

Federation of Riders Newsletter

Nov 25



Welcome to our newsletter

Dear Riders Community,

As we move into the autumn term, we are delighted to share our November newsletter with you. It has been a busy and positive few weeks at Riders Federation, with our children showing great enthusiasm, resilience and kindness in all they do. This edition highlights key achievements, important updates, and the many opportunities our pupils have enjoyed across the school.

Thank you for your continued support—working together makes such a difference to our community. We hope you enjoy reading about everything that's been happening.
Warm regards,

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



Plant Sale
Monday 8th December
3.15pm in Junior Hall.

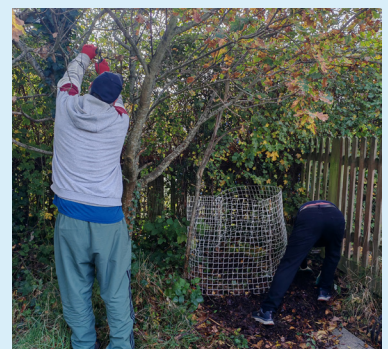
Plants 50p - £3.00

All the plants are houseplants, grown from cuttings by the children. All proceeds go towards buying birdfood for winter.

Volunteering to Cultivate Community and Well-being

Positive Pathways is a branch of Community First which supports local people to engage in their community by participating in a range of projects, activities and voluntary work. The aim is for volunteers to learn new skills, gain valuable work experiences, increase wellbeing and connections to community. Here are some photos of when they volunteered at Riders to help tidy the garden.

If you are an individual or organisation who would like more information please contact
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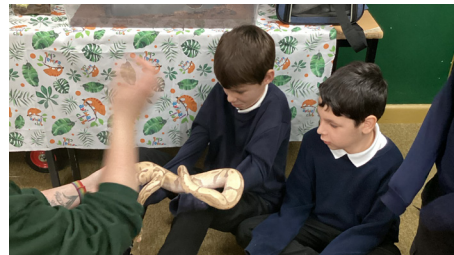
Riders Remembers

On Tuesday 11th November, at the 11th hour of the 11th day, our pupils joined millions across the nation in observing the two-minute silence to honour those who served and sacrificed.

It was a moment of reflection and respect, and we are so proud of how thoughtfully our pupils took part.

Lest we forget

Mr Davies



Year 6 Enrichment

Year 6 took part in two fantastic enrichment experiences. First, our Eco Warriors Challenge encouraged pupils to work collaboratively to design and create outfits from recycled materials, promoting creativity and environmental awareness in a fun, hands-on way.

Later in the week, we welcomed an exciting animal workshop, where children met a range of reptiles and insects up close. The visit sparked curiosity, courage, and plenty of thoughtful questions! It has been a week full of creativity, teamwork and wonder for our Year 6 learners.

Miss Ciccone



Year 6 PGL residential

This year 27 year 6 children from Riders spent the week at PGL Marchants Hill Hindhead.

It was a fantastic opportunity for all the children, some being away from home for the first time, others pushing their boundaries and completing activities that they may never have attempted before.

Each day (after a very fulfilling breakfast), we met up with our rep and split into 3 groups.

Then over the week, took part in:

- Rifle shooting
- Archery
- Abseiling
- Giant swing
- Buggy building
- Fencing
- Zip line
- Trapeze
- Challenge course
- Sensory Trail
- Wall climb
- Jacobs Ladder
- Survivor
- Orienteering

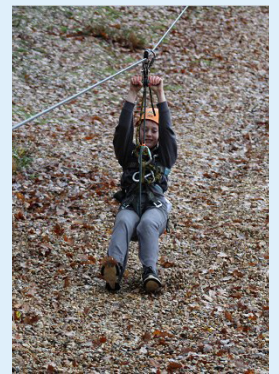
In the evenings, we had games on the Monday, balloon challenge Tuesday, Disco on Wednesday and the campfire (and marshmallows) on Thursday.

On the last day we had a 3-hour hike in the countryside, experiencing the great British weather and learning about our woodlands and taking in the breath-taking scenery. Every adult that attended were immensely proud of how the children behaved and pushed their personal boundaries. To see the pure joy in the faces of the children, as they accomplished something they never thought possible, was priceless. Whether it was jumping off a little platform high up, or abseiling down a wall, they gave it their all.

They all supported each other and celebrated their achievements as a team as well as create some life long memories.

Yes, it was a hard and long week for them all, but we know that they can all look back at what they have achieved with a sense of pride and a smile, knowing that they can achieve their goals if they give it a go and challenge themselves. Well done to all the children at PGL.

Mr Osborne





Celebrating Our Reading Champions

We're thrilled to shine a spotlight on our incredible Champion Readers who have gone above and beyond in their reading journeys! Whether it was diving into new genres, smashing reading goals, or inspiring others with their love for books — you've truly shown what it means to be a reading superstar!

Your dedication, curiosity, and passion for stories make our community stronger and brighter. Keep turning those pages and exploring new worlds — we're so proud of you!

Mrs Winterman

Firework Fun!

Our brilliant young artists have been busy creating dazzling firework-inspired artwork! Using paint, glitter, and lots of imagination, the children explored colour, movement, and celebration through their creations — and the results are absolutely stunning!

It's been a wonderful way to mark Bonfire Night and talk about the traditions behind it, all while encouraging creativity and self-expression.

Mrs Bradley

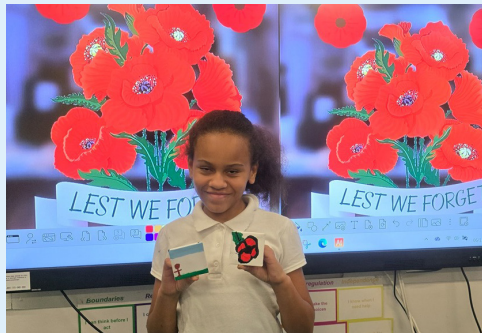


Painting Club – Honouring Remembrance Through Art

Our talented young artists in the Painting Club have been busy creating stunning poppy-themed canvases in honour of Remembrance Day. Guided by Mr. O, the children began by thoughtfully sketching and planning their designs before bringing them to life with paintbrushes and vibrant colours.

Each canvas is a beautiful reflection of creativity, care, and respect – and we couldn't be prouder of their work!

Mr Osbourne



Year 5 Success!

Our amazing Year 5 pupils have been working incredibly hard in English, and we couldn't be more impressed with their creativity, focus, and progress!

From imaginative writing to thoughtful discussions, they've shown real enthusiasm and talent. Well done, Year 5 – keep up the fantastic work!

Mrs Goodwin



Year 6 trip to Flip Out

Year 6 had an energetic and exciting visit to Flip Out last week! The children spent Wednesday afternoon bouncing, climbing and trying out a range of activities across the arena. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to let off steam, challenge themselves physically and enjoy time together as a year group. Their enthusiasm, behaviour and teamwork were excellent throughout!

Miss Ciccone



**APPLY FOR
★ YEAR R
SCHOOL PLACES
FOR SEPTEMBER**

**CLOSING
DATE
15
JANUARY**

WE WOULD LOVE TO SHOW YOU AROUND OUR SCHOOL.

If you require places in other year groups please contact us on
02392 475342

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
www.ridersschools.co.uk



Applications for Year 3 places opened on 1 November 2025. All parents should have received a letter with details on how to apply.

Deadline for applications: 15 January 2026

Late applications will only be considered after all on-time applications have been processed. You may be less likely to secure a preferred school if you make a late application, so make sure to submit this before the deadline. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Spooktacular Success!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Halloween Discos a frightfully fantastic time!

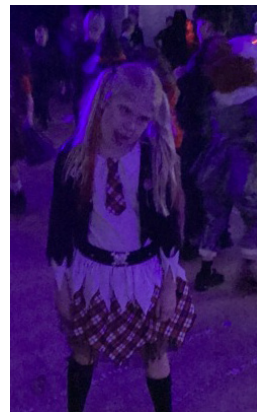
From creepy costumes to monster moves on the dance floor, our pupils had an absolute blast!

The music was pumping, the decorations were dazzling, and the energy was electric – it was a night to remember!

Special thanks to our amazing staff and our superb DJ who helped bring the spooky magic to life.

We're already looking forward to the next celebration... but for now, we're still smiling from all the Halloween fun!

Mrs Sanders



Hedgehogs Class!

We've been bursting with creativity and curiosity this week!

Diwali fun lit up our classroom with dazzling Rangoli patterns and stunning Mehndi hand art.

Halloween chats got us giggling and guessing spooky surprises! And in Bucket Time, we went full scientist mode with cauldron explosions – fizz, bubbles, and wide-eyed wonder!

It's been a week of colour, excitement, and learning through play. We're ready to recharge over half term and come back for even more adventures!

Mrs Mooney



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Celebrating attendance!

Congratulations to all the pupils who have received the Advent Calendar reward for achieving 100% attendance for a whole week! Each Friday in assembly, children who have been in school every day are entered into our exciting spinning-wheel draw, where one winner from each class is randomly selected and celebrated in front of the whole school.

This initiative will continue for the next two weeks, so make sure your child is in school every day to be in with a chance of winning. Well done to all our dedicated learners—keep it up!

The Attendance Team



Celebrating our young people!

Ruby took part in her first skills belt fight. She did amazingly - well done

Miss Bishop

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 11th December

at The Federation of Riders Infant and Juniors

Students will be offered a full Christmas lunch with all the trimming, Christmas starts here!

Main
Roasted Turkey served with roast potatoes and parsnips, baby carrots, garden peas, Yorkshire pudding, stuffing, pigs in blankets and gravy.

Vegetarian
Vegan Glamorgan sausages served with roast potatoes and parsnips, baby carrots, garden peas, Yorkshire pudding, stuffing, pigs in blankets and gravy.

Pudding
Bruce Bogtrotters chocolate sponge served with chocolate sauce

Key Dates for December

**Wednesday 3rd December
in the morning**

Whole School Christmas Show at
Park Community School

**Thursday 18th December
in the afternoon**

Whole School Christmas carol Church
Service at St Francis Church

Thursday 11th December
Whole school Christmas dinner

Friday 12th December 3.30pm - 5pm
Riders Christmas Fayre in the Junior Hall

Key Stage 1 Nativity dates

Tuesday 16th at 2:25 pm
Wednesday 17th at 10 am

Nativity fundraiser on Friday 28th after
school in the Year R outside area.
This will be a cake and toy sale.



**THE FEDERATION OF RIDERS
INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

**STALLS • RAFFLES • FAIR
FOOD AND FESTIVE CHEER!**

**SPECIAL VISIT
FROM SANTA!**

3.30-5.00PM


The
Leigh Park and Warren Park Community Panto Players
Present

ALADDIN

Enter a magical world of laughter, glitter and sparkle!
Starring your very own neighbours, friends and families!

ST CLARE'S CHURCH
St Clare's Avenue, Warren Park

PERFORMANCES
Friday 5th December 7.00pm
Saturday 6th December 2.30pm
Saturday 6th December 7.00pm
Sunday 7th December 2.30pm


With Father Jonathan
as Widow Twankee

TICKETS
Adult: £3.00
Child: £1.00
Group: £7.00 (2 adult + 2 child)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Contact us on 023 92475276
or on Facebook:
The Leigh Park and Warren Park
Community Panto Players

Heart of the Park

Free holiday activities & meals for eligible children this winter!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy fun activities and healthy meals for free this Christmas through Hampshire's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Spaces are limited - book now!
Scan the QR code below to check
if you're eligible, find local HAF
schemes, and book your
child(ren)'s place



HAVANT WINTER HAF SCHEMES (1/2)



360 Degree Sports Coaching

Front Lawn Community Hub (PO9 5AN)

Active Kids

Dickinson Centre, Park Community School
(PO9 4BU)

Active8 Minds

Bidbury Junior School (PO9 3EF)
Horizon Leisure Centre (PO9 2AY)
Mill Hill Primary School (PO7 7DB)
Springwood Junior School (PO7 8ED)
St James Primary School (PO10 7PX)
Woodcroft Primary School (PO8 9QD)

Active Me 360

Morelands Primary School (PO7 5QL)
Padnell Junior School (PO8 8EA)

CM Sports

Warren Park Primary School (PO9 4LR)

HAVANT WINTER HAF SCHEMES (2/2)

Freedom School Holidays

Purbrook Junior School (PO7 5NQ)
Sharps Copse Primary School (PO9 5PE)

Hayling Island Community Centre

Guide Hut (PO11 0JD)

Little Explorers Nursery School

North Emsworth Hall (PO10 7XQ)

Park Community School

Park Community School (PO9 4BU)

Y Services for Young People

Acorn Community Centre (PO8 9UX)

Please keep an eye on the FISH website as it will be regularly
updated with available HAF schemes: <https://fish.hants.gov.uk>