

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 14 – 4th April 2025



Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to end of another fantastic term, I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone for their enthusiasm, support and dedication to provide an inspiring curriculum for our children. Furthermore, I would say a special thank you to our incredible children who have been amazing this term! Thank you also to all our volunteers who come into school to support our children and finally, I would like to say thank you to our fabulous FOCUS who continue to give up their own time to help raise additional funds for our school.

Please note that the Hampshire County Council Education Catering School Lunch Menu will change after Easter, full details and links are below.

I hope you have had a restful Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Tuesday 22nd April 2024** for another busy but brilliant half term. Don't forget that the Book Fair will be here after Easter and they also have a competition running over the Easter Holidays —design a bookmark for a chance to win books from the fair! Please see details at the end of the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support. Kind regards *Mr. D. Wells*

Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
Easter Holidays (inc. Bank Holidays)	Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April
Back to School	Tuesday 22 nd April
Scholastic Book Fair in School Reception	Tuesday 22 nd April – Friday 25 th April Afterschool
Bookmark Competition Ends	Tuesday 22 nd April – End of Day
Parent Forum	Thursday 24 th April 9.15am
Year R Longdown Activity Farm	Monday 28 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
Year 1 Seacity Museum	Thursday 8 th May
Parent Forum – Positive Behaviour Policy	Thursday 8 th May @ 9.15am
KS1 Scootering Day (children only)	Wednesday 14 th May
Year 2 Synagogue and Romsey Abbey Visit	Monday 12 th or Thursday 15 th May
Woodpeckers Fabulous Finish Assembly	Tuesday 20 th May @ 2.50pm
Nightingales Fabulous Finish Assembly	Wednesday 21 st May @ 2.50pm
Kingfishers Fabulous Finish Assembly	Thursday 22 nd May @ 2.50pm
Half Term (inc. Bank Holiday)	Monday 26th – Friday 30th May
Back to School	Monday 2 nd June
Year 1 Phonics Screening week	Monday 9 th June – Friday 13 th June
Year 2 Marwell Zoo	Thursday 12 th June
Class Photographs	Tuesday 10 th June
Last day of Term (Finish at 1.20pm)	Friday 18th July
INSET Days	Monday 21st July & Tuesday 22nd July



Our Learning This Week



Year R

Year R have loved our outdoor learning this half term. To begin with we have been pond dipping lots and collected our own frogspawn to have in class which we have seen turn into tadpoles and now they are on their way to being froglets!

We had the best end to our topic last week with airport day where we came dressed for holiday, packed our carry-on bag and then took a flight to our dream destination. The children enjoyed this a lot and even got served their snack with their in-flight entertainment by Miss Holmes and Mrs Fagan – Cupernham's very own cabin crew.

We cannot wait for our next half term ahead where we go on our first school trip. Well done for an amazing half term Year R – Have a lovely Easter break ☺



KS1

Year 1

Year 1 have ended the half term with a very egg-citing time watching our duckling hatch. We were delighted that all five eggs hatched. We have been learning how to care for the ducklings, we discovered they love cuddles and enjoy having stories read to them. This has helped us in our science learning where we have been learning about simple life cycles of plants and animals. We have written amazing recounts of the ducklings hatching, using -ed endings and clear finger spaces.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a lovely finish to the term with the fantastic Cuper-yum pizza parlour party. The children worked so hard making a variety of different healthy pizzas for themselves and their grown-ups to enjoy. They created posters, made menus, taste tested ingredients, designed, and created brilliant healthy pizzas, as well as making some tasty iced biscuits for dessert. The children have worked so hard this term. Well done everybody, we hope you have a wonderful Easter break.





HOT TOPIC



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly evident in smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money, while some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game upgrades and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, then sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately, with this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Don Upcombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 25 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAM@404.co.



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Fabulous Finish Assemblies

Each assembly will start at 2.50pm so please arrive at 2.45pm at the main office. Each assembly will be 20 minutes long so that will give you enough time go back out and wait on the playground for collection.



Date	Year	Class	Time
Tuesday 20 th May	2	Woodpeckers	2.50pm
Wednesday 21 st May	2	Nightingales	2.50pm
Thursday 22 nd May	2	Kingfishers	2.50pm
Tuesday 17 th June	1	Owls	2.50pm
Wednesday 18 th June	1	Robins	2.50pm
Thursday 19 th June	1	Hummingbirds	2.50pm
Tuesday 8 th July	R	Wrens	2.50pm
Wednesday 9 th July	R	Penguins	2.50pm
Thursday 10 th July	R	Sparrows	2.50pm

New Lunch Menu for Summer Term

Don't Forget after Easter we will have a new School Lunch menu:

Our **NEW school menu** will be starting after the Easter break. The NEW weekly menu options are available on our website at: <https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/school-meals/> or contact Hampshire County Council Education at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/primary>. Paper copies will be available from the school office.



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Special Diets

For Special Diets: the menus are available to download from your account in the Hampshire County Council educationCatering C3S portal. Please contact HC3S: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/primary/specialdiets> to apply for a special diet.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are welcoming back the Scholastic Book Fair after Easter.

The Book Fair will run after school at 3.30pm via the main reception on **Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th and Friday 25th April** and there will be a range of books available from early years up.

Card payments only please. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter.



Design a bookmark and win books from our Book Fair. Please see details at the end of the newsletter.

Parent Forum



Thank you to everyone who attended the last forum to discuss fundraising, it was extremely helpful. The next parent forum will be on **Thursday 8th May @ 9.15am**, and the topic will be our **Positive Behaviour Policy**.

KS1 Scootering



Scootering will run on Wednesday 14th May throughout the school day. Each session will be 45 minutes long and no previous scooting experience is necessary. The aim is to provide children with a positive experience whilst developing balance and control, improving skills and awareness and building confidence for future training. This is a fun activity that will help your child learn how to scooter, improving gross motor skills and fitness. The children will learn some basic scootering with a few tricks and activities! Please do not bring in any scooters or accessories, as all equipment will be supplied.

Packed Lunch Allergy Alert!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: WE ARE A NUT FREE & SESAME FREE SCHOOL!

If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, please can you ensure that there are no products in their lunch box that contains nuts or sesame ingredients; including chocolate spread as many brands contain nuts.

Many Chocolate Spreads contain nuts and cannot be used in packed lunches. Please always double check the ingredients.

Cadburys Smooth Chocolate Spread **does not have nut** ingredients:



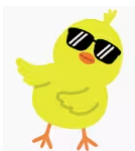
Ingredients: sugar, rapeseed oil, lactose (from milk), palm oil, milk chocolate crumb (7%) (milk, sugar, cocoa mass), full cream milk powder (7%), fat reduced cocoa (5%), whey powder (milk), emulsifier (sunflower lecithin), flavouring.

If you do include chocolate spread sandwiches, please put a note in the lunch box to confirm what spread has been used. Thank You!

We have a number of children in school with severe food allergies

FOCUS EASTER BONANZA

Tuesday 1st April 2025



A huge thank you to everyone who came and took part in our Easter Bonanza it was a great success. A special thank you to our FOCUS team who organised the event.

We raised an incredible £858.69. This also includes £200 sponsorship donation from Charters. Thank you.

School Photographs



Make Photography will be in school taking **class photos** on Tuesday 10th June.

Please make sure that children are wearing a jumper or cardigan for the photograph.

Thank you.

INSET DAYS

September 2025 – July 2026

Our INSET days for September 2025 through to July 2026 have now been approved. They are:

- Wednesday 3rd September 2025
- Friday 24th October 2025
- Monday 3rd November 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Friday 22nd May 2026

Housepoints

A huge well done to the **Green** House who collected the most housepoints last term. As their reward for doing so well, the children received **an extra playtime this afternoon**. Well done to Green house and also to all the other houses for all their hard work and effort.

Safeguarding Newsletter



In today's ever-evolving technical world, keeping our pupils safe online is always at the forefront of our minds. As a school, we play a vital role in keeping our pupils safe online. Parents/carers also have an important role to play. We appreciate that it can be difficult to know exactly what you can do to help your children navigate this world safely – especially as changes and advances are happening all the time. Please read our monthly newsletter (attached) and refer any enquiries to a member of the senior leadership team.



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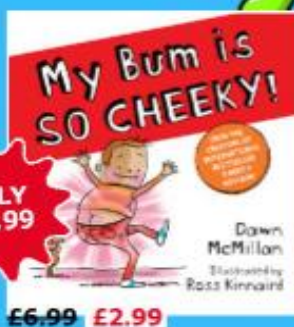
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Date:

22nd April - 25th April 2025

Outside the school hall

3.30-4pm

Scan the QR code
to pay online!



Competition time!

Design a bookmark and win books from our Book Fair.

1st prize £12 (books to this value)

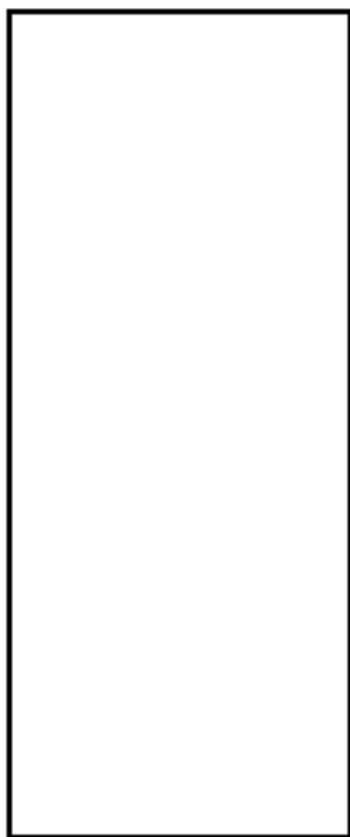
2nd prize £8 (books to this value)

3rd prize £5 (books to this value)

All entries must be submitted to the school office by the end of the day on **Tuesday, April 22nd**.

Winners will be notified by **Wednesday, April 23rd**

GOOD LUCK!



Childs name
