

# QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you share our excitement in seeing the first signs of Spring at last! In the Autumn, a number of our learners spent their lunchtimes planting bulbs around the school site, so please do look out for the first snowdrops, daffodils and tulips that are starting to emerge! As the weather warms up, we always welcome the great opportunities the children have for learning outside in our wonderful grounds.

We know from our ongoing monitoring, that our children often make the most progress in their learning during the Spring Term. Our primary focus remains on developing the children's reading, writing, and maths skills and have shared information in our Year Group Newsletters as well as through conversations at Parents' Evenings, for how you can further support your child with these areas at home. We also know how much this benefits the children, especially in the National Year of Reading 2026 - when reading regularly together with your child at home. If you need any assistance with activities or completing Home Learning with your child, please do contact your child's class teacher, who would be happy to support you.

Mrs Allen

## For Information



**Comic Relief – Red Nose Day Fundraiser** - The School Council have been busy collecting ideas for this year's Red Nose Day fundraiser. This year's theme, will focus on supporting those affected by the current cost-of-living crisis, we are focusing on crucial issues such as hunger and homelessness.

To show our support, children are invited to **wear something red** on **Friday, 20th March**, in **exchange for a food donation to Waterlooville Food Bank**. We kindly ask for non-perishable food items such as canned goods, pasta, cereal or rice. Your generous donations always make a real difference in the lives of those in need.



**Bikes and Scooters on School Grounds** - We have had a few recent incidents involving younger siblings riding bikes and scooters through crowded areas at drop-off and collection times, creating safety concerns. Please remember that all bikes, scooters and balance bikes must be dismantled when on school grounds. **This applies to all adults, children and siblings.** Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.



**School Site Update** - We have obtained quotes to replace the paving down the mall and across the front of the school. Due to the project's size and cost, the work will have to take place as a rolling programme and will need to be scheduled during holiday periods to minimise disruption. We will keep you updated as plans progress. In the meantime, whilst we are looking into other possible safety measures, please avoid the slabs covered with cones. Thank you.



**School Meal Price Increase** – Effective from **1st April 2026**, the cost of school meals will increase to £3.38 per meal. If you are in receipt of income related benefits (excluding Working Tax Credit), please check to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals:  
<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>



**This year is National Year of Reading 2026 – please take a look at the links below...**  
<https://literacytrust.org.uk/about-us/national-year-of-reading-2026/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/premier-league-and-literary-greats-back-national-year-of-reading>

**World Book Day** – On **Thursday 5th March 2026**, children are invited to dress up as a favourite book character. Dressing up is optional — school uniform may be worn as usual 😊

## PTA Update

**School Discos – Save the Date!** The PTA are delighted to announce that our popular school discos are back for Years 1–6!

### Disco Dates:

- **Wednesday 25th March**  
Years 1 & 2: 4:30pm – 5:45pm  
Years 5 & 6: 6:15pm – 7:30pm
- **Thursday 26th March**  
Years 3 & 4: 5:15pm – 6:30pm



Please note that **tickets must be pre-booked this year** and will not be available for payment on the door. A letter explaining the new booking process will be sent home shortly. We look forward to seeing lots of children enjoying an evening of music and fun!

**PTA Recruitment** - The PTA relies on the support of volunteers to run our exciting programme of events throughout the year. We will be carrying out DBS checks for new volunteers around Easter.

If you are interested in joining our friendly team, please email [ptaqueensinclosure@gmail.com](mailto:ptaqueensinclosure@gmail.com) and Kate or Becky will be in touch with further details. We would love to welcome some new members!

**Easter Egg Design Competition** - We are also pleased to announce the return of our annual Easter Egg Design Competition. We cannot wait to see the fantastic and creative designs the children produce!

A template for this will be sent home and must be returned to school by **Friday 27th March**, when judging will take place. Winners will receive a special Easter treat! 😊

## Curriculum & Support Resources

**Children's Curriculum Enrichment Events** – Curious to see what the children have been up to?

If you are interested in reading about the exciting activities and experiences our learners have taken part in, please follow the link: [🔗 Curricular Enrichment Info](#)

**Child and Family Support Worker – Tips and advice on... 'A Short Guide to Attachment for Parents'** [🔗](#)  
[Support Resources](#)

## Summary of Future Dates for the Diary

Spring Term 2026	
5 March	World Book Day – Dress Up as a Book Character (optional)
16 March	School closed for INSET (Staff Training)
20 March	<b>NEW</b> Comic Relief – dress in red in exchange for a food donation to Waterlooville Food Bank
30 Mar – 10 April	Easter Holiday Break. (Children return to school on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April)
1 April	School Meal Price Increase to £3.38 per meal
20 April – 2 July	<b>NEW</b> Summer Term After- School Clubs Dates (20th April to 2nd July 2026)
7 May	<b>NEW</b> School will be Closed - Enforced Closure for polling
	Feedback - as you know, we welcome feedback all year round so please continue to share your comments, suggestions or questions with us via our website <a href="#">🔗 Feedback Form</a>