



KS2 Biathlon event



We all enjoyed a glorious afternoon on Monday when 30 children across KS2 were given the amazing opportunity to take part in the modern biathlon organised by Fordingbridge Junior School. The event was non-competitive and gave the children a taste of what it feels like to compete in a

modern biathlon. Our young athletes had to swim four lengths immediately followed by a run. They all demonstrated great sportsmanship and excellent determination. The team was a credit to the school and to the adults present, cheering and encouraging each other. So well done everyone for competing in your first biathlon! A special thank you to all our parent volunteers for their help on the day and their continued support.

Mrs Donald & Mrs Vincent



Ben Hayball Visit

On Wednesday, Rowan class were lucky enough to have Ben Hayball join them to inform them all about his job protecting the River Avon. He talked to us all about the living creatures in and around the river, water levels and flow testing the River Avon. He also explained about extraction of water and how water is used by humans when it is extracted. Did you know that in some parts of the River Avon there is enough water flowing through it to fill 57 bath tubs every second?! We are now working as geographers and posing geographical questions for Ben to answer! Thank you so much to Ben for coming in.

Written by Millie Peaty

Attendance

Class	Percentage
Whole School	96.1
Acorn	95.0
Willow	96.0
Maple	96.3
Birch	97.0
Rowan	97.0
Beech	96.2
Oak	94.9

REMINDERS

We encourage all children to bring in a healthy snack for morning break time e.g. fruit, vegetables or cheese. We discourage unhealthy snacks such as crisps, chocolate and cakes. **Please remember we are a nut free school.**

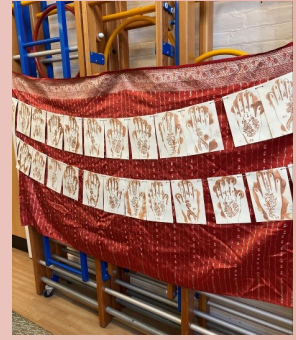
Please also remember water bottles, sun hats and sun cream (before school)





Year R Topic Landing - The World Around Us

Acorn class welcomed their parents in this afternoon to celebrate the end of their topic "The World Around Us"



INSET Days (2024-2025)

Teachers in Local Authority schools have five days each year when they work in school without the children present. These 'In Service Training' days are called 'INSET days' for short. These days are vital to school and professional development. Next year our INSET days are as follows;

Monday 2nd September 2024

Thursday 24th October 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 27th June 2025

The Hampshire term dates can be found on the link below:

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/education/school-year-2024-2025.pdf>

News from the Friends of Western Downland

The next Friends meeting will take place on **Thursday 6th June** (changed from Wednesday 5th June). We meet in the conservatory at The Compasses pub in Damerham at 8pm. Please come along if you would like to learn more about what we do and would like to be involved.

Damerham Dash

The Friends are supporting the Damerham Dash taking place on **Sunday 23rd June**. Come and join in! Online entry is now open at www.sientries.co.uk The children's colour run cost is £5 pre-booked or £10 on the day. There is a 5K race too. We are looking for volunteers to set up obstacles, throw colour packs and/or help on the Friends' refreshment stall. If you can help, please respond to the poll your Year rep has shared via WhatsApp.

Second-hand uniform

We have masses of summer uniform available. All proceeds help the school. Contact Caroline Saunders at caroline@alderholt-technology.co.uk if there is any uniform you require.

Thank you. The Friends

