



Signpost

19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the final weeks of the summer term, our school is buzzing with excitement, learning, and plenty of preparation for the year ahead. We have a lot of important updates, celebrations, and events to share with you in this edition.

It is with a mix of sadness and gratitude that we announce Gemma Johnson, one of our wonderful Key Stage One teachers, will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. Gemma has decided to take an exciting step to pursue a new career path outside of teaching. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, energy, and warmth she has brought to our classrooms, and I am sure you will join us in wishing her the absolute best of luck in her new adventure.

While we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Johnson, we are thrilled to announce that Laura Clarke will be joining our team in September 2026. Laura is a highly experienced Key Stage Lead who brings a wealth of knowledge and a passion for early childhood education. We are excited for the expertise she will bring to our school leadership and the fantastic learning environments she will create for our children.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, every class will be mixed as they move up. We carefully make this decision to give our children a wonderful opportunity to form fresh relationships, broaden their social circles, and build essential life skills like independence and resilience. Change can feel big, but it is a brilliant way for our little ones to grow in confidence. A formal letter will be sent home by Friday 26th June to confirm exactly which class and peer group your child will be in.

To make sure everyone feels happy and confident about the changes ahead, we will be hosting our Move-Up Morning soon. On this day, all children will get to spend the morning with their new teacher inside their new classroom, getting a real feel for their next step.

Speaking of our oldest infants, we are dedicated to preparing our Year 2 children for their transition to the Junior School. Over the next few weeks, we will be running special transition activities, sharing stories, and holding group discussions to help them process their feelings about moving up. We want them to feel immensely proud of their time at the infant school and fully equipped with the confidence they need to take their big next step into Key Stage Two. Our wonderful Year 2 children will be heading over to the Junior School for the morning to experience their new environment and meet their Year 3 teachers.

To tie in with their recent learning, our Year 2 classes are heading out on an exciting educational trip to the Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July. The children will step back in time to discover what life was like for Grimsby's trawlermen, explore real ships, and discover the rich maritime history of our local area. More detailed information regarding packed lunches and timings will be sent out closer to the date.



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On Tuesday 23rd June we will be having our whole school photograph taken on the Junior field. We have requested good weather for this day as it is no mean feat arranging over 500 children in place (and all looking the same direction) for the perfect photo! We ask that all children arrive at school promptly so that we can leave the classroom as soon as the registers have been taken. All children should be in full school uniform (including jumpers/cardigans) even if the weather is warm. We have a limited amount of spare uniform that we can use if children have arrived without.

We would love to welcome you into school for our Open Afternoon at 2:00 PM on Monday 20th July. This is a lovely, informal opportunity for you to come into your child's classroom, look through their beautiful books, and celebrate all the hard work and incredible progress they have made over the course of the year. The children are always so proud to play tour guide, and we hope to see many of you there. There will also be an opportunity to arrive at 1:30 to fill in an end of year parent questionnaire. Each questionnaire will be entered into a competition to win a family cinema ticket to the parkway cinema.

Get your running shoes ready! Our annual Sports Days are just around the corner. Weather permitting, the event will take place on **Thursday, 25th June**. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to lace up their trainers and enjoy some friendly competition racing against their peers.

- **Gates Open:** 1:30 PM (Chichester Road gate ONLY)
- **Races Begin:** 2:00 PM

To ensure everyone gets a front-row seat to the action, each class will have its own dedicated race track. You'll be able to watch your child compete directly against their classmates. Don't worry about getting lost— we will direct you to the correct track as soon as you enter the school grounds.

A few quick reminders:

- Feel free to bring along a camping chair or a picnic rug so you can watch in comfort.
- Don't forget your own trainers! We will be hosting our annual parents' race, and we'd love to see you on the starting line.

We look forward to seeing you there for a fun-filled afternoon!

Wimbledon Day

To celebrate the start of Wimbledon 2026, all children in the Infants school will be taking part in our very own Wimbledon Day on **Thursday 2nd July!**

To help us get into the grand slam spirit, we encourage the children to come dressed in white sports clothes so they look just like professional tennis players.

It promises to be an incredibly exciting day! During the event, each class will;

- **Discover** facts about famous tennis legends.
- **Smash it** in a fun tennis lesson led by a professional coach.
- **Enjoy** a traditional Wimbledon snack of delicious strawberries and cream.

We can't wait for a fantastic day of sport and fun!

Inclusion

A huge thank you to those who joined us for our recent coffee morning. It was wonderful to see those that attended and shared a chat and a cuppa and a biscuit!

We would also like to extend a special thanks to the teams from the **NELC Parent Carer Forum** and **Compass GO** for coming along, sharing their invaluable support, and answering questions. We will continue to share any recent updates for them and their offer of support, within or Local Offer, via our facebook page.

Don't worry if you missed this one, we are already planning another session for the **Autumn term**. Keep an eye out for dates in the new school year. We'd love to see more of you there!



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Phonics Screening Check

Fantastic Phonics in Year 1!

This week, our wonderful Year 1 children completed their official Phonics Screening Check. We are incredibly proud of how hard they worked and how beautifully they applied all their reading skills.

The children enjoyed putting their phonics knowledge to the test, especially when it came to decoding and reading all those silly "alien words".

What happens next?

- We will let you know whether your child met the check standard within their upcoming end-of-year school report.
- **No need to worry:** Please remember that this is simply a snapshot of where they are right now. If your child didn't quite meet the threshold this time around, there is absolutely no need to worry, they will simply receive extra support and take the check again in Year 2.

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home, it has clearly paid off in their confidence this week!

Year 2 Secret Agent Training Completed!

This week was a truly action-packed week for our Year 2 children, as they officially took part in their 'Secret Agent Training!'. Throughout their missions, our trainees put their skills to the test across a range of challenges, including reading, number work, spelling, creative projects, and intensive teamwork. By tackling these tasks, they perfectly demonstrated our 'Bee'haviours for learning—*bee brave, bee confident, bee positive, and bee responsible*. We are thrilled to announce that every single child will receive an official 'Secret Agent Training' certificate for all their hard work. They have proven themselves to be one of the best set of trainees we have ever seen, and they should be incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication they have shown!

Goodbye Year 2!

As we celebrate these achievements, we look forward to our upcoming Year 2 Leavers Concerts and Graduation ceremonies this July. We invite family and friends to join us in celebrating our graduates on their respective class days:

- **Badgers:** Monday 13th July
- **Owls:** Tuesday 14th July
- **Foxes:** Wednesday 15th July

Event Details:

- **Start Time:** 9:30 am
- **Duration:** Approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes

We would love to see you all there to support your child's big milestone! Please remember to bring a plentiful supply of tissues for those mornings—we have already had plenty of tears shed during our rehearsals!

With the summer weather finally here, a quick but important reminder about keeping our children safe and comfortable during outdoor play and sports activities:

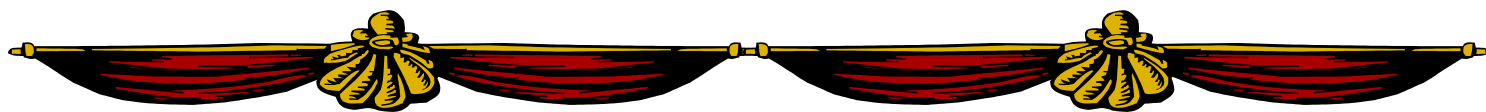
- Please apply long-lasting sun cream to your child before they come to school in the morning.
- Ensure they bring a named sun hat and a refillable water bottle **every single day**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Hannah Gray
Head teacher

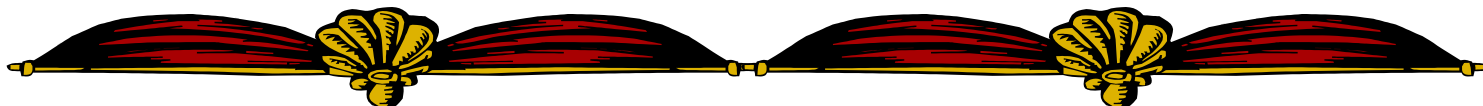


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DIARY DATES

June	Tue 23 rd	Whole school photo 9am
	Wed 24 th	National Writing Day
	Thurs 25 th	Sports Day (1 st attempt) 2.00pm (Chichester Road gate opens 1.30pm)
July	Mon 29 th	Year Two church visit – more details to follow
	Thurs 2 nd	Wimbledon Day
	Mon 6 th	Sports Day (2 nd attempt) 2.00pm (Chichester Road gate opens 1.30pm)
	Tue 7 th	Year Two trip to Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre
	Wed 8 th	Year Two trip to Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre
	Thurs 9 th	Year Two transition morning at the Junior Academy
	Mon 13 th	Year Two Graduation Badgers Class – 9.30am (doors open straight after drop off)
	Tue 14 th	Year Two Graduation Owls Class – 9.30am (doors open straight after drop off)
	Wed 15 th	Year Two Graduation Foxes Class – 9.30am (doors open straight after drop off)
	Mon 20 th	School Open Afternoon in your child's classroom – 2.00pm
	Fri 24 th	End of School Year – 2.00pm



The Class Attendance each week can be found on the Attendance page on our website.

https://www.signhillsinfants.co.uk/parents/attendance/class_attendance/weekly_class_attendance_25_26.html

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