

Four Marks School Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

As we reach the end of the first half term, I want to say what a pleasure it has been to begin my first term as Headteacher here. It has been wonderful to see how welcoming and supportive our whole school community is, and I've really enjoyed getting to know the children, staff and families.

The children have shown great enthusiasm for learning and have embraced every opportunity with positivity. Highlights this half term include the Year 6 residential, the trip to Butser Ancient Farm, and our Harvest Festival service at the church - all fantastic occasions that brought learning and community together. A special mention also to our new Reception children, who have settled in brilliantly and are already such a valued part of school life.

Looking ahead, we have a busy and exciting half term to come, with our fireworks evening, Christmas performances, Christmas Jumper Day and 'Elfridges' all to look forward to.

Thank you for such a warm welcome and for your continued support. I wish everyone a restful break and look forward to the festive fun of next half term.



Diary Dates

- 3rd November - Back to school
- 6th November - Mufti for a tombola item (kids or adults)
- 7th November - Four Marks Fireworks
- 10th November - Individual school photographs
- 12th November - Flu immunisations in school
- 21st November - Children in Need
- 21st November - Sycamore class assembly - parents welcome
- 5th December - Elfridges
- 5th December - Beech class assembly
- 9th December - 2pm Year R nativity, 6.15pm YrR and Yr1/2 nativity
- 11th December - 2pm Year 1/2 nativity, 6.15pm YrR and Yr1/2 nativity
- 15th December - Christmas jumper day
- 15th December - Christmas dinner
- 19th December - Christmas service at COGS - parents welcome
- 19th December - Last day of term (early finish at 1.15pm)

Forest School

Next half term will be:

- Year R (Wednesday)
- Oak (Thursday)
- Yew (Friday)



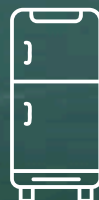
PE days

Children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. PE days for this half term will be:

- Year R - Wednesday & Friday
- Year 1/2 - Thursday only (double PE)
- Year 3/4 - Wednesday only (double PE)
- Year 5/6 - Tuesday & Friday

Inset days

- 5th January
- 23rd February
- 1st June



Print for your fridge

Year 6 Residential

A few weeks ago, our Year 6 children headed off on their residential trip to Runways End– and what a brilliant few days it was! They threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm, kindness, and a great sense of fun.

It was wonderful to see so many of them challenging themselves – trying new things, pushing past their comfort zones, and supporting one another every step of the way. Their teamwork, positivity, and determination shone throughout, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

Well done, Year 6 – what a fantastic experience and set of memories to look back on!



Reminders

- We are continually hearing reports of unsafe driving, parking and turning, as well as continued parking in the disabled space, and dropping off on the zig-zag lines. Please help us to keep our children, families and community safe.
- Please make sure you only send a fruit or vegetable snack for break time for your child. Nothing in packets please.
- Can you please ensure that all children have their hair tied up, no jewellery or nail varnish, flat earrings covered for PE.
- Particularly for Key Stage 1, please ensure that bags are not too big, as this means they can't fit in the childrens lockers which can cause a fire hazard.

JRSO

The lovely staff at Belford House have agreed to a trial of us using their car park as a park and stride parking spot! This is a fantastic addition to the church and village hall car parks. Please be respectful and only park in the marked bays ensuring the yellow crossed area is kept clear for ambulances. Happy Park and Striding!

Well done



Reuben won player of the match for his first football game with Alton FC on the 13th of September. Scoring 2 goals, helping them to win! All of the Alton FC's under 7's won their first games at the weekend.

Restart a Heart Day

Restart a Heart Day raises awareness of the importance of early CPR and defibrillation - vital actions that can make the difference between life and death. Fewer than 1 in 10 people in the UK survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, and for every minute without CPR or defibrillation, survival chances drop by up to 10%.

Thanks to generous fundraising by St Andrew's Church, a new defibrillator has been installed near the Church Hall entrance, opposite the Castle of Comfort pub. This means Medstead now has defibrillators on both sides of the village. The new unit became operational on 9th October.

Free CPR and defibrillator familiarisation sessions are being organised in partnership with Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, Alton Cardiac Rehab, and Trustworthy Services Training and Support.

Training Dates:

- Sat 8 Nov - 2pm, St Andrew's Church Hall, Medstead
- Wed 12 Nov - 12:30-2pm, The Assembly Rooms, Alton
- Wed 19 Nov - 10:30am-12:30pm, The Assembly Rooms, Alton
- Sat 22 Nov - 10:30am, Church of the Good Shepherd, Four Marks

As Tom Nickisson-Richards from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance says:

"Learning and performing CPR could be the difference between life and death."

Take this opportunity to learn a life-saving skill. If you want to take part you can email ianjurd80@gmail.com or just turn up!



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Four Marks

Fireworks

Friday 7 November 2025
from 5pm

Four Marks Recreation Ground, Uplands Lane, Four Marks, GU34 5AF

Tickets:

£9 Adult / **£6** Child (u16) / Under 3 **Free**

£25 Family (2 Adults/2Children)

Tickets available online fofmpta.co.uk

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No time? No problem!

We welcome ALL levels of involvement, from volunteering a few hours a year to joining meetings or helping behind the scenes. **Everyone is SO welcome!**

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SCHOOL CLOTHING BANK



DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A CLOTHING BANK IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK?

All recycled items raise money for our school and resources for your children

What can't you recycle?

- Duvets
- Cushions
- Curtains
- Fabric off-cuts
- Carpet

What can you recycle?

- Clothes
- Bedlinen
- Soft toys
- Towels
- Blankets
- Shoes

