



LOWER JUNIORS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

The Lower Junior team are delighted to welcome children back for a new school year and we hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing summer holiday. The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and have impressed us with their learning behaviours and STEP manners.

WHAT'S ON THIS HALF TERM

Location, Location, Location (Geography)

This is a Geography unit where the children will use a range of maps to name and locate key cities in the United Kingdom. Drawing on map skills, grid references and OS symbols.

Animals including humans (Science) In this biology unit, children learn about nutrition, food chains and the simple functions of the digestive system. They will learn that humans and some animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

Pizza from Around the World (DT) Children will be designing and making their own pizzas this term having explored some pizza toppings from around the world.



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ENGLISH

Georgy the Goat

Children will explore dialogue writing using inverted commas through Georgy's lively adventures.

Poetry – Arabian Nights by Tony Milton

Children will work on their understanding of rhythm and rhyme through the Middle Eastern poem - Arabian Nights..

Nizrana Farook

An author study focusing on books by Nizrana Farook. First **The Boy Who Met a Whale** – exploring courage, friendship and survival through vivid scenes and rich descriptive writing. Then looking at **The Girl Who Stole an Elephant** investigating themes of adventure and loyalty while analysing the author's narrative style and creating a first-person diary entry.

MATHS



- Develop understanding of place value by reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers.
- Solve problems involving place value.
- Learn and develop use of column addition and column subtraction.
- Solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in a range of contexts.



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

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Reading - we ask that children read 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.

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

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'.

TTRS
<https://play.ttrstars.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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