

QEII Newsletter

23rd January 2026

THIS WEEK

Number Day: Number Day is coming up on **Friday 6th February**. Everyone is invited to dress up in number themed clothes or costumes on the day and we will have special activities in school, while raising money for the NSPCC. Please see the letter sent home to parents/carers last week for more information.

Dance Live!: Students from Key Stages 4 & 5 will soon be taking to the stage at the Guildhall in Portsmouth for this year's Dance Live! event. This takes place on the evening of Wednesday 4th February and it would be lovely to see lots of you in the audience. Ticket information has already been sent out to parents & carers of students taking part, or tickets can be ordered directly from the venue via this link:

www.portsmouthguildhall.org.uk/whats-on/event/dance-live-2026/

If you have a child taking part in the performance, please make sure you have sent in all the relevant costume items and checked the letters sent out for details about packed lunches/dinners on the day and other arrangements. Final details will be sent soon.

School Day Timings: Now that the College site is up and running, we are adjusting the timings of the school day. **From Monday 26th January**, at the **School site**, the school day will run from **8.50-3.00** for students using school transport and **8.55-3.05** for those coming with parents/carers, including Beachcombers class. Home transport will not be allowed onsite until after the school transport has left, so to avoid blocking the road please do not arrive early. If your child can walk down completely independently from the top of the school drive then the member of staff there will send them down at 8.50. Please say goodbye to them at the top.

For **everyone at the College site** the timings will be **8.50 - 3.00**.

Car Park Flow: In order to keep the car park traffic flowing at the start and end of the day, if you need to catch up with your child's teacher please contact them via eSchools and they will arrange this with you.

Lodge Hill Events: Please see the attached posters for upcoming events at Lodge Hill during half term.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD WINNERS

Emily, Pathfinders - Thoughtful and imaginative Galapagos animal art work.

YOIMOJI OF THE WEEK

This week's Yoimoji was Jazzle the creative zebra.

LETTERS HOME

Relevant Classes: Hindleap Warren residential second letter.

Key Stage 4 Classes: Swimming options/groups email.

College Classes: Prom Invitation

CLASS NEWS FROM CAVERS

Cavers have had a busy start to the Spring Term loving learning all about their new topic 'Me and My Community' We have been exploring what it means to be part of a family as well as our wider community. We have listened to stories about Giants and created our own as well as creating our own pasta people! We cannot wait to see what other exciting things we will get up to this term!

CLASS NEWS FROM ADVENTURERS

Adventurers and Pioneers are in the middle of a musical enrichment week to support their new topic 'Playlist'. We have planned for musicians to come in and play to KS3 students. Harriet brought in her saxophone on Tuesday afternoon, played to all the students and then allowed them all to have an attempt to play. Much fun was had by all!