

Federation of Riders Newsletter

Oct 25



Welcome to our first newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're delighted to welcome you to the first edition of our newly designed newsletter, marking the beginning of an exciting academic year at The Federation of Riders.

We're thrilled with how well the children have settled into the new term. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and positive attitudes have been a joy to see. From the very first week, pupils have shown great resilience and readiness to learn, embracing new routines and engaging wholeheartedly with their lessons. It's been wonderful to see friendships forming, confidence growing, and classrooms buzzing with energy and excitement.

This term, our staff have been engaging in high-quality professional development, exploring effective teaching strategies inspired by Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction. These approaches—such as modelling, scaffolding, and breaking learning into small, manageable steps—are already making a positive impact in classrooms across the school.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to sharing more updates, achievements, and insights with you throughout the year.

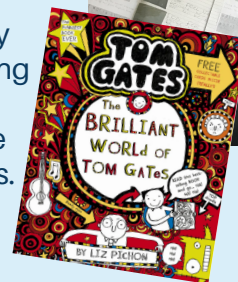
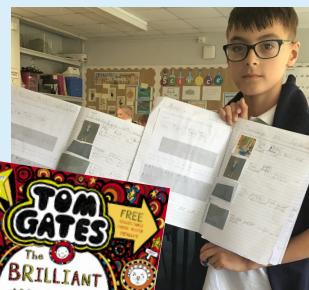
**Mrs Leach &
Mr Bourton**
Interim Executive
Co-Headteachers



Year 4's Amazing Start!

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the year! They have all been working super hard and showing how fantastic they are. We have started learning about the Romans and enjoying reading about the Brilliant world of Tom Gates.

Mrs Eeles



Year 7 School Places – September 2026

Applications for Year 7 places opened on **8 September 2025**. All parents should have received a letter with details on how to apply.

Deadline to apply: 31 October 2025

Late applications will only be considered after all on-time applications have been processed, and may be less likely to secure a preferred school.

Make sure to submit your application **before the deadline** to give your child the best chance of getting a place at one of their chosen schools.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Open morning at Riders

Saturday 11th October 2025 - 11am to 1pm

- Tour of the school
- Meet the Headteachers
- Ask as many questions as you wish

Book here
by 5th October
2025





Extra Curricular Club Cheerleading



Extra Curricular Club Cooking



Smartphone News

In response to growing concerns around smartphone use and its impact on mental health, schools across the Havant and Waterlooville area are joining forces to address this important issue. More details will follow in the academic year, including parent workshops—please keep an eye out for updates in the new academic year.

Mrs Leach

Attendance Success!

We're thrilled to share that attendance across the Federation of Riders Infant & Junior Schools is up compared to this time last year! Not only that, but we've successfully cut the number of late arrivals by half since last term—a fantastic achievement that reflects the commitment of our families and staff. As a reward for their amazing attendance, 62.5% of our children will be visiting the token shop this week to celebrate their consistency and punctuality. Thank you for helping us build a culture where being in school, on time, every day truly matters!

Attendance Team

Infant Nasal Flu Vaccine

Junior Nasal Flu Vaccine



COMING SOON

The Immunisation team will be coming to
Riders Infant School
to administer the flu nasal spray to the students on:

17/11/2025



Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form (even if you wish to opt out)

School Code

ISH115909

FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family and friends - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. No injection needed - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information, visit our website:
www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/



COMING SOON

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Riders Junior School
to administer the flu nasal spray to the students on:

17/11/2025



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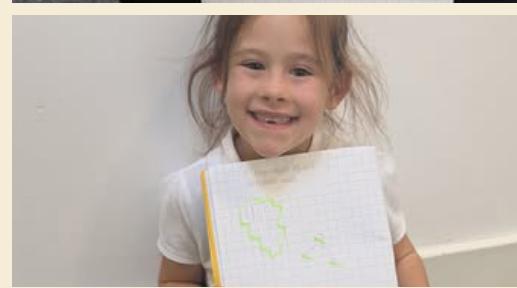
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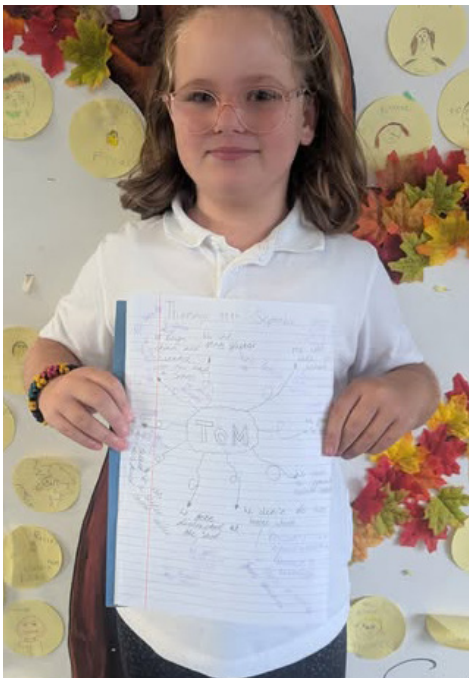


Early Years

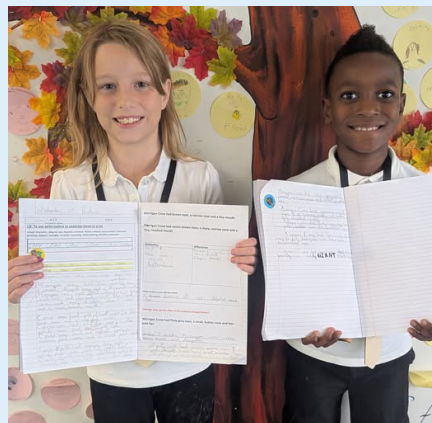
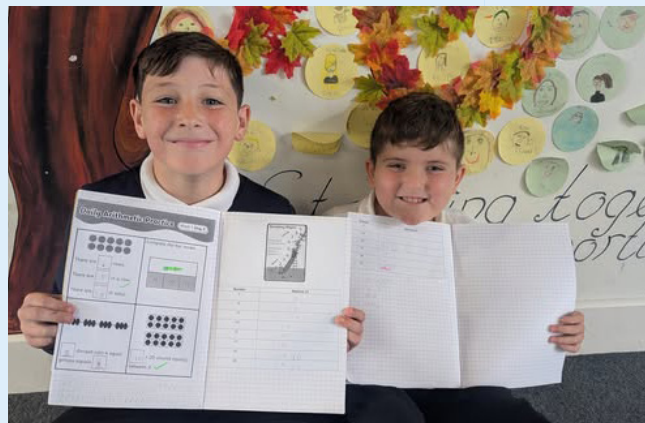
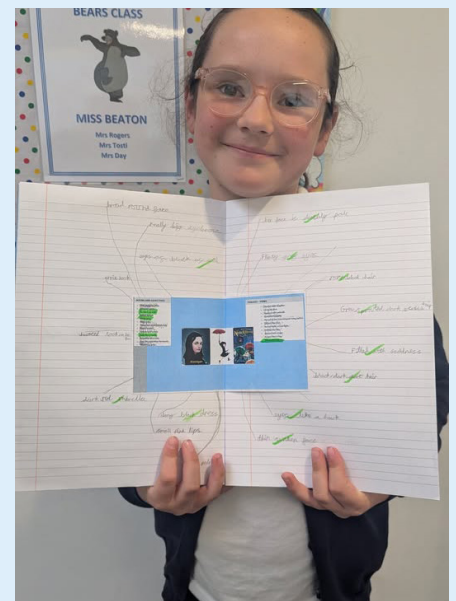
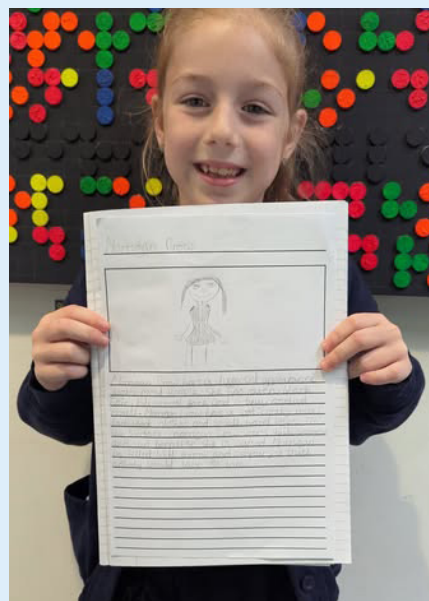


Year 2

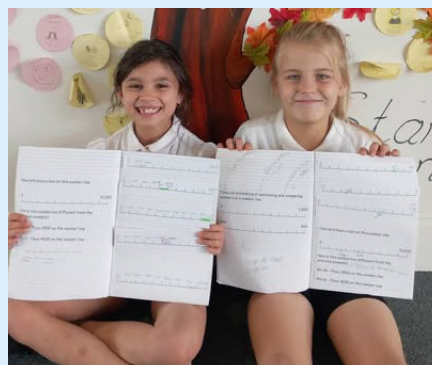
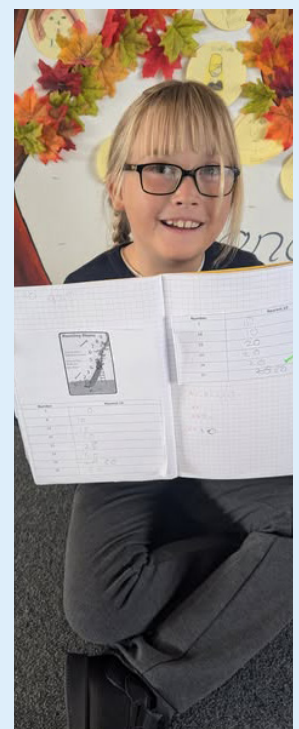


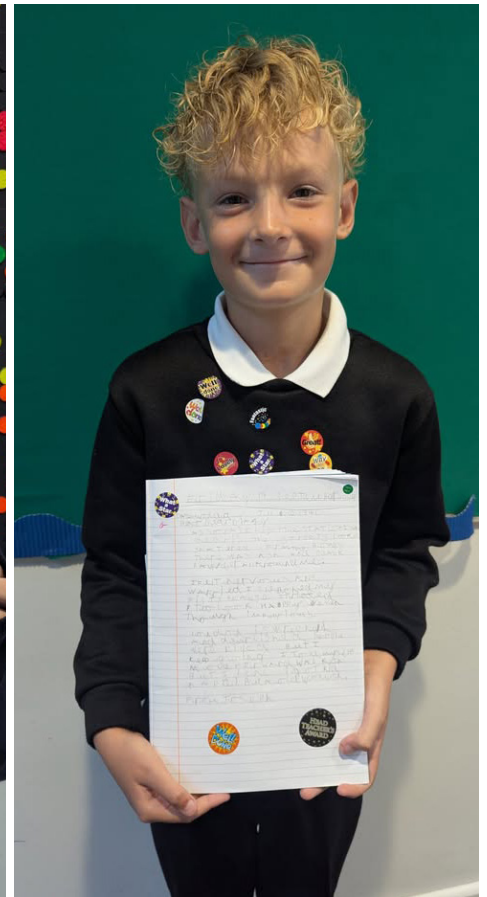
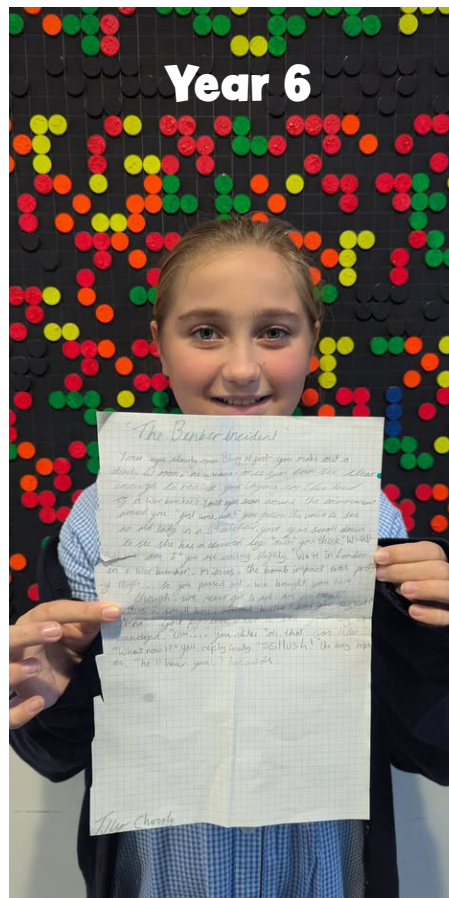
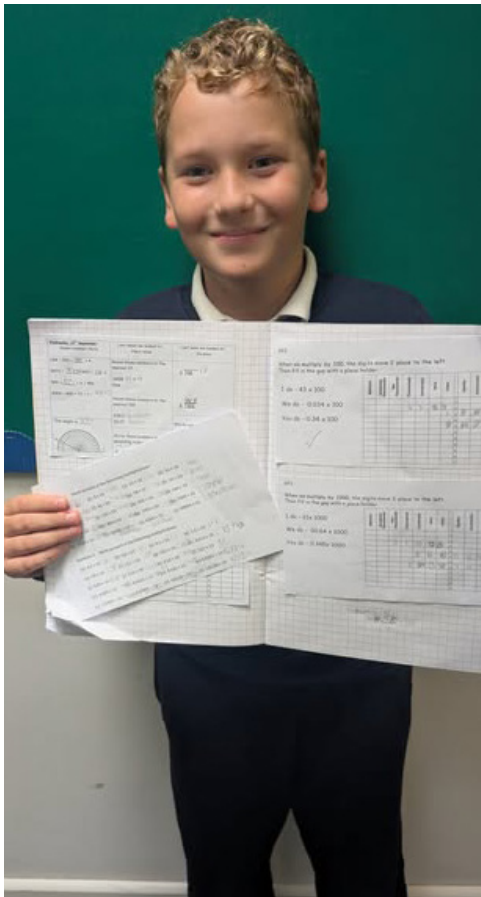


Year 4



Year 5





Cost of Living & Community Event

CITIZENS ADVICE HAVANT



**AT THE BEACON CHURCH
MERIDIAN CENTRE
1ST FLOOR HAVANT PO9 1UN**

**citizens
advice**

**TUES 30th SEPT
10AM TO 1PM**

Information on....

What is available for you in the
local community
&
how to make your money go further



The Federation of Riders
Infant and Junior Schools

♥ We're going yellow
for young people's
mental health! ♥

**YELLOW DAY -
10th October 2025**

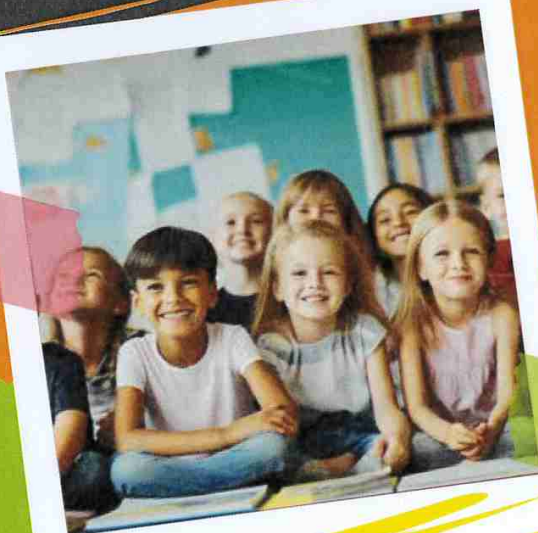
Wear anything yellow - a t-shirt, socks,
hairband, or even a funny hat!
For a voluntary contribution



**Shine
bright in
yellow!**

STARTING SCHOOL IN

2026



If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before
1 September 2026,
they can start school in **September 2026**.

For more information go to
www.hants.gov.uk/admissions
Applications open for Hampshire residents
on **1 November 2025**

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2026

DON'T MISS IT!



Hampshire
County Council

hants.gov.uk