

The Liphook Flyer: 25th September 2026

We are all loved. We all belong. We all have something to give.



A message from Mrs Taylor

It has been another busy week across the Federation, made even better by the lovely autumn sunshine. Last Sunday, we were delighted to welcome our new Year R families to our **Teddy Bears' Picnic and Bounce**, providing a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to meet and make new friendships.

This week, pupils in Years 4 and 6 enjoyed an exciting experience using **virtual reality headsets**, bringing their learning to life in a memorable and engaging way. We also celebrated **Fab Friday**, with children proudly showcasing their learning and achievements. We hope you enjoy reading about the many activities and successes taking place across our schools.

Key Dates for the next two weeks

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Mon 28 th	•
Tues 29 th	• 4 Oak Swimming
Weds 30 th	•
Thurs 1 st	•
Friday 2 nd	•
Weekend	
Mon 5 th	• Individual/Sibling Photos
Tues 6 th	• Year 6 Residential Trip • Year 3 Trip • 4 Oak Swimming
Weds 7 th	• Year 6 Residential Trip • Year 5 Trip
Thurs 8 th	• Year 6 Residential Trip • Year 3 Trip
Friday 9 th	• Year 6 Residential Trip • School Nurse Parent Appointments
Weekend	•

This Term's Dates

Please see our [website calendar](#) for the term's dates. At the bottom of the calendar are options to download or subscribe to the whole federation calendar.

Please click [here](#) for information on local activities and events.

Work with Us

We currently have the following Vacancies – please follow the link for more information which is available on our website: [Work with Us](#)

[Admin Assistant](#)

[Learning Support Assistant KS2](#)

[Lunchtime Supervisor](#)

Important Information – Progress Evenings

Autumn term pupil progress evenings will take place on:

Monday 19th October and **Wednesday 21st October** for all classes.

All Classes	Monday 19th October	3.30pm – 7.30pm
Except: 2 Maple and 6 Beech		3.30pm – 5.30pm
All Classes	Wednesday 21st October	3.30pm – 5.30pm
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Please book your 10-minute appointment through your Arbor account. Bookings open at midday on **Monday 28th September**.

Meetings will be held in your child's school hall. If you have children at both the Infants and the Juniors, please consider time needed to move between the schools when making your bookings.

Please see the following link for instructions from Arbor on how to book your appointments:

[Booking Guardian Consultations \(Parent's Evenings\) on the Parent Portal or Parent App – Arbor Help ...](#)

Scholastic Book Fair

This is a selection of some of the books that we have been able to buy with the money you raised through book purchases at the Scholastic Book Fairs we held last year. Thank you so much for taking part in these - it really helps the school. We will be holding book fairs again this year, lookout for more details in the coming weeks.



Important Information – Reminder

Please can we remind all parents – if your child is bringing grapes into school in their packed lunch, please can you ensure that they are cut lengthways to reduce the risk of choking. Thank you in advance.

School Photos

Children's individual photos will be taken during the school day on **Monday 5th October**.

If you would like a **sibling photo** of your children at the Federation, please book a time slot as these photos will be taken before school on **Monday 5th October from 7.30am-8.40am** in the Junior School Hall.

Please book your timeslot through your Arbor account school shop – there is no charge to book this. If you have children across both schools, please ensure that you only book **one slot per family**.

Slots will be available to book on Arbor from midday on **Tuesday 29th September**.

Makaton Sign of the Week

As part of our creating a more inclusive communication environment, we will be introducing a **Makaton Sign of the Week** across the school.

Each week, children will learn a new sign that can support communication and language development. We would greatly appreciate your support at home by asking your child to show you the sign they have learnt that week and encouraging them to use it in everyday situations. By modelling and practising the signs together, we can help build confidence and make communication more accessible for everyone. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Please look out for our first **Makaton Sign of the Week** in next week's newsletter.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. At **Liphook Federation**, our attendance target is **97%**, as children who attend school consistently are more likely to make strong academic progress, build positive friendships, develop confidence and develop the positive habits that support lifelong learning.

Every school day provides valuable learning opportunities that cannot easily be replicated. A child with 97% attendance misses around six days of school across the year, but attendance of 90% means missing almost four weeks of learning. These absences can have a significant impact on academic progress, friendships and a child's sense of belonging within the school community.

While we understand that children will sometimes need to be absent due to genuine illness or exceptional circumstances, we ask families to prioritise attendance wherever possible and avoid taking holidays during term time. The Department for Education makes it very clear that holidays and recreational activities should not be authorised by schools.

To support transparency, particularly as families may be planning holidays for next year, we would like to remind parents that penalties for unauthorised school absence increase with repeated offences. A penalty notice—or, alternatively, a school attendance panel—may be triggered when a child records 10 sessions (five days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period. This threshold applies to all unauthorised absences, not only holidays. A penalty notice is an out-of-court measure intended to encourage improved attendance. Each parent may receive no more than two penalty notices within a rolling three-year period; after that, alternative action must be considered. Please see the table below.

National Framework for penalty notices	
First Penalty Notice	Charged at £160 per parent, per child, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. Unpaid will result in prosecution
Second penalty notice (within a 3-year rolling period)	Charged at £160 per parent, if paid within 28 days. Unpaid will result in prosecution
A third penalty notice cannot be issued (within a 3-year rolling period)	Alternative action which often includes prosecution and can involve fines up to £2500. Please note this can show up on a parent's DBS certificate if found guilty.

It is important to note that **Liphook Federation does not receive any money from attendance fines**. All penalties are administered by Hampshire County Council, and any monies collected are used to cover the administration of the penalty notice system and attendance support service.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve our **97% attendance target** and ensuring every child makes the most of every learning opportunity. Together, we can give all children the best chance to thrive, succeed and enjoy their time at school.

Year R



Year R

Year R have settled into school life really well. We are so proud of them all. They have been exploring lots of activities in their classrooms such as painting, playdough, mark making, maths and investigation areas. They have also enjoyed exploring their outdoor environment, including the mud kitchen, trim trail, beach, large loose parts area and dressing up. We are really looking forward to doing lots of amazing learning in Year R this year.

Year 1



Year 1

This week has been particularly exciting, as the children became detectives after discovering a mysterious crime scene. Through lots of discussion, careful clue-hunting and brilliant teamwork, they concluded that the perpetrator was none other than Goldilocks! This exciting experience inspired the children to develop their writing skills through clue finding, letter writing, list making and some wonderful sentence writing. Well done, everyone!

We have also been learning how to use the brand-new playground markings in the KS1 playground and outside 1 Oak. The children have been enjoying using these areas as part of their PE warm-ups and have shown great enthusiasm and energy.

Keep up the amazing work, Year 1! We are so proud of you all. 🌟

Year 2



Year 2

The children in Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the grounds of Gilbert White's House. During the day, they took part in a range of exciting fieldwork activities, exploring different plants and seeds.

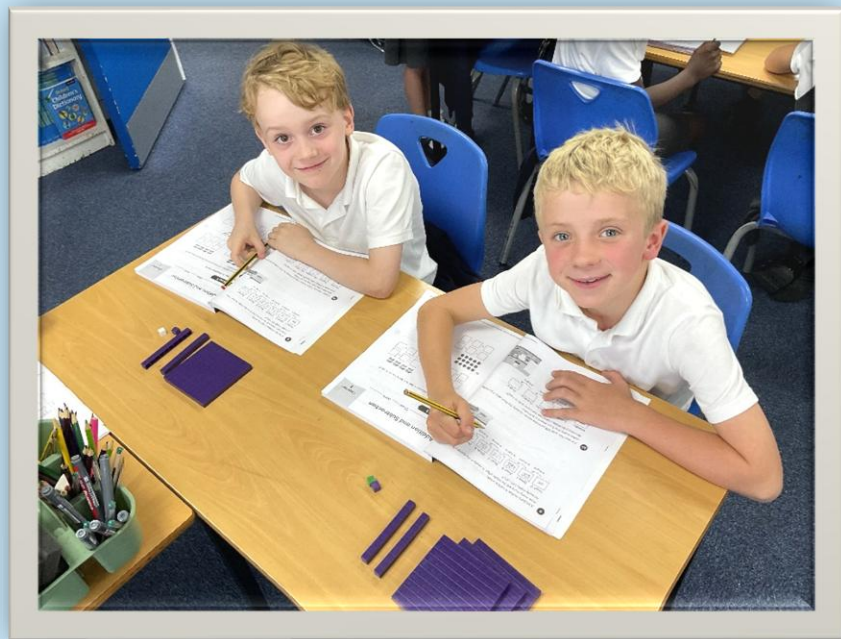
We began by comparing seeds, identifying which ones were the same, and then trying to find the plants they would grow into in the vegetable garden. The children also reviewed the life cycle of a plant, learning actions to help them remember each stage.

Next, the children were challenged to match colours in the flower garden, carefully observing the variety of plants around them. They had great fun exploring the grounds and searching for clues to discover which animals had visited the area.

Later, each group investigated a different tree to learn more about it. They measured its height and circumference, examined its leaves and bark, and gently tapped the tree to see what might fall from it. This hands-on experience helped the children develop their observation and scientific enquiry skills while enjoying the natural environment.



Year 3



Year 3

What a fantastic start to the year and to the Juniors. We have enjoyed our art focus with the artist Carolee Vitaletti and her quirky use of colour to create animal portraits. We have looked at her work and focused on her use of colour and paint techniques to create different styles within each piece. We are soon to begin designing our own version! Maths has taken a full focus on place value of 3-digit numbers. We have enjoyed exploring numbers; using dienes to partition and mathematically 'play' with how that number is made up. A great start to the year whilst also learning new routines in the junior school. Well done everyone!

Year 4



Year 4

Year 4 are enjoying exploring rainforests this term and this week's VR Headset experience brought them face to face with a jaguar, sloth and even a tarantula! We are learning about other creatures of the rainforest, such as orangutans, through our Shared Reading learning and are writing our own stories based on The Great Kapok Tree. Each class has made their own rainforest model, working in groups to create each separate layer. In class, we are building our behaviours for learning using our school values and learning about our individual strengths in our Empowerment sessions. The children have made our new team feel very welcome and we look forward to a successful year ahead.



Year 5



Year 5

Our Year 5 children have made a fantastic start in PE this term, working with the Haslemere hockey coach. From the first session, the coach was impressed by their enthusiasm and determination. The children have already shown great progress in their passing skills, defending confidently and learning how to work together as a strong, supportive team. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow each week, and we are excited to watch their skills develop even further as the term continues.

Year 6



Year 6

Year 6 have been fortunate to take part in both Bikeability and Virtual Reality experiences over the past few weeks. During their Bikeability sessions, the children developed essential road safety skills, learning how to ride confidently on the road while practising correct signalling, positioning and manoeuvring. In their Virtual Reality sessions, pupils were transported back to Ancient Greece, exploring what towns and cities might have looked like and discovering impressive temples and statues dedicated to the Greek gods. The children thoroughly enjoyed both experiences and gained valuable knowledge and skills along the way.



FOLJS NEWS



- We are delighted to share that FOLJS has been awarded a **generous £700 grant** from Bramshott Open Gardens. We are extremely grateful for their support and look forward to using these funds to benefit the children across our federation.
- We hope everyone enjoyed the recent Junior school disco. A huge thank you to all the volunteers and helpers who made the event possible. We are pleased to report that the disco **raised around £500**, which we hope to use towards funding an author visit later this term.
- This week, Year 4 and Year 6 pupils have enjoyed exciting Virtual Reality workshops, funded by FOLJS. We hope the children found the experience engaging and inspiring.
- Please continue to bring in any unwanted foreign currency, old coins and obsolete banknotes. Thanks to your support, this initiative has already raised approximately £300.
- Both FOLJS and LISFA will shortly be sending home Cauliflower Cards Christmas artwork forms with every child across the federation. This is a fantastic opportunity to turn your child's artwork into personalised Christmas cards and gifts. The closing date for orders is **Friday 16 October**.
- If thinking about Christmas before half term feels a little too early, keep an eye out for our upcoming Class Fundraising initiative after half term, which offers another opportunity to create personalised Christmas items.
- Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We really appreciate everything our school community does to help us provide additional opportunities and experiences for our children.

Holiday Club Update

We are pleased to let families know that, from the October half-term holiday, **CM Sports** will be taking over the delivery of the holiday clubs held at the Federation.

This means that **KOOSA Kids will no longer be running our holiday provision**, with CM Sports becoming our new holiday club provider.

We are excited to be working with CM Sports and will share further information, including booking details, activity programmes and dates, in the coming weeks.

We look forward to bringing you more updates soon.



MUSIC PRODUCTION HALLOWEEN ENRICHMENT DAY

For children in Years 5 - 8

- Create spooky tracks and Halloween soundscapes!
- Use iPads and GarageBand
- Make monster beats and haunted remixes
- Explore sampling and sound effects
- No experience needed – just bring your creativity!

Sign Up Here

October Half Term Music Enrichment

Monday 26 October 2026 9:30am – 3:30pm

Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh, SO50 5ZA

£42.50 (lunch included)



CHOIR FOR A DAY



For children in Years 4 - 9

- Spend the day singing with other young people from across Hampshire!
- Perform songs from musical theatre and pop
- Build confidence and vocal skills
- Learn harmonies and performance techniques
- No auditions or experience needed – everyone welcome!

Sign Up Here

