

With Chocolate Factory choco milk

Children will order this in the normal way. It will be free for children in Year R-2 and for those parents who receive free school meals or £2.85 paid in the normal way through Scopay.



### Dates for your diary

**Monday 12th January** — Year 3/4 and some Year 5/6 swimming begins

**Monday 12th January** — Year R & KS1 Movie Night 4.15-6pm

**Tuesday 13th January** — KS2 Movie Night 4.15-6pm

**Thursday 15th January** — Year R Stay & Play begins 8.45-9.15am

**Thursday 15th January** — Willy Wonka lunch day

**Tuesday 27th January** — Year 3/4 trip to Bucklers Hard (if still going ahead)

**Wednesday 28th January** — Year R trip to Bursledon Brickworks (if still going ahead)

**Tuesday 3rd February** — Year 5/6 trip to the Living Rainforest

**Friday 6th February** — Swimming finishes

**Thursday 12th February** — Year R & Year 6 heights & weights

**Thursday 12th February** — Pancakes for pudding (more info to follow)

**Friday 13th February** — School closes for half term 3.15pm

**Monday 23rd February** — School re-opens 8.45am

**REMINDER— WE RECYCLE BATTERIES, SMALL PRINTER CARTRIDGES AND CLOTHING HERE AT SCHOOL.**