

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 21 – 18th July 2025



Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much for your continued support during this academic year, I am especially proud of how our amazing children have continued to WOW us with their learning. Also, I'm incredibly grateful to our whole school community for continuing to ensure that the children remain **Ready, Respectful and Safe** at all times, ensuring high standards and the very best education for our children.

We have had a very busy and fun-filled final few weeks of term. There have been so many events such as, an amazing RockSteady band concert and a brilliant leavers production performed by Year Two, followed by their Disco. This has been a very special time for our Year 2 children celebrating and remembering their time with us and it was lovely to see their families at their leaver's assembly.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to my deputy headteacher, my senior leadership team, teachers, teaching assistants, my admin team, all the school support staff, site team, volunteers, FOCUS and Governors, who everyday make a real and vital difference to the lives of our children. Their continued passion, commitment and drive to inspire our children at Cupernham Infant School is something I am extremely proud of and grateful for and I want to pay tribute to them for all their hard work and dedication.

The children are ready for their holidays and we hope you all have the chance to switch off and recharge and enjoy your holiday time. During the holidays, we would always encourage you to keep reading and learning together so please help your child/ren to capture some of their special holiday highlights to share with their new class teachers. The Summer Reading Challenge, **Story Garden** is ideal for this and more details are in my 'Hot Topic' section.

I hope you have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 4th September for the new school year; don't forget Wednesday 3rd September is an INSET day.

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



Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
INSET Days	Monday 21 st and Tuesday 22 nd July 2025
INSET Day	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Back to School	Thursday 4 th September 2025
FOCUS/PTA AGM	Monday 15 th September @ 6.30pm
Individual School Photographs	Thursday 18 th September 2025
INSET Day	Friday 24 th October 2025
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th to Friday 30 th October 2025
INSET Day	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Flu Vaccinations (Details to follow)	Friday 14 th November 2025
Christmas Holiday	Monday 27 th December to Friday 2 nd January 26
INSET Day	Monday 5 th January 2026
Back to School	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
INSET Day	Friday 22 nd May 2026



HOT TOPICS



Keeping Safe Online over the Summer



As part of your online monthly e-safety newsletter, please find a link below to an updated Parent Online Safety booklet, which includes an overview of key parental controls. *This is updated on an annual basis (next update scheduled July 2026).*

This guide will help you set up parental controls and adjust privacy settings to provide your child with a safer online environment. Parental controls can help to protect your child from seeing something that they shouldn't — although it is important to emphasise that no system is effective all of the time, so it is important to engage with your child and talk to them about their online life regularly.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Parental-Controls-booklet-2025.pdf>





Fill your summer with reading fun...

I hope that the children went home buzzing from the 'Summer Reading Challenge' assembly called **Story Garden**. Story Garden will inspire the children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature. Sign up at your library or online up until Saturday 13th September.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

This week, all the children will have brought home a bookmark with all the details on.

We are always keen for the children to continue reading through the summer and the 'Reading Agency' charity has set up this amazing 'Summer Reading Challenge' which includes games to play, polls to take part in and awards to win!

It's free to take part! And, really quick and easy to sign them up. You can:

- Visit your local library and ask to sign up – a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your Challenge. Each time you finish a book, visit the library and collect special stickers and rewards.
- Visit [Summer Reading Challenge](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/) to sign up online and unlock digital rewards including a new online badge.
- Visit [Hampshire Library Service Kids Zone](#) to sign up online.
- All books can be sourced from your local library.



We sadly say goodbye to Ms O'Donnell and wish her well as she embarks on a new adventure. On behalf of everyone here, we would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to make Cupernham Infant School the very best it can be.

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

What to bring in September

Please make sure that all uniform is named and that your child always brings a book bag and water bottle to school each day.



School Uniform information can be found on our website at:

<https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/uniforms/>

Don't forget that pre-loved uniform can be purchased from FOCUS at:

<https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/pre-loved-school-uniform-pta/>

NO RUCKSACKS PLEASE. Please do not buy a rucksack for school, as we do not have safe space to store these. Thank you for your support.

Supervision



When we come back in September please can we ensure that all adults closely supervise children on the playground before and after school. **Also, could we remind parents that children are not allowed on the Trim Trail or the slide before and after school.**

Thank you for your continued support.

School Photographs



A reminder that **Make Photography** will be in school taking **individual photos** on Thursday 18th September. Please make sure that children are wearing a jumper or cardigan for the photograph. Thank you.

Sports Clubs September 2025

From September, we will be introducing some exciting clubs after school and during the day and they are bookable on a first come first served basis. Full details are available on our website at:

[Sports clubs for September 2025](#)



There's still time...

Yes, that's right, there's still time to enquire or book for our holiday taster sessions, partnered with Your Sports Education. Please email:

adminoffice@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk



FOCUS AGM – Monday 15th September 2025 @ 6.30pm

I would like to give a huge thank you our amazing FOCUS team who have worked so hard to raise crucial funds for our school over the year. If you are able to support them in any way, then please come to the AGM or volunteer by clicking on the links below.

To register your attendance at the AGM please complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/fTXUQB7Ze693QJsU9>

Also, should you wish to express an interest in becoming a FOCUS volunteer from September please complete this form

FOCUS volunteer opportunities form complete here- [FOCUS Volunteering Opportunities - Registered Charity No. 1036721](#)



Annual General Meeting

FOCUS PTA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents/guardians of current pupils are invited to attend the AGM.



It's a fantastic opportunity to find out more about what we do, see how funds raised have been used for the benefit of the school children and hear about the potential plans for the upcoming year.

Should you wish to attend or express an interest in a committee role, please register your attendance via this link <https://forms.gle/FTXUQB7Ze693QJsU9>

**MONDAY 15TH
SEPTEMBER 2025
@ 6:30PM**

**THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL
HALL AND WILL ONLY TAKE AN HOUR
MAXIMUM OF YOUR TIME**

School Menu from September 2025

School Picnic options will no longer be available in the Autumn Term.

The current School Menus will be available until October 2025 can be found on our website at:

<https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/school-meals/>

School Lunch Menus



Hampshire
County Council
Education Catering

FOOD TO
FLOURISH

Wraparound Care Corner



As the school year draws to a close, we celebrate the wonderful memories we've made, packed with exciting activities, new friendships, and growing independence through Breakfast Club and Cuckoos.

A special farewell and best wishes to our Year 2s as they take the next step into the juniors, we are so proud of everything you have achieved.

Heartfelt thanks to all the families and staff who have supported us throughout the year.

Wishing everyone a joyful, safe summer holiday—rest up and we will see you bright and ready in September!

A polite reminder: Larks payments can be made daily or in blocks for your convenience.

Reading Shed Opening



A huge well done to Isaac from Woodpeckers who finally got to officially open our new reading shed. Isaac's design was chosen to feature on the shed. The children have been enjoying exploring the books and activities.



Music Lessons for September 2025



DRUMMING LESSONS

Wednesday - Both during and after school

£10 per child per group session

£12 per child per individual session

Join us for a great introduction into the world of music. Drumming can reduce anxiety and stress, whilst also developing children's confidence. 1:1 and group lessons available.

During our sessions, your child will:

- Learn how to read sheet music and sight read
- Focus on hand/eye/limb coordination
- Have ear defenders provided within the lessons
- Have a fun way to relieve stress



GUITAR LESSONS

Thursday - Both during and after school

£12 per child per individual session

Join us for a great introduction to playing a melodic instrument. Playing guitar can reduce anxiety and stress, whilst also developing children's memory and creativity. 1:1 lessons available.

During our sessions, your child will:

- Learn the basics of guitar
- Focus on hand/eye coordination
- learn how to playing with a plectrum and finger picking
- Have a fun way to learn and express yourself

About me – Tom Francis

I am passionate about guitar and have over 12 years of playing experience. With professional experience as both a Session Musician and a Giggling Musician throughout both Dorset and Hampshire.

**For enquiries or further information, please call me on 07985374926
or e-mail me at: tomlloydfrancis@gmail.com**



**Is your child starting school in
September 2026? Come and visit us.**

Cupernham Infant School

Open Days Headteacher led tours

Mon 22nd Sept 6.15-7.30pm

Wed 15th Oct 9.30-10.30am

Wed 5th Nov 9.30-10.30am

Wed 3rd Dec 9.30-10.30am

**Book your tour by
scanning the QR code**

