



Headteacher: Alison Ternan
Deputy Headteacher: Brad Page
Date: 4th September 2026



School Attendance **Our Target:- 96%**

School day starts at 8.30am with lessons beginning promptly at 8.45am.

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and managed to enjoy the beautiful sunshine. The children have settled back into school very well and have had a lovely couple of days getting back into the routine of school. Next week, there is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher - these will be held in your child's classrooms at 3.15pm. Year 1,2,4,6 on Wednesday and year 3,5 on Thursday.

The children all look very smart in their school uniform - a gentle reminder that they should be wearing black shoes for school, trainers are worn for PE.

Warm wishes, Alison Ternan

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD brings to school on MONDAY - A WATERPROOF COAT, PE KIT, WATER-BOTTLE AND ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM NAMED, if not actioned already. Thank You!

Diary Dates

September 2026

9th Yrs 1,2, 4 & 6
Meet the Teacher at 3.15pm

10th Yrs 3 & 5
Meet the Teacher at 3.15pm

October 2026

23rd INSET DAY

26 – 30th Half Term

Please check Hampshire School Holidays online for term dates etc

INSET DAYS

- 23rd October 2026
- 4th January 2027
- 28th May 2027

PLEASE NOTE – Absences from School

You **MUST** call the school office to advise us of your child's absence on:

02392583979 by 9am.

You can leave a message on the answer-machine.

If we don't hear from you, we will make a Home Visit in accordance with our Safeguarding Policy.

SCHOOL MEALS

WEEK COMMENCING:- 7th September 2026

WEEK 3

DAY OF THE WEEK	OPTION 1 RED	OPTION 2 GREEN	OPTION 3 BLUE	OPTION 4 PURPLE
MONDAY	Cheese & tomato pizza	Chinese Veggie Noodles	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
TUESDAY	Pasta Carbonara	Veggie Meatball Baguette	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken	Sweet Potato & Herb Roast	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
THURSDAY	Jerk Chicken	Veggie Lasagne	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers	Veggie Fingers	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta

Hot dishes are served with two vegetables and freshly baked bread.

£2.75 per day



LIBRARY DAYS

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Friday

Please note:-
Children are unable to take out a new book if they have already a book registered out in their name.

PE DAYS

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday/Friday
Year 2	Monday/Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday/Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday/Wednesday
Year 5	Monday
Year 6	Thursday

PE Lessons are compulsory!
Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school.

Guinea Pig Timetable

Year R	7 th September
Year 6	14 th September
Year 5	21 st September
Year 4	28 th September
Year 3	5 th October
Year 2	12 th October
Year 1	19 th October

During your child's class week, if you have any "left over vegetables/fruit" we would be grateful for the donations.

NEW - Medical/Cultural Special Diets – If your child requires a special diet, you **MUST** advise the school office. Information will then be given to you to complete. Medical evidence may be needed. Our School Kitchen (Chartwells) **will NOT** provide a meal other than a Jacket Potato until a specific menu has been organised and approved.

Does your child suffer with an allergy?

To comply with Benedict's Law we are updating our allergy safety in school.

If your child suffers with an any allergy, please inform the school office and complete an Individual Healthcare Form – (if you haven't received one from us already). Please supply medication (eg periton/Epipens) in original packaging & named that will be held in class should the need arise. We do hold 2 spare EPIPENS in school and all staff have been updated in the medical training.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period.)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with income above £7,400 threshold.

Please if you think you may qualify (even if your child prefers to bring in a packed lunch) please call into the school office or send in a note with your Child's Name, & Your Date of Birth and National Insurance Number and we will check for you and advise.

Breakfast & After School Care.

We run a club to provide care before and after school. Ask at the office for information. Sessions cost:-

Breakfast 7 – 8.30am £6.00

After School Care

3 – 5.30pm £10.00

Emergency Care

£3.00 for 30 mins

Building Fund

The £10.00 per term, per child or the full amount £30.00 for the year will be due by the **11th September**.

Please make payment through SCOPAY or cash at the school office.

If you wish to set a Standing Order with your bank call in for details.

Thank you!



INFORMATION regarding SCHOOL TRIPS – the following have been arranged so far:-

Year 5 – Swimming Lessons – Mondays starting 14th September 2026.

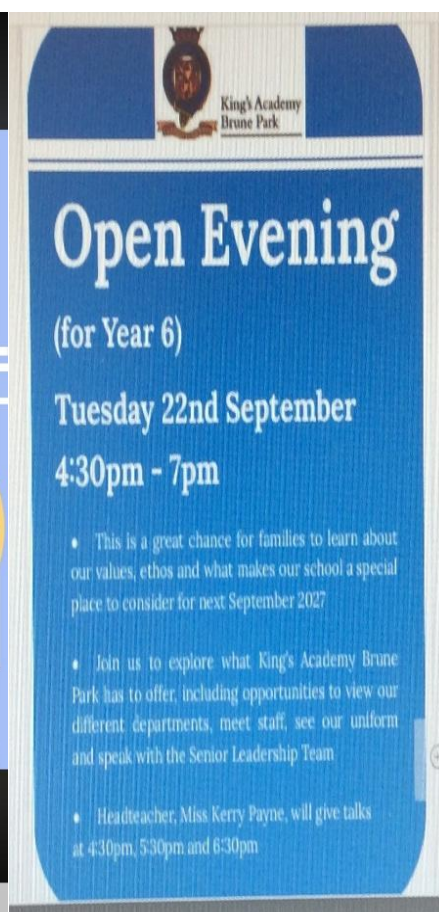
Year 6 - Butser Ancient Farm – Wed. 30th September 2026

Paulton's Park – Mon. 19th July 2027 – *information to follow*

Residential to Little Canada – 14th – 17th May 2027 *information to follow*

Year 6 Open Evening – Kings Academy Bay House

- **Date:** Thursday 24 September 2026
- **Time:** 4:15 PM – 7:00 PM
- **Headteacher Presentations:** Main Hall at 4:30 PM, 5:30 PM, and 6:30 PM
- **Details:** Explore departments, meet staff, and learn about extra-curricular activities. Note that there is no parking on site.
- You can confirm attendance via their [Facebook Announcement](#).





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