



# LOWER JUNIORS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TWO TERM 2026

The Lower Junior team are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into their new classes. They have impressed us with their enthusiasm for learning, positive attitudes and excellent STEP manners. We hope everyone enjoys a restful half-term break and we look forward to another exciting half-term ahead!

## WHAT'S ON THIS HALF TERM

### The Victorians (History)

This term, our topic is 'The Victorians'. We will be learning all about this exciting period in history. Our topic will start with two exciting events: our Victorian school day entry point where children will experience a little of what life was like as a Victorian school child. We will also be finding out about Victorian houses and how transport first began during our visit to Beaulieu Motor Museum. Don't forget to wear your Victorian outfits on both these occasions.

Year 3: Beaulieu (Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November), Victorian School Day (Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November)

Year 4s: Victorian School Day (Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November), Beaulieu (Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November)



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## ENGLISH



### October, October by Katya Balen

Children will be writing a fictional recount using the first person, present tense.



### Victorian Information Pages

Children will learn about Victorian houses and homes and write information pages about life in a Victorian classroom.



### Snow Sister by Emma Carroll

Children will enjoy reading a Christmas narrative and writing in the style of Emma Carroll about a magical object.

## MATHS



- Develop mental and written subtraction methods, including column subtraction with exchanging.
- Solve subtraction problems, including missing number and two-step problems.
- Develop multiplication and division skills using times tables, number facts and mental strategies.
- Learn and practice formal written methods for multiplication and division and begin to solve a range of problems involving these.



'That they may have life; life in all its fullness' John 10:10

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

**Reading** - we ask that children read at least 4x per week and that this is recorded on Pageticker. Children are expected to bring their reading book to school everyday.

**Homework** - Maths or SPAG/Reading homework is set every Tuesday and checked each Monday. Please check Century for due assignments.

**Spellings** - We really appreciate your support in helping your child to learn their common exception word spellings fortnightly together with practising their dictation sentences for the spelling unit.

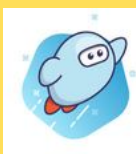
**TTRS** - Regular times table practice helps with many areas of the Lower Junior maths curriculum. In Year 3, we encourage children to complete garage sessions and in Year 4, please can they focus on 'Soundcheck'.



CENTURY  
<https://app.century.tech/login/>



TTRS  
<https://play.ttrckstars.com/>



### [SORA](#)

SORA is a free app from Hampshire's school library service. When you download the app, children will have access to hundreds of quality e-books or audiobooks - perfect for long car journeys or bedtime listening.



### DIARY DATES

Please visit the school calendar regularly for updates and for PE dates.



<https://www.hordle.hants.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=42&viewid=1>

### Attendance

We monitor attendance carefully as there is a strong link between attendance and achievement. Days off add up to lost learning. We appreciate your support in allowing your child to access the education they deserve.



### GETTING IN TOUCH

Teachers are happy to help and are generally available at the end of the school day or by email. Please do not try to catch them in the mornings while they are settling the children. Urgent messages can be passed to the school office. Please allow up to 2 school days for email responses as teachers are child-facing during the day.

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