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FEATURING...

- Hot Chocolate Friday
- Trips
- Culture Day
- Dance Live!
- Aladdin Jr
- British Science Week

...and more!

WELCOME TO

THE SPRING TERM
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2026

HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

As a school we continue to go from strength to strength in all sorts of areas.

What has been particularly pleasing over the spring term is student engagement in a wide range of clubs, trips and experiences.

More students than ever were involved in the school production of Aladdin and in Dance Live and I can honestly say the quality of both these 2 groups of students was immense.

We have had theatre groups visit so all students in Year 9 and Year 11 experienced Macbeth, students in science had all sorts of experiences in British science week and there are so many more events that the photos throughout this edition give a taste of.

Student, parents and staff surveys show a clear positive trajectory for the school with more students being proud to be a student at ALNS and more of them believing that they are making good progress in their learning.



As always, I'd just like to thank; all the staff for their efforts, the students for their engagement and positivity, and the parents for everything you do to help your child be successful.

Chris Doherty

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Headteacher

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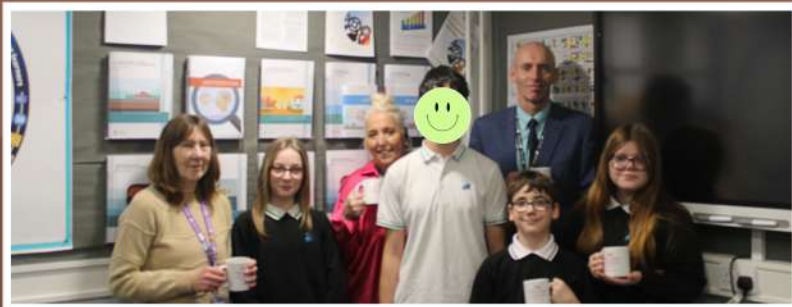
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HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY with the Headteacher

Hot Chocolate Friday is an opportunity for Headteacher, Mr Doherty, to invite learners who have gone above and beyond during the week to share a hot drink and a chat together.

What better way to end the working week than with your hands around a mug of marshmallow topped hot chocolate?

Well done everyone!



ADMIRAL ACHIEVERS

AMELIE TAKES ON: UK OPEN DANCE FESTIVAL!

Amelie competed at the UK Open Dance Festival in January, an international competition featuring top dancers from around the world. She reached all three of her Ballroom finals and was the only UK girl to make the U14 Ballroom 2 Dance and 3 Dance finals.

She also made the final of the U14 UK Open Festival 5 Dance Championship, placing among the top dancers out of over 34 competitors and one of just two UK girls to do so.

Huge well done Amelie!



CHARLIE WOWS AT BOWIE NIGHT!



Charlie in Year 8, Mary Rose 11, performed A Night of Bowie to a SOLD OUT Wedgewood Rooms on Saturday 10th January. A total of £7000 was raised for The Rowans Hospice. Well done Charlie for participating in an incredible cause!

LOUIE TUMBLES INTO VICTORY!



Congratulations to Louie in Year 11, Mary Rose 11!

At the Men's under 16 Gymnastics English Championships on Sunday 1st March, Louie achieved 1st place on high bar and was placed 3rd overall. Keep up the excellent work Louie!

ETHAN ACHIEVES HIS BLUE BELT!



Well done to Ethan, Year 10, Mary Rose 11, who has just achieved his Blue Belt in Taekwondo!

KAITLIN'S PANTO PERFORMANCE!

Kaitlin in Year 8, Mary Rose 4, has recently acted for the second year running in the Groundlings Theatre Panto as part of the local cast! This year she played the parts of young Cinderella, Market Stall Holder and Cheddar the Mouse. Well done Kaitlin!

FLORENCE PERFORMS IN 'ANNIE'!

Well done to Florence in Year 7, Warrior 3, for recently performing at New Theatre Royal in the production 'Annie'!



COREY HITS THE MARK!

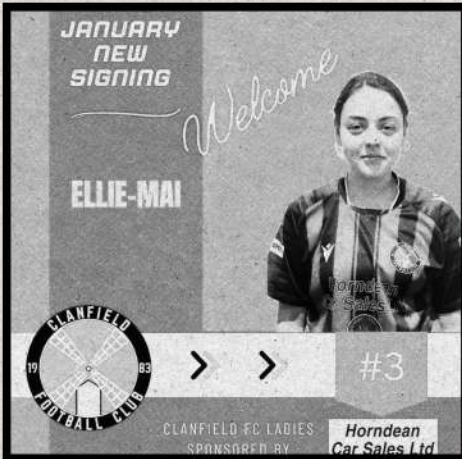
Corey in Year 11, Mary Rose 8, continues to shine in Darts!

He competed in the Winmau Junior World Masters Finals on Saturday 31st January. The knockout competition was held at Bradmoor Farm, where the two finalists played the final the following day in Milton Keynes ahead of the Pros competition.

Corey faced the best under-18 junior players from around the world. He also won another local junior competition recently and is still doing well locally!

He also competed in Bristol at the Junior Q-School where the junior players competed in four events over two days to win a Tour Card for the next level competitions!

Corey is certainly busy - Keep it up Corey and well done!

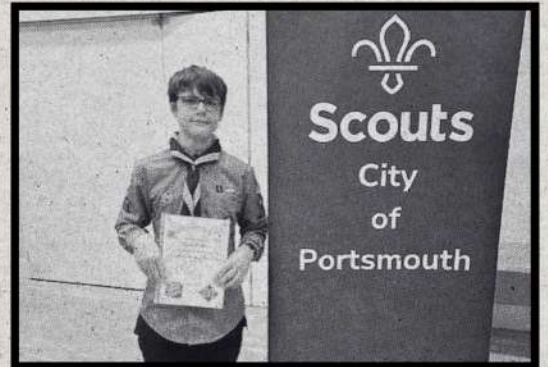


SIGNED: ELLIE-MAI!

Well done to Ellie-Mai, Spinnaker 10, Year 11, who has recently been signed for Clanfield Ladies Football Team!

Since joining, she has been selected to start on every game. Congratulations Ellie-Mai!

KIERAN ACHIEVES PLATINUM!



Kieran in Year 11, Mary Rose 2, has recently achieved his Chief Scout's Platinum Award!

This is one of the highest awards in scouting.

He was also awarded his Young Leader belt for completing training and volunteering with the Scout Association!

These are incredible achievements - Well done Kieran!

TATE PLAYS IN PORTUGAL!

A massive round of applause to Tate in Mary Rose 1, Year 9, who competed in the Algarve Cup in Portugal!

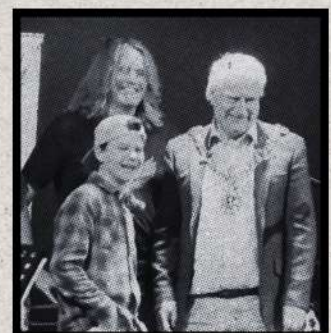
Tate represented Brighton & Hove Albion FC.

He unfortunately lost in the final, but this does not take away from what an incredible achievement this is. Well done Tate!



CHARLIE MEETS THE LORD MAYOR!

On 22nd March, Charlie in Year 8, Mary Rose 11, played at The Staggeringly Good Brewery and was asked back on stage to meet the Lord Mayor!



HOPE IS SKATING TO SUCCESS!

Hope in Mary Rose 8, Year 9, has just competed in the last Synchronised Ice Skating competition of season 2025/2026 for Solent Synchro. She competed with two teams, Solent Splash & Solent Waves, in 4 competitions across the country, & both teams had a podium place in all 4 competitions, as well as new PB's for both teams. Alongside this, both teams also placed in the British Championships! So in total Hope achieved an amazing total of 10 medals for this season!



Year 8 Visit: **Animal Club!**

Year 8 students were treated to a very special Science session on 17th January where they got to learn about and hold a variety of animals!

The star of the show was definitely the impressive royal python, Banoffee.

Thank you to our visitor Fearne from Animal Club for an educational and entertaining experience!



Year 10 Child Development Trip:

LITTLE

ADMIRALS



I would like to say a huge well done to the Year 10 Child Development groups who have recently been in to observe and lead activity sessions with the pre-school children at Little Admirals.

As part of their Child Development course, they had to learn about the physical, social and intellectual development of children from birth to the age of 5. Little Admirals Pre-School kindly hosted both our Year 10 groups in attending their nursery, so our girls could plan and run activities with their children. Our ALNS students were amazing and I couldn't have felt any prouder of them.

They interacted with the pre-school children superbly and certainly built up some lovely caring relationships with their children very quickly.

Thank you to Little Admirals for hosting all 50 of our Child Development students at different times and thank you to our students who went into the nursery, you were all brilliant!

Miss Cooper



SPORTS Celebrating all things sport!

6-0 WIN!

The girls kicked off the first game in the new year against Trafalgar School on 12th January, beating them a massive 6-0.

The girls played some really good football, and this reflected on the pitch as well as the scoreline. Goals scored by Mabel (3), Myla (2), Summer (1).

Miss Conaghan



ALNS vs SPRINGFIELD

On 21st January, the girls had a match against Springfield School on a very windy/rainy home pitch.

The girls battled hard and knew they would have a tough game so were happy to take a draw 0-0 from the game. We played quite a defensive half and switched it up at half time but unfortunately it wasn't enough to sneak a goal in.

Miss Conaghan



YEAR 9, 10 & 11 NETBALL

It's the last few games for our Year 11 Netball players. They have been playing alongside their Year 9 and 10 peers with some success. I'm proud of them!

Mrs Wooden



YEAR 7 HOUSE 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT!

Some great sportsmanship and competitive games being played with high numbers of participation on the last day of term. Mary Rose team won the tournament.

Mr Probert



YEAR 7 & 8 GIRLS FOOTBALL: UNSTOPPABLE!

Nothing can stop the Year 7/8 girls; this team has been unbelievable from that start! Despite the rain on Wednesday evening, the girls absolutely smashed Priory and won 7-1. Goals scored by Darcie x3, Mabel x2 and Myla x2!

Miss Conaghan



YEAR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL

Year 9 boys progressed through to the quarter final of the Hampshire Cup with an impressive win against Petersfield School. Some excellent football played and great goals scored.

They unfortunately lost the quarter final to a very strong Brookfield School team. Great effort!

The Year 9 boys reached the Final of the Portsmouth cup for an impressive third year in a row! They beat Charter in the Semi Final and played some excellent football! Well done! Looking forward to the final!

Mr Probert



YEAR 7 & 8 NETBALL

The Year 7 and 8 girls Netball team have gone from strength to strength, winning every game they have competed in! Well done girls!

Mrs Wooden



KS4 GIRLS FOOTBALL CUP FINAL

Congratulations to the Year 9/10/11 girls who played a solid game of football on Wednesday 4th March against Springfield School in the school's cup final.

Unfortunately, we were beaten on the day, but the girls battled until the end of the 90 mins. Some real talented footballers in this squad and I can't wait to see where they end up in years to come.

Miss Conaghan

MORE BOYS FOOTBALL SUCCESS!

Year 9

A rotated Year 9 boys team played really well in a league game against Miltoncross. The game finished 1-1 and was brilliant to have so many students represent the school. Well done!

Year 11

The Year 11 boys team reached the final of the Portsmouth Cup for the second consecutive year. They managed to beat Ark Charter 4-0 in the semi final and played really well. Some great goals scored! Looking forward to the cup final! Well done.

Mr Probert

ADMIRAL vs MILTONCROSS (a)

On Monday 16th March, the Year 7 Boys football team travelled to Miltoncross to play a league game.

The team played some lovely football despite it being a difficult game. They created some good chances, hitting the bar and forcing the opposition goalkeeper into making some big saves. Eventually, ALNS scored midway through the second half. Theo S whipped the ball into the box with a corner, the ball came out to Carson W and he smashed it into the back of the net! The game finished 0-1 to ALNS.

Mr Probert



MARY ROSE



SMOOTHIE SUCCESS!



£104 raised for Save the Children!



DANCE LIVE! 2026

Admiral Lord Nelson Schools Dance Live Team of 2026!

- Placed 3rd
- Best Lighting
- Technical Award

106 students! 100 performers and 6 backstage crew.

Every student was absolutely incredible! Their hard work, commitment and passion shone through in their performance and they blew us away.

Thank you to all of our amazingly talented students and the team of teachers who were not just teachers but: hairdressers, make up artists, costume designers and the best cheerleaders!

Keep your eyes peeled for our 'video' which shows what an amazing day we had!

Roll on 2027!



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026

During National Apprenticeship Week, students had the opportunity to take part in a variety of trips and events.

A handful of our Year 10 students visited CEMAST (Centre of Excellence in Engineering, Manufacturing and Advanced Skills Training) in Fareham on the Tuesday.

Along with 3 other schools, they took part in a variety of hands-on sessions - exploring CEMAST's engineering facilities, speaking with apprentices and lecturers, and getting stuck into practical challenges including motor vehicle pit stops, hand fitting tasks, and an air-powered rocket challenge!

A brilliant day inspiring future talent and opening doors to what's possible through apprenticeships - Thank you CEMAST!



CULTURE DAY!



It was great to see some of our students get involved in Culture Day on Friday 13th February!

Some tutor groups had a cultural breakfast in tutor time in the morning - Warrior 10 enjoyed scones courtesy of Mr Fenner representing his Cornish roots, Mary Rose 10 cheers'd their croissants with thanks to Mr Melin and Victory 12 ate some Polish treats and some prawn crackers!

There was also some fantastic cultural clothing worn by our students.





Year 9 Trip:

YPRES



'The best bit for me was going to a new country and seeing all of the wonderful museums.'

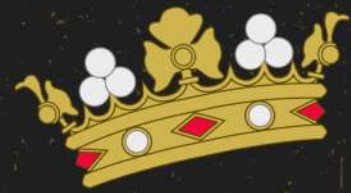


'The highlight for me was having the best time in the trenches and tunnels with my friends.'



'What stood out to me was how much WW1 genuinely means to Belgium.'





boxclever

Macbeth Performance



Box Clever Theatre captivated our Year 9 and Year 11 students on 2nd March with a dynamic performance of Macbeth. 🏰🩸

Perfectly supporting GCSE study, the production highlighted key themes, pivotal scenes and character development, helping students deepen their understanding while experiencing Shakespeare's tragedy brought vividly to life. 🎭

Huge thank you to @boxclevertheatre 😊

Language Learning

A Song for Portsmouth

So proud of our talented students from Admiral Lord Nelson School and Trafalgar School who came together on Tuesday 3rd March to record a special song celebrating the rich diversity of Portsmouth.

This fantastic project, organised by the amazing Portsmouth Music Hub and supported by the Portsmouth, City of Languages team and the Solent Language Network, showcases the power of music and language to bring young people together.

Their confidence, collaboration and enthusiasm truly reflected the spirit of our city. What an incredible achievement and a memorable experience for everyone involved! Thank you Portsmouth Music Hub!

Mrs Britti



French Visit!

What a fantastic morning at Admiral Lord Nelson School! 48 French students joined 48 of our own for games, quizzes, and competitions – all based around French and English and exploring history, including the role of France and England in World War II. Students mixed, collaborated, and brought language learning to life – with prizes to celebrate their efforts!

Mrs Britti



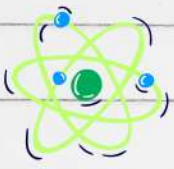
Thank you Mingalaba!

Year 9 got a taste of German in action!

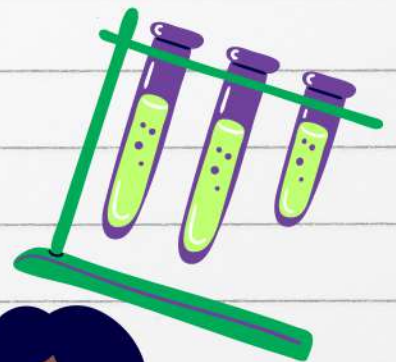
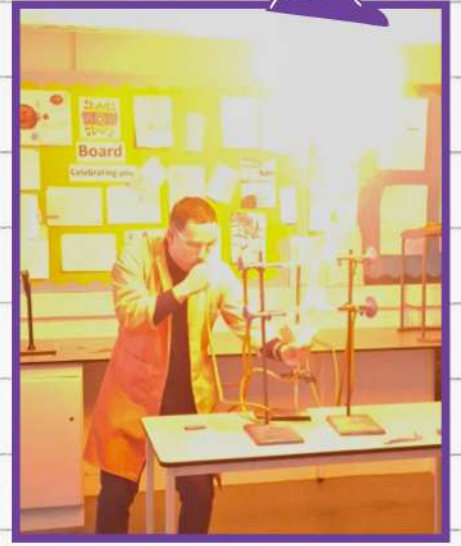
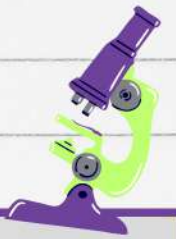
Thanks to Mingalaba and Steve Eadon, students enjoyed a motivational talk, football conversations in German, a languages-in-sport careers session, and a full coaching session delivered in German. Great energy all round!

Mrs Britti





BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



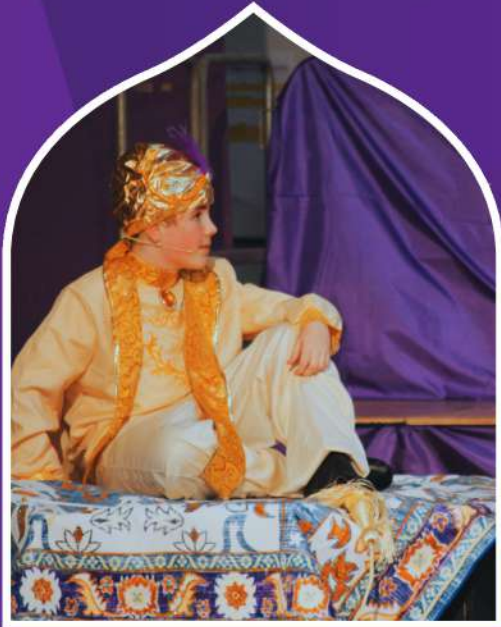
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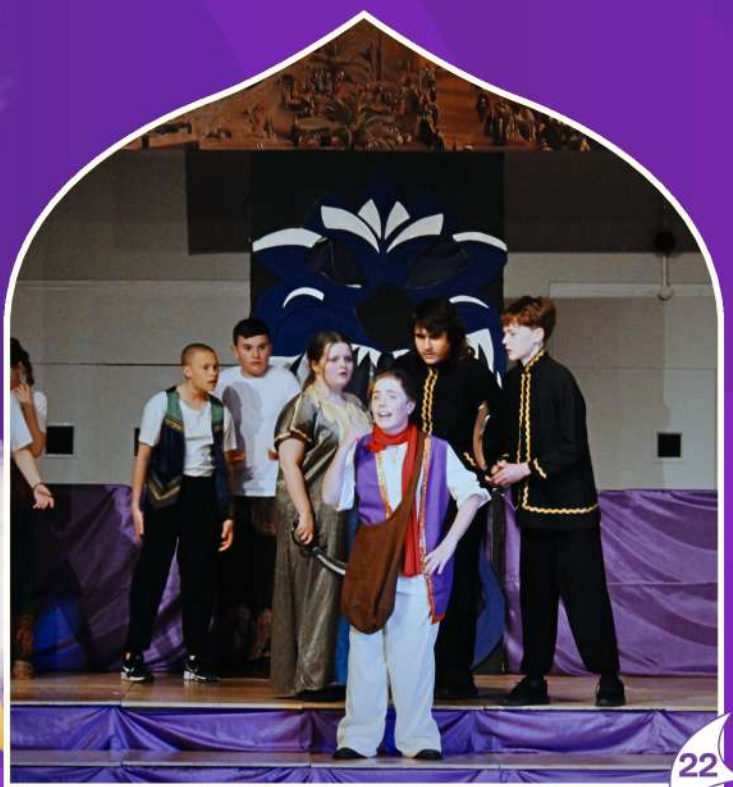
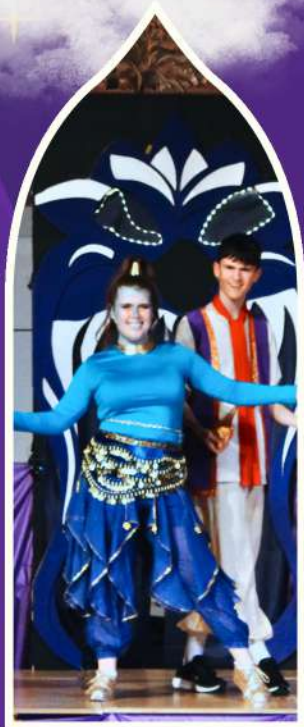
MERIT ASSEMBLIES!



Disney Aladdin JR.









WELL DONE BEN!

▶▶▶ We'd like to say a huge well done to Ben H in Year 10 for winning the [@utcportsmouth](#) Pi Game Coding Competition!

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UTC said: 'The game was fantastic, and we were really impressed by the creativity and effort.'

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Great job Ben!



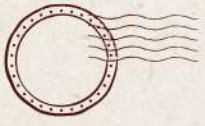


POSTCARDS FROM **POLAND**





POSTCARDS FROM HOLLAND





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUMMER
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2026

APRIL

- Thursday 23rd - Year 10 Parents Evening

MAY

- Friday 1st - First GCSE Exam
- Monday 4th - Bank Holiday
- Saturday 23rd - DofE Practice Expedition
- Monday 25th - Friday 29th - May Half Term

JUNE

- Thursday 4th - Music Summer Showcase
- Thursday 18th - Year 7 Parents Evening
- Tuesday 23rd - PD Day 6
- Wednesday 24th - Year 11 BBQ
- Thursday 25th - Year 11 Prom
- Friday 26th - INSET Day
- Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th - Year 6 Transition Days

JULY

- Thursday 2nd - Year 6 Induction Evening
- Thursday 7th - PD Day 7
- Wednesday 15th - Non School Uniform Day
- Wednesday 22nd - Celebration Assemblies/Last Day of Term (1.15pm Finish)

*Results Day - Thursday 20th August