Welcome to Netley Abbey Infant School's Autumn 1 Newsletter October 2026

Head of School Summary

Welcome Back!

Although the summer holidays may already feel like a distant memory, we hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

Thank you for the thoughtful cards and gifts given to our staff at the end of the last academic year. Your kindness and generosity were greatly appreciated by everyone.

It has been a real pleasure to welcome the children back to school. They have returned looking incredibly smart in their uniforms and, most importantly, eager, enthusiastic and ready to embrace their new learning opportunities.

We have been particularly delighted to welcome our new Year R children into the school community. It has been wonderful to watch them settle into school life with such confidence and enthusiasm. They have embraced their new environment, enjoyed exploring their classrooms and outdoor spaces, begun to learn school routines and started to form new friendships. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled and the positive start they have made to their learning journey.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have also made an excellent start to the academic year. They have quickly settled into their new classes and routines, demonstrating growing confidence,

independence and excitement for learning. It has been lovely to see them reconnecting with friends, building new relationships and engaging so positively with their learning.

Alongside providing children with rich opportunities for exploration, construction, collaboration and investigation, we continue to place a strong emphasis on developing oracy across the curriculum. We know that effective speaking and listening skills are fundamental to both children's learning and their future success and oracy remains a key feature of teaching and learning in every classroom. Children are regularly encouraged to *Think and Nest* before discussing their ideas, explaining their thinking and asking thoughtful questions. Through our *Netley Abbey Talk Partner Rules* and *Listening Wheel*, children are learning how to listen attentively to others, respond respectfully and grow in confidence as speakers, with many proudly standing *Loud and Proud* to share their ideas. By providing frequent opportunities for purposeful talk, we can deepen understanding, extend vocabulary and strengthen communication skills across all areas of the curriculum.

We hope you found the curriculum newsletters shared by our Year Leaders both informative and useful. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher. Our class pages on the school website are also regularly updated with curriculum information and other helpful resources. Information regarding events are also uploaded to our Facebook page.

We look forward to a happy, successful and exciting year ahead, working in partnership with all of our children and families.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Holland

Safeguarding

The safety and well-being of our children is the responsibility of us all. Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is regularly reviewed and updated in line with the latest *Keeping Children Safe in Education* guidance and is available on our school website.

Mrs Holland

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or well-being of a child, please speak to **Mrs Holland, our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**.

In her absence, our **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs)** are:

- **Mrs Earle**
- **Mrs Atwal**
- **Mrs Vidler**

Out of Hours Support

There are a number of organisations and services available to support children and families outside of school hours.

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline

Freephone: **0808 800 5000**

NSPCC – Report Abuse

The NSPCC website provides information and advice about reporting concerns regarding the safety or welfare of a child.

Hampshire Children's Safeguarding Partnership

Website: **https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/**

Southampton Children's Resource Service (for those with a Southampton postcode)

Telephone: 023 8083 3004

Email: childrensresourceservice@southampton.gov.uk[1]

Best Start Family Hubs

Family Hubs are a fantastic resource for families with children aged **0–18** and can provide support with a wide range of issues, including sleep, eating, behaviour, relationships and emotional well-being.

You do not always need an appointment and many services offer a welcoming, drop-in approach.

Further information about local Family Hubs and the support available to families can be found on the Hampshire County Council Website **https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/beststartinlife/hampshirebeststartplan/beststartfamilyhubs**

Personal Development and Learning (PDL)

Keeping children safe is an important part of our Personal Development and Learning (PDL) curriculum. Throughout the year, we help children develop the knowledge, understanding and confidence they need to make safe and healthy choices in a range of situations.

Our PDL curriculum covers a range of important themes. This term, our key themes have included:

[1] mailto:childrensresourceservice@southampton.gov.uk

- **Power to Develop and Learn – Families and People Who Care for Me**
- **Ready – General Wellbeing**
- **Ready – Online Safety and Awareness**

These themes provide opportunities for children to talk about their experiences, develop their understanding of relationships and wellbeing, and learn how to recognise and respond to situations where they may need help.

Our Federation PDL Lead is Miss Smart, based at the Junior Site. If you would like any further information about our PDL curriculum or the topics your child is learning about, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Bikes and Scooters

Children may bring bikes and scooters to school and should use the sheds provided to store them.

For everyone's safety, children should dismount once they come through the school gates. Bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the school premises.

Parking

Please help us to keep our children, pedestrians and local residents safe by parking responsibly around the school.

- **Please do not obstruct our neighbours' driveways.** Allow yourself plenty of time to park safely and walk to school.
- **Parking on the zig-zag lines is illegal.** Vehicles parked in this area can obstruct the view around the corner, forcing other cars onto the wrong side of the road and creating a serious risk to children and pedestrians.
- **Please do not use the car park directly outside the school.** This area is reserved for **Blue Badge holders and school staff only**.

We appreciate that parking around school can be challenging, but your cooperation makes a real difference to the safety of our children and the wider community.

Thank you to all parents and carers who follow these arrangements and help us keep everyone safe.



Contact Details

Keeping Your Contact Details Up to Date

It is important that we are able to contact you, or another trusted adult nominated by you, if there is an emergency involving your child.

Please make sure that the school office has your **current address, telephone numbers and emergency contact details**. If any of your details change, please let us know as soon as possible.

Changes to Collection Arrangements

If someone different is collecting your child from school, please inform the school office **preferably before lunchtime**. This enables the office team to ensure that class teachers are aware of any changes to collection arrangements.

Life in School

Year R

What a fantastic start to school life our Year R children have made at Netley Abbey! They have settled into their new routines beautifully and are already developing a strong sense of belonging within their classes and the wider school community.As part of our learning, we enjoyed exploring the school on a special tour, meeting different members of staff and

discovering exciting places around the building. The children were excellent photographers, capturing images of people and places that interested them along the way.

Inspired by our key text, *Once There Were Giants*, we looked at our baby photographs and discussed how we have changed and grown over time. We were also delighted to welcome babies and their mums into our classrooms, helping us to learn more about life at different ages and how we have changed over time.We have also enjoyed learning lots of new songs and nursery rhymes together, helping us to develop our listening skills and language.

We have begun our phonics journey, learning our first sounds and starting to recognise them in words around us. In our classes, we have spent time getting to know one another, learning names, sharing interests and building new friendships.

It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence and beginning to feel part of our school family.

Our big question is: What do you enjoy most about belonging to Netley Abbey Infant School?














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Year 1 and 2

We have had a fantastic start to the term, with lots of exciting opportunities to explore, learn and create across the curriculum.

In English, our topic this half term has been Twisted Fairy Tales. To introduce our learning, the children loved using salt dough to create their own twisted tale characters. We have enjoyed reading and exploring a range of traditional fairy tales before adding our own

imaginative twists. The children have worked incredibly hard to write their own unique stories. Did you know that *Little Miss Reading Hood* skipped down a narrow, winding path and came face to face with a gigantic green dinosaur?!

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value and growing our confidence with numbers. We are now moving on to counting and addition, using practical resources and different strategies to help us solve problems and deepen our understanding.

In History, we have been learning about monarchs throughout time. The children have enjoyed investigating coins, stamps and photographs, using magnifying glasses to look closely at the details and develop their historical enquiry skills.

In Science, we have been discovering all about plants. We have explored seeds and bulbs and learned about what plants need to grow, flourish and stay healthy.

Our Design and Technology learning has focused on moving pictures. The children have loved exploring different mechanisms and finding out how pictures can be made to move. They have been busy designing and creating their own moving pictures and it has been wonderful to hear that some children have even continued their learning at home.

In Computing, we have been learning about the technology we use in our everyday lives. We enjoyed going on a technology hunt around the school, identifying different types of technology and discussing how they help us in our daily lives.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into the new school year. They have shown enthusiasm, curiosity and a real love of learning and we look forward to seeing all the wonderful things they will achieve as the year progresses.

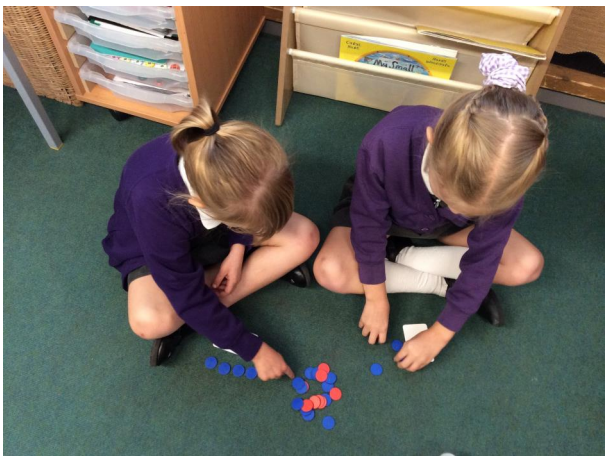




















Celebration



Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded 'The Netley Award' for upholding our Netley Values of 'Ready, Respectful, Safe and Kind'.

Week ending 11.9.26

Netley Award: Being Ready. The following children have been highlighted for their efforts of being ready for learning and showing great attributes of an effective learner:

Ruva (Peregrine Falcons) Mabel (Sea Eagles) Oliver F (Red Kites) Esme (Puffins) Simon (Woodpeckers)

Netley Award: Being Respectful. The following children have been commended for their respectfulness in school and showing great respect towards their peers and adults:

Ivy (Peregrine Falcons) Isabelle T (Sea Eagles) Reggie J (Red Kites) Scarlett (Puffins) Christos (Woodpeckers)

Netley Award: Being Safe. The following children have been highlighted for their excellent modelling of how to keep themselves and others safe in school:

Netley Award: Being Kind. The following children have been recognised for their kindness in school and showing this through their positivity, compassion, trust, honesty and empathy:

Lexie-Mai (Peregrine Falcons) George (Sea Eagles) Oscar (Red Kites) Maya (Puffins) Elsie (Woodpeckers)

Week ending 18.9.2026

Netley Award: Being Ready. The following children have been highlighted for their efforts of being ready for learning and showing great attributes of an effective learner:

Willow (Peregrine Falcons) Charlie (Sea Eagles) Carter (Red Kites) Avery (Puffins) Grace (Woodpeckers)

Netley Award: Being Respectful. The following children have been commended for their respectfulness in school and showing great respect towards their peers and adults:

Amelia (Peregrine Falcons) Luca (Sea Eagles) Adelina (Red Kites) Jack (Puffins) Harry (Woodpeckers)

Netley Award: Being Safe. The following children have been highlighted for their excellent modelling of how to keep themselves and others safe in school:

Eryk (Peregrine Falcons) Polly (Woodpeckers)

Netley Award: Being Kind. The following children have been recognised for their kindness in school and showing this through their positivity, compassion, trust, honesty and empathy:

Ebony (Sea Eagles) Eliza S (Red Kites)

Week ending 25.9.2026

Netley Award: Being Ready. The following children have been highlighted for their efforts of being ready for learning and showing great attributes of an effective learner:

Lorenzo (Peregrine Falcons) Viola (Sea Eagles) Parker (Red Kites) Tharika (Puffins) Chloe (Woodpeckers)

Netley Award: Being Respectful. The following children have been commended for their respectfulness in school and showing great respect towards their peers and adults:

Sophie (Peregrine Falcons) Nate (Sea Eagles) Leonora (Red Kites) Frankie (Puffins) Geoffrey (Woodpeckers)

Netley Award: Being Safe. The following children have been highlighted for their excellent modelling of how to keep themselves and others safe in school:

Noah (Peregrine Falcons)

Netley Award: Being Kind. The following children have been recognised for their kindness in school and showing this through their positivity, compassion, trust, honesty and empathy:

Nevan (Sea Eagles) Hugo (Red Kites) Reggie (Puffins) Olivia (Woodpeckers)

Week ending 2.10.2026

Netley Award: Being Ready. The following children have been highlighted for their efforts of being ready for learning and showing great attributes of an effective learner:

Riley (Peregrine Falcons) Charlotte (Sea Eagles) Eliza R (Red Kites) Ava (Puffins) Ruben S (Woodpeckers)

Netley Award: Being Respectful. The following children have been commended for their respectfulness in school and showing great respect towards their peers and adults:

Ava S (Peregrine Falcons) Piper (Red Kites) Maxwell J (Puffins) Drew (Woodpeckers)

Netley Award: Being Safe. The following children have been highlighted for their excellent modelling of how to keep themselves and others safe in school:

Oliver (Sea Eagles)

Netley Award: Being Kind. The following children have been recognised for their kindness in school and showing this through their positivity, compassion, trust, honesty and empathy:

Isla G (Peregrine Falcons) Summer (Sea Eagles) Ada L-W (Red Kites) Toby (Puffins) Phoebe (Woodpeackers)

Attendance



Regular school attendance plays an important part in helping children feel happy, secure and settled at school. Being in school each day gives children the opportunity to build strong relationships with their teachers, develop friendships with their classmates and feel a valued part of the school community.

Good attendance also has a significant impact on children's learning and progress. Each lesson builds on what has been taught before, so missing even a small amount of learning can sometimes make it more difficult for children to understand new concepts and keep up with their classmates.

By attending school regularly, children have the best opportunity to develop their knowledge, build confidence and make consistent progress throughout their learning journey. We really appreciate your support in helping your child attend school every day and arrive ready to learn. Our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or feel that you may need some support, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Holland. She is always happy to listen, offer advice and work with you to help ensure your child has the best possible attendance and is able to make the most of their time at school. Further support can be found by clicking here[2] where it will take you to the Hampshire County Council website.

Whole school target: **97%**

Current whole school attendance: **96.5%**

Diary Dates

Monday 12th October - Phonics Information evening Year 1 - 4.30pm

Tuesday 13th October - Flu Immunisation

Tuesday 13th October- Harvest Assembly with Rev. Williams

[2] https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/behaviour-attendance-parents

Wednesday 14th October - Monday 19th October Federation Book sale

Friday 16th October- FONAS 'Let's Do It Differently Day'

Monday 19th October - New Year R parent Tour

Autumn Half term - 26th - 30th October

Monday 2nd November - Autumn term 2

Monday 9th November- Remembrance Day assembly

Tuesday 10th November - New Year R parent tour

Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November -Anti-Bullying week, Road Safety and Kindness Day

Friday 13th November - Children in Need Day - swap/add one item for something spotty

Monday 23rd November - New Year R parent tour

Wednesday 25th November - EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Parents evening 3.30pm-7.00pm

Tuesday 1st December - EFYS and KS1 Parents evening 3.30pm-5.30pm

Tuesday 8th December - Year R Christmas Nativity 9.15am

Thursday 10th December - Year R Christmas Nativity 2.15pm

Wednesday 9th December - Visiting Panto for Years R-4

Friday 11th December - Festive Friday- Wear a Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 11th December - FONAS School Uniform Sale

Monday 14th December - Elfridges Christmas Shop

Monday 14th December - Year 1 Christmas performance 2.15pm

Tuesday 15th December - Year 1 Christmas performance 9.15am

Wednesday 16th December - Year 2 Christmas performance 2.15pm

Thursday 17th December - Year 2 Christmas performance 9.15am

Friday 18th December - Shh! - Surprise - The Big Man in Red is visiting

Friday 18th December - Term ends at 1.15pm

Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027 - Christmas Holiday

Monday 4th January 2027- Spring term 1 starts.

Monday 11th January - New Year R Parent tour

SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

INSET DATES

WEDNESDAY 27th January 2027

Friday 12th March 2027

WEDNESDAY 21st July 2027

School Friends News and Events



1 - Friday 16th October 2026

🌟 Do It Differently Day! 🌟

We're very excited to launch our first ever **Do It Differently Day** on **Friday 16th October 2026** on to help raise money for our school!

On the day, children can choose to ***do things differently*** in lots of fun and creative ways. We kindly ask for a **50p donation** for **each** difference they choose.

💰 How to donate:

- Please bring cash on the day and add it to the **collection bucket in your child's classroom**.
- Alternatively, you can make a donation online using the **Classlist app**.

Thank you for helping us make our first **Do It Differently Day** a fun and fundraising-filled day for everyone! 🎉

Classlist App



Please follow the below link and download the free app via google play or Apple Store. You only need to input Name, Year group and Class - no other details required. Once you are approved by admin, you will be able to purchase your child's ticket under "what's on" in the app. This way, you are set up to purchase any tickets for events going forward and you have a "receipt" to show you have a ticket on the app! Please see the attached flyer which includes a guide on how to use the app - it really is easy! If you have any questions or issues with sign up please contact us via Facebook or by emailing Friends.Netley@gmail.com

https://classlist.page.link/TeocgW38kdTkpXWm9

SEND SPOTLIGHT



After School Clubs

Watch this space, more clubs coming soon.

We are currently offering the following after school activities on the following days:

Monday -

Tuesday -

Wednesday - Football with Ed Active edactive.co.uk[3] Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday - Multisport games with Ed Active, edactive.co.uk[4] Year 1 and Year 2

Friday - Gymnastics https://www.superstarsportsuk.com/ see the flyer below to book for Autumn term Year 1 and Year 2

Links are here for you to book directly with club organisers. Please contact the school office for further information.

[3] https://edactive.co.uk
[4] https://edactive.co.uk

Ed Active Netley Autumn 26'



ED ACTIVE

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

NETLEY ABBEY INFANTS
15:15 - 16:15

BALL SKILLS
YR 1 & 2

- Wednesday
- 16th Sep - 16th Dec (excl. H/T)
- £78 full course price
- Playground / Field
- A variety of skill based activities with lots of match play & tournaments

MULTI SKILLS
YR 1 & 2

- Thursday
- 17th Sep - 17th Dec (excl. H/T)
- £78 full course price
- Playground/Field
- A variety of sports and activties such as - dodgeball, basketball, fun games and more....

To book visit - edactive.co.uk
For more information contact - info@edactive.co.uk

Superstar Sports Autumn 2026



Hampshire Kitchen Heroes



Beat the mid-week rush with meal planning

The kids are back to school and we're back to our regular routines. To save yourself time (and money!) why not take 10 minutes to make a meal plan for the week ahead? There's lots of information online to help you get started, including ready made plans to suit your diet and budget.[5]

Did you know you can earn Green Points with Hampshire Kitchen Heroes[6] for meal planning? This free app rewards you when you take action to make your food go further and the user with the most Green Points wins a day out at one of the following Hampshire attractions:

- Sir Harold Hillier Arboretum and Gardens[7]
- Runways End Outdoor Centre[8]
- Calshot Activities Centre[9]
- Staunton Farm[10]
- Tile Barn Outdoor Centre[11]
- Manor Farm[12]

Sign up for free at: hampshirekitchenheroes.co.uk

House Keeping

- **Wake and Shake Club -** Please be advised that we are continuing to run our Wake and Shake club for families who have been invited to participate. These families will continue to use the front car park to drop their children as quickly as possible at the club each morning. Drop off begins at 8.20 and may take a few minutes. We ask that at this time any parents needing to drop children at breakfast club or Nursery site use alternative parking spaces or be mindful that this is a busy time and may take a bit longer than other times of day. Can we also take this opportunity to remind parents that this car park is reserved for staff and Blue Disabled Badges holders only from 8.15 - 9.10 and again from 2.45 - 3.30 each day. We are seeing a growing number of parents parking here which makes it difficult for our disabled members of the community.

[5] https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/meal-plans
[6] https://hampshirekitchenheroes.co.uk/
[7] https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/hilliergardens
[8] https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/runwaysend
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[11] https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/tilebarn
[12] https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/manorfarm

- **BOOK DONATIONS** - If you are clearing out any good quality, nearly new early reading books, we would love any donations. We are about to revamp our collection of free reading book boxes and would love any donations of good quality texts that you no longer want.
- **SPARE UNIFORM** We are really short of tights all sizes and girls trousers.
- **NO DOGS** - Please remember we are a dog free site. No dogs (even dogs being carried) are permitted on school site.
- **TOYS -** Unless requested by the class teacher please can we ask children do not bring toys in to school, these can cause distress when lost or broken. Please keep them safe at home ready for when your children return home after the school day.
- **NUT FREE SCHOOL -** We would like to remind you we are a **Nut Free** school, this includes for example Nutella and Pesto. Please check ingredients for any food items being sent in to school.

CONTACT US



Our admin team are friendly, efficient and always happy to help with any enquiry you may have.

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Visit us on the web at

Facebook



We are also delighted to let you know that our Facebook page is now up and running! We regularly share updates about school life, attendance and support available to families within the local area. You can find the link to our Facebook page by clicking here[13].

[13] https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100048666703189&locale=en_GB