



Happy half-term! We have had a fun seven weeks with some magical autumn days! The children have been out on Autumn walks in the grounds, celebrated Harvest Festival and some of us have been lucky enough to carve pumpkins or even attend a pumpkin party! Alongside many exciting activities, Year 2 have enjoyed a workshop on the Great Fire of London, Year 1 have visited St Barbe Museum linked to their topic on Old Toys and Year R have simply made a fantastic start to school life! We are definitely all ready for a half-term break and will look forward to celebrating Diwali together on the first day back which is Monday 2 November.



Poppy Appeal 2026

The Royal British Legion (RBL) have provided us with poppies to sell at the school office.



Donations allow the RBL to provide practical, financial and emotional support to our Armed Forces community. Thank you.

Beginning and end of the school day

A reminder that the gates open at 8:35am in the morning and shut at 8:45am. Learning starts at 8:45am with a focused morning job so thank you to all who drop off their children so promptly in the mornings.

The school day here at the Infants ends at 3pm and we respectfully ask that you collect your child and vacate the school site as soon as you are able to. This is because we now have very busy after school clubs and wrap around care sessions so we need to lock and secure the site before the clubs begin! Thank you for your co-operation with this.

A reminder that children are not allowed on the school apparatus before or after school. The children do know this and we ask for your support in reinforcing this message.

Year R 2027/2028 school tours

These are taking place this term. If you, or anyone you know, has a child due to start school in September 2027, please do come to our open morning or evening. [Click here to book a place](#)



Applications open: 1 November 2026
Application closing date: 15 January 2027

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have an exciting opportunity for a parent Governor. No previous governance or education experience is necessary. We value enthusiasm, a willingness to learn and a commitment to help our children thrive. Full induction training and ongoing support will be provided. If you are interested in finding out more, please ask the school office for a job description and application form.



Thank You

Thank you to those who gave so generously, both with our Harvest collections and also our Christmas shoeboxes. Through giving to charity and others, this highlights our school value of love. It also shows children that actions, no matter how small, can make a difference.

Your Harvest donations went directly to our local Basics Bank and the shoeboxes are now on their way to children who would otherwise receive nothing at Christmas time.



Come and see a Phonics/Handwriting lesson!

We would love to invite you to watch your child's whole-class phonics or handwriting session after half-term – please see your email for more details and how to book a place.

Please note that this is a formal lesson lasting approximately 25 minutes which takes place at the beginning of each school day. **Unfortunately it is not suitable for younger children or babies to attend with you.** In order to make this accessible for both working parents and those with younger siblings without alternative childcare, we will ensure that at least one of these lessons are recorded for you. Thank you for your understanding with this.



Wellies (reminder)

We are still thoroughly enjoying our OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) playtimes. There is so much more to do outside, whether that be playing with the tyres and crates, making dens in the bushes or enjoying imaginative play in the small world areas. These are the areas we have currently:

**Toy Town Hill
Chit and Chat
Crafty Corner
Starlight Stage
Amazing Apparatus
Woodland Wonderland
Tyres and crates**

With the autumnal weather here to stay, please do bring named wellies to school for your child so they can add them to our welly rack in the playground. **Children will only be able to access the school field and grassed areas if they have wellies.**

Parent Consultations

It was lovely to see many of you at our Parents Evening this week. We hope you found it useful to talk with your child's class teacher about how your child has settled into their new class and how they are progressing with their learning. Hopefully you were also able to view the school books prior to your appointment! Don't forget that you can make an appointment to speak to the class teacher at any time of the year or catch them after the school day – don't feel you have to wait for the more formal opportunities.

Reminders

Nits have made an appearance this term so please make sure that long hair is always tied back.

No water bottles in book bags—they sometimes leak and ruin our reading books!

Nail varnish and earrings are not permitted. Please remove before children come to school. Plastic retainers can be worn instead of earrings if necessary.

Dates for your diary

For full dates please the school website

<https://www.lymington-inf.hants.sch.uk/Diary/>

Mon 26 October	HALF-TERM
Weds 2 November	Return to school
Weds 18 November	Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo
Fri 20 November	Individual Photos
Thurs 26 November 10-10:30am	Year 2 Christmas Tree Festival at St Thomas' Church - parents welcome
Fri 27 November	Non-school uniform day – please bring tombola donations for FoS Christmas Fair
Fri 4 December	FoS Christmas Fair—please see FoS for more details
Mon 7 December	Last week of Autumn term extra-curricular clubs
Mon 14 December 2pm	Year R Nativity for parents at school
Tues 15 December 9:15am	Year R Nativity for parents at school
Tues 15 December 1:30pm	KS1 Nativity for parents at St Thomas' Church (Years 1 and 2)
Tues 15 December 6pm	KS1 Nativity for parents at St Thomas' Church (Years 1 and 2)
Weds 16 December	Christmas lunch—wear a Christmassy top!
Fri 18 December	INSET DAY – school closed
Mon 21 December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Mon 4 January	Return to school

Modelling Road Safety Behaviour

Road safety habits start early. Every day, children watch and copy the behaviour of the adults around them. By making safe choices and setting a positive example, you can help your child develop lifelong road safety habits. The School Safety Team has produced a [parent leaflet](#) which provides practical hints and tips to help reinforce these important messages at home and encourage your child(ren) to become safe, confident road users.

In addition the Road Safety Team has developed a free webinar, Modelling Good Behaviour, which explores simple ways to teach children how to stay safe when walking, cycling, travelling in vehicles and using roads. [Register now](#) for the live parent/carer webinar on Monday 16 November, 12:00pm to 12:30pm. If you are unable to attend, you can still register to receive information about future webinar dates.



Friday 18 December 2026
Monday 22 February 2027
Monday 7 June 2027
Friday 9 July 2027

Half Term at St Barbe

Mon
26 Oct



St Barbe Out and About

Ages 3+ | Pennington |
Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free

Tues
27 Oct



Portraits with a Twist

Ages 8+ | St Barbe |
10-12 | Pre-book £8

Wed
28 Oct



St Barbe Out and About

Ages 3+ | Sway |
Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free

Thurs
29 Oct



Face Art

Ages 3+ | St Barbe |
Drop-in 10:30-12:30 &
13:30-15:30 | Free |

See our website for more details

WEEK 1

Commencing:
2nd Nov, 23rd Nov, 14th Dec,
18th Jan, 8th Feb

Monday

Crunchy Vegetable Fingers with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges (Vg)
Pea & Mince Keema with Rice (Vg)
Served with Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Chocolate Cookie (V)

Tuesday

Sweet & Sour Chicken
Tex-Mex Vegetable Enchilada (V)
Served with Fluffy Rice and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Banana Traybake with Custard (V)

Wednesday

Roast Gammon
Sizzling Toad in the Hole (V)
Served with Mashed Potato, Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Jelly with Mandarins (Vg)

Thursday

Welsh Pork Sausages and Beans
Quorn Sausages and Beans (Vg)
Served with Mashed Potato and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Pear & Chocolate Sponge (V)

Friday

Fish Fingers
Margherita Pizza (V)
Served with Oven Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans
Fruity Friday

WEEK 2

Commencing:
9th Nov, 30th Nov,
4th Jan, 25th Jan

Monday

Flaky Sausage Roll with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges (Vg)
Macaroni Cheese (V)
Served with Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Lemon Sponge (V)

Tuesday

Chicken Fajita
Rainbow Sweet & Sour Vegetables (Vg)
Served with Fluffy Rice and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Chocolate Shortbread (V)

Wednesday

Roast Turkey
Sweet Potato & Lentil Wellington (Vg)
Served with Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Cheese and Crackers (V)

Thursday

Chicken & Bacon Pasta Carbonara
Hearty Pasta Bolognese (Vg)
Served with Warm Baguette and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Apple Crumble (Vg) with Custard (V)

Friday

Battered Fish Fillet
Margherita Pizza (V)
Served with Oven Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans (Vg)
Fruity Friday

WEEK 3

Commencing
16th Nov, 7th Dec,
11th Jan, 1st Feb

Monday

Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel (V) with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges (Vg)
Chinese-Style Egg Rice (V)
Served with Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Shortbread (Vg)

Tuesday

Beef Burger in a Bun
Plant Burger in a Bun (Vg)
Served with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Chocolate Brownie (V)

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
Classic Mince & Onion Pie (V)
Served with Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Pineapple Upside Down Cake (V)

Thursday

Chicken Tikka Masla
Golden Chickpea Curry (Vg)
Served with Fluffy Rice and Seasonal Vegetables
Dutch Apple Pie with Custard (V)

Friday

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers
Margherita Pizza (V)
Served with Oven Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans (Vg)
Fruity Friday

Pasta with Tomato & Basil sauce available on
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise available on
Tuesdays and Thursdays

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Choice of Freshly Baked Bread,
Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit,
Fruit Yoghurt, Jelly and Water

