



Headteacher  
Miss K Greenway

30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



We aspire for all at Parsonage Farm to feel valued and cared for, to have a continued excitement for learning, ensuring success as they journey onwards.



Dear Parents,

I can't believe it is the end of January already – the month seems to have whizzed past and it will be half term in two more weeks. The children are enjoying completing their 10s frames in class to count how many days of maths we have done so far – ask them and see if they can tell you how many days or how many 10s frames are full. Mrs Gray sent an email about this at the beginning of term.

*We will then use tens frames to help us notice how many days we have been in school (not including weekends, holidays etc.) and how many days until we get to day 100 (Monday 22nd June). By using tens frames we can encourage children to subitise (notice quickly) full tens and not full tens, rather than counting in 1s.*

#### Thank you

I wanted to say a big Thank you to everyone who brought in sponsorship envelopes for Phyllis Tuckwell following our Elf Run before Christmas. We raised **£1351.50** through Sponsorship. Well done and thank you for supporting this local charity.

#### Yr 2 Trip to G-Live

On Wednesday Year 2 went on a trip to G-Live to watch an orchestra play music in a concert designed especially for children. It was wonderful for the children to experience classical music being played live and to be introduced to an array of instruments. The children enjoyed listening to Disney film favourites being played, as well as a waltz, polka and Oboe Concerto. The compere also kept the children entertained with magic tricks! Emma from Bluebells was also chosen to go on stage to conduct the orchestra using a real baton! All the children were incredibly well-behaved and set a good example for our school; and it was a pleasure to see their awe and wonder at seeing so many instruments played together to create beautiful music.



#### Book Viewing      Year 1 and Year 2      Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February      8.45 – 9.30am or 2.40 – 3.15pm.

This is an opportunity for you to come and sit in the hall with your child and look through their books with them and celebrate all their amazing achievements so far.

If you are coming in the morning, please come through to the hall with your child as you drop them in class. If you are coming in the afternoon, please come to the school office and you can then collect your child from their class and go into the hall. Please just ask if you are not sure.

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### Book Viewing                      Reception and Nursery

Nursery and Year R floor books will be available to look at during parents evening.

### Parents Evenings                      Year R, Year 1, Year 2                      Tues 10<sup>th</sup> February and Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> February

Time slots will be from 3.40 – 6.20pm

You will be able to book your 10-minute appointment time via Arbor – Please log onto Arbor and click on Guardian Consultations. The system will ONLY be live from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 8am and will close on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February evening. Please do book an appointment so that you can chat to your child's class teacher. If you need help with using this booking system, please ask in the school office.

Daisies will have parent meetings week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – more information to follow nearer to the time.

Some of our Governors will also be around on these evenings and they have put together a short questionnaire/some post it notes in the hall so that they can get parent feedback about a variety of things. Please do take the time to give your feedback. We will also be emailing a copy of the questionnaire.

### SCARF

This year, as part of Children's Mental Health week, we will be taking part in SCARF's 'Wear your scarf to school' day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. On that day children are invited to wear a scarf to school and they will be taking part in activities based on the SCARF values of 'Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship'.

### Safer Internet Day                      Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

This is coordinated by the UK Safer internet Centre. This year's theme is **Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.** "Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology. This Safer Internet Day we are exploring the impact of AI on all our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly."

For more information and resources please use this link. [Safer Internet Day 2026 - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Class teachers will discuss top tips with the children and remind them what to do if or when they come across something online that they are unsure of. Below is a link to a useful poster.

[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/online-safety---downloadable-resources/cso\\_toptips\\_jan2022.pdf](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/online-safety---downloadable-resources/cso_toptips_jan2022.pdf)

### Squid Games/Age-Appropriate programmes and games

Unfortunately, we have noticed that a number of children have again been playing "Squid Game" during playtimes. We did raise this issue in a newsletter last July but wanted to remind families as it continues to be a concern.

As you may be aware, the TV series *Squid Game* is not appropriate for children due to its violent content. Staff have also viewed several episodes of the cartoon version (which does not carry an age rating) and feel that it remains unsuitable for children because of the level of violence.

Children have told us that they are accessing this content on YouTube.

We strongly recommend that children only access content through YouTube Kids, as this helps ensure that what they are watching is age-appropriate and that any adverts shown are suitable for children.

Children often talk to staff about what they are watching and playing at home. When this content is intended for much older children or adults, it becomes a safeguarding concern. We are aware that children may see things that older siblings or adults are watching or playing, and they can often describe this in detail at school. Please be mindful of this and help us by monitoring what your child is accessing online, so that together we can keep all our children safe.

Please see link to a video on how to edit the settings section to only approve certain channels on YouTube Kids. - [Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School - Internet Safety](#)

Phonics Screening Workshop for Year 1 Parents                      Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February      7-8pm

Please come and join us for this workshop and find out what your child will have to do when they complete the Phonics Screening Check in June. It will also help you with ideas of how to support them at home. We will also look at reading, different strategies we use at school when reading with your children and how you can use these at home.

It will not be scary, we will not make you do anything you don't want to – BUT, we do want it to be useful. So please let us know if you have any questions you would like answered/anything you would like us to help you with, by emailing them to [year1@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk](mailto:year1@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk) (remember no question is a silly question!)

Nursery Places                                      September 2026

We will be sending out offers before Easter to those parents who have applied for places in our Nursery starting in September 2026.

If your child was born between September 2022 and August 2023, they could start in Daisies in September 2026. We still have places available so please ask for an application form in the school office. If you have friends who have children of this age, please let them know too.

Message from Chair of Governors

**Parsonage Farm Governing Board - 2025 Impact Statement.**

The Governing Board plays an important role in supporting the school and ensuring it continues to provide the best possible education for all pupils. Over the last year, the Board has focused on being more visible, engaged and involved in school life, alongside our core governance responsibilities.

We were pleased to welcome two new Parent Governors, strengthening the board and improving representation from the school community. Governors have continued to carry out regular school visits, including planned curriculum and Health & Safety visits, which help us build a better understanding of day-to-day life in school and provide assurance that the school environment is safe and well managed.

Governors are now regularly present at parents' evenings and new parent introduction meetings, allowing families to meet Governors, ask questions and better understand our role within the school.

Supporting wellbeing has been a key focus this year. Governors have overseen the introduction of new mental health guidelines, recognising the importance of consistent support for both pupils and staff. Additionally, in 2025, we worked closely with Hampshire County Council during changes to how catering was delivered, supporting the school through the transition and keeping pupils' needs at the centre of decision-making.

Safeguarding remained the top priority for the Board. Governors received statutory guidance on the changes introduced in *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025*, and the school responded proactively by ensuring all staff had completed safeguarding training aligned with the updated guidance. Governors continued to monitor all safeguarding closely, but with a focus on new areas such as school attendance and online safety.

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While Governors are not involved in the day-to-day running of the school, the Board welcomes parents' thoughts and insights on matters affecting the school. For individual questions or concerns, parents should always use the school's established communication channels, as set out in the school's policies, to ensure these are handled appropriately and in a timely way. If you see a Governor at school events, parents' evenings or meetings, please feel free to say "Hello!" and share your thoughts; we always appreciate your insight.

**Stuart Rowe, Chair of Governors. Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School**

### Requests

- Do you have any rolls of paper (any colour/any size) that the children could use for drawing, please?

### Reminders

- Please can you remember to name everything – especially hats and gloves as there are so many left in the corridors that we can't return to the right child

As always, any questions about anything, please just ask.  
Take care, keep safe and have a good weekend.

Miss Greenway

### **Dates for Diaries**

Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Viewing – Year 1 and Year 2 parents
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.40 – 6.30pm Parents Evening
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.40 – 6.30pm Parents Evening
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SCARF Day – children to wear a scarf to school (see above)
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term (Ace Kids running – <a href="#">Home - ACE Kids</a> ) - use the code <b>JBRHols10</b> , you will receive 10% discount
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> February	7-8pm Phonics Screening Workshop for Year 1 parents
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March	FOPS World Book Day disco
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Daisies Parents Evenings
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> /Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> March	FOPS Mother's Day Shop
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	pm Rocksteady Concert
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm Golden Rabbit Assembly Last day of term
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>

### Year Group Emails

Daisies - [nursery@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk)

Poppies and Snowdrops – [year1@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk](mailto:year1@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk)

Tulips and Sunflowers – [year2@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk](mailto:year2@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk)

Bluebells and Daffodils – [year2@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk](mailto:year2@parsonagefarm.hants.sch.uk)

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