



## ***Hounsome Fields Primary School Spring Term Newsletter - Feb 2026***

School update from Mr Carter.



Dear Families,

As we reach the halfway point of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful progress our children are making across the school. I can still vividly

remember welcoming you all for the transition afternoon in July and it is hard to believe we are now half way through our first school year together.

I'm delighted to share that our pupils are making excellent progress with their reading and writing. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow and their skills develop. We're looking forward to sharing more of their achievements with you at our upcoming family evenings, where you'll have the opportunity to see their work and celebrate their successes together.

This term has seen some exciting developments in how we come together as a school community:

We held our **first family community group meeting**, which was a fantastic opportunity to hear your views and work together to support our children.

We've **started our assemblies**, bringing the whole school together to celebrate our achievements, share our learning, and reinforce our school values

Our **school value certificates** are now being awarded to recognise children who exemplify our values in their daily actions and

I'm pleased to announce that a **new Learning Support Assistant will be joining us in March**. This appointment will increase our staff capacity and enable us to provide even better support for all our pupils.

It's wonderful to see our school becoming an increasingly important hub within our local community. We're now hosting:

- Rainbows, Brownies and Guides groups
- Barnardos
- Local councillor meetings
- Basingstoke Teacher Training

These partnerships not only benefit our community but also help our pupils see their school as a vibrant, welcoming space that serves everyone.

As we move into the second half of the year, we'll continue to build on these strong foundations. Thank you for your ongoing support, it makes all the difference to our children's success.

We hope you have an enjoyable half term week and we are excited and motivated for the second half of the academic year.

Warm Regards.

Mr. B Carter.

The Term So Far - Miss Lucas.



Hedgehogs have had a fantastic half term! We have been learning all about space. The children have explored and learnt different features about each planet and had lots of alien fun! We have been creating beautiful artwork of aliens and planets, we explored different styles of art including pointillism. The children have been working super hard in phonics and are becoming more confident in their phase 2 and 3 sounds. We have been using our phonics knowledge to help us in our writing. The children have written lists of items to take to space, described aliens, created story maps and written captions and sentences about the planets. In maths we have started to introduce larger numbers and have been looking at addition. The children are working really hard and have made great progress. We have also explored the Lunar New Year. The children have had fun making lanterns, having a go at writing Chinese numbers and playing in our Chinese restaurant roleplay area. During this half term we have celebrated filling up the pompom jar by making good choices and listening, the children made and decorated their own biscuits. We also had a fantastic number day!

Have a fantastic half term!





## Baby News!

We are delighted to let you know that Miss Perkins has had a baby boy, little Enzo was born early February!

Eggciting Times Ahead.





On Monday March 16th we will be taking delivery of our first ever Duckling eggs!. These eggs will be kept and looked after in an incubator in the classroom and the children will be watching them and caring for them as the ducklings hatch.

### Spring Term Family Evenings.

Our Spring term family evenings are scheduled for Monday March 16th and Wednesday March 18th. Slots will become available for you to book from 1pm on Monday 9th March via the Arbor App. We will send a reminder when the booking system is live and you can go on to the App and book your preferred time. Each slot is 10 minutes and with Miss Lucas.

## Community Coffee Morning - Topic "Reading at Home".



On Friday March 13th Mr Carter will host his first Community Coffee Morning. We would like to invite you in to the school for refreshments and Mr Carter will be talking on the topic "reading at home". The session will start at 8.30am and from 9.15 - 10am there will be the opportunity to have a chat with Mr Carter. Registration will open after the half term break and will be via a google form.

## Family Committee Group

We held our first Family Committee meeting on Tuesday 10th February. Items discussed included books for the library, sports day which will be held on Thursday June 18th, safe travel to and from school, fundraising, community coffee mornings, a summer fayre and ideas for the new Year R intake for September 2026. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact the school office.



## Message from OSCAHS Breakfast and Afterschool Club.



We would like to welcome Leah to our OSCAHS family, she has joined us as the club Manager and will be working alongside Laila.

At OSCAHS we offer before and after school provision, this includes a healthy and nutritious breakfast or snack, a warm and welcoming environment with lots of fun activities, including theme days- baking club, arts and crafts, gardening, science club.

Come and join the fun, sessions can be booked on our website!