



# Vigo Primary Newsletter

Newsletter Number 10 - 15 November 2024

Message From  
Mrs Dance

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well.

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week. My assemblies have been focussed on this important national initiative. I have been talking to the children about this year's focus- 'Choose Respect.' I shared how it is important to respect ourselves and others; exploring together how they could exemplify our MIRROR value of respect both at school and at home.

By January 2025, all schools must have a Climate Action Plan. Here at Vigo, we have already written ours (you will be able to read it via our school website very soon) and are underway on our actions for this year. As part of our plan, Year 5 have spent this afternoon at Bury Hill Nature Reserve working with Andover Trees to plant a variety of trees. Today they have planted: Blackthorn, Dog Rose, Field Maple, Guelder Rose, Hawthorn, Hazel, Oak and Spindle. A great way to have a direct, positive impact on climate change.

Finally, unfortunately I have received further emails from our local residents regarding parking at the start and the end of the school day. I do understand the frustration and as you know, I am working with different departments of local government to put actions in place to alleviate the situation. However, please do consider our neighbours and more importantly the safety of our children during these busy times in the school day. Your support with this matter is very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Rachel Dance

Headteacher

## Important!

### Attendance this week

Seal	83.10%	Chile	97.63%	Georgia	93.55%
Penguin	76.33%	Brazil	93.33%	Jamaica	99%
Whale	92.15%	New Zealand	98.28%	Costa Rica	95.17%
Portugal	92.98%	Australia	93%	USA	97.67%
Iceland	90.00%	Fiji	94.33%	Kenya	96.71%
Norway	95.17%	Nepal	96.67%	Madagascar	93.85%
Peru	96.92%	Japan	93.79%	South Africa	95.56%
Whole school		93.50%			

Please think carefully before keeping your child away from school.

As parents and carers you have a responsibility to inform the school before 9.00am every day if your child will not be in school, this can be done via the Arbor app, by email the attendance email address: [attendance@vigo.hants.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@vigo.hants.sch.uk) or by calling the school and selecting option 1.

[More about attendance at Vigo >>](#)

### Lateness

We have noticed a **significant rise in lateness** this term.

Please ensure your child is at school at **8:35am** ready for the school day. You may be invited into school for a meeting with our Attendance Support Worker if lateness is persistent. Unfortunately, due to updated government guidelines, non-attendance of this meeting could result in a penalty notice or referral to the Legal Intervention Team.

### Thank you!

The Royal British Legion have confirmed we raised £178.81 for their poppy appeal.

Malala Yousafzai:  
4476

Rosa Parks:  
4553

Anne Frank:  
4309

Nick Vujicic:  
4800

## Year R Applications 2025 Reminder

Applications for children to start school in September 2025, are now open via this link:

<https://educationonlineportal.hants.gov.uk/EducationOnlinePortal/>

Applications must be completed by  
**midnight on Monday 15 January 2025**

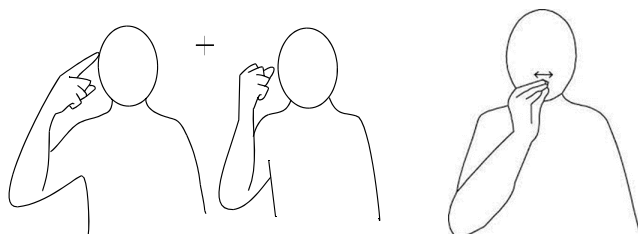
If you know of a family with a child who might need a school place for next year please let them know the deadline, there is no process to automatically notify parents and every year some miss the deadline simply because they do not know that they need to apply now.

**CHILDREN WITH DATES OF BIRTH BETWEEN  
1 SEPTEMBER 2020 and 31 AUGUST 2021  
MUST APPLY FOR SCHOOL PLACES NOW.**

Please ask if you are not sure!

### Sign of the Week

There are two signs for this week



This is the sign for **remember** This is the sign for **poppy**  
ask your child to sign with you

### Children in Need

Thank you for all the donations we have received today for Children in Need, we will let you know the total raised next week.

Year 2 made this GIANT Pudsey bear today, he is hanging up in our KS1 hall and is about 8ft tall, isn't he amazing!



## Vigo Primary School Open Day Events...

Vigo Primary School - Ofsted Rated 'Good' - Oct 2022

"Everyone is welcome and valued here...inclusion and high expectations sit at the heart of the schools culture."

*Is your child due to start school in September 2025?*

Why not come along and see what Vigo Primary School Can offer? To book your space please contact the school office on 01264 365166



Scan the QR code to visit our school tour page on our website

**2024...**  
Monday 7th October - 10:30am  
Tuesday 12th November - 5.30pm  
Friday 6th December - 10.30am  
Friday 6th December - 4.00pm  
Saturday 11th January 2025 - 9-11am

Vigo Primary School...Opening a World of Learning and Opportunity

One parent said... "The school has an amazing staff who go above and beyond to support children's needs."



Vigo Primary School  
We welcome you to follow our school Facebook page to keep up to date with the latest news and to view our latest posts.

Vigo Road, Andover, Hampshire, SP10 1JZ [www.vigo.hants.sch.uk](http://www.vigo.hants.sch.uk) [@VigoPrimarySchool2220](https://www.facebook.com/VigoPrimarySchool2220)

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## ANDOVER TOWN CENTRE EVENTS See what's coming up this Christmas

### November

- 9 NOV** Winter Wellbeing Fair  
9AM TO 12PM, CHANTRY CENTRE
- 10 NOV** Second Sundays  
10AM TO 3PM, ANDOVER HIGH STREET
- 22 NOV** Andover Christmas Festival  
5PM TO 8PM, TOWN CENTRE
- 23 NOV** Christmas Grotto  
10AM TO 3PM, CHANTRY CENTRE

### December

- 7 DEC** Indoor Market  
9:30AM TO 4PM, CHANTRY CENTRE
- 14 DEC** Christmas Grotto  
10AM TO 3PM, CHANTRY CENTRE
- 21 DEC** Festive Film Pop-up  
VARIOUS TIMES, CHANTRY CENTRE
- 22 DEC** Second Sundays  
10AM TO 3PM, ANDOVER HIGH STREET
- 23 DEC** Christmas Carols  
FROM 4PM, ANDOVER HIGH STREET
- 21 DEC** Test Valley Brass Band  
10AM TO 12PM, TIME RING

Find out more at  
[WWW.THINKANDOVERTOWNCENTRE.CO.UK](http://WWW.THINKANDOVERTOWNCENTRE.CO.UK)



## School Meal Charges



### Please Remember!

Charges apply to all ordered school meals regardless of whether they have been served or not. If your child is absent from school or has a packed lunch, and a school meal has been pre-ordered on SchoolGrid, you must remember to cancel your pre-ordered meal by 8:50am, otherwise charges will be applied in both KS2 (paid meals) and KS1 (universal free school meals).

### Key Stage 2 (years 3, 4, 5, 6)

If your child brings a packed lunch to school on a day a pre-ordered school meal has been selected, it will be your responsibility to cancel the meal on SchoolGrid, otherwise you will be charged. If your child is absent and has a pre-ordered meal, it is your responsibility to cancel the pre-ordered meal on SchoolGrid. The school will not be responsible for absorbing charges for pre-ordered meals that have not been taken or cancelled.

### Key Stage 1 (years R, 1, 2)

Whilst key stage 1 children qualify for government funded universal free school meals, the school will still be charged by Dolce for any meals pre-ordered and not taken. Charges for meals not taken can significantly impact school budgets, resulting in more money spent on debt and less money spent on resources and experiences for all children at school.

### Car Park Safety!

Our car park has a lot of vehicles moving at all times, please keep your children safe and do not let them run into the car park.

*"For attractive lips,  
speak words of  
kindness."*

Audrey Hepburn

ANDOVER'S  
OFFICIAL  
TOWN LIGHTS  
SWITCH ON

## ANDOVER Christmas FESTIVAL

### GUILDHALL STAGE

- 5:00 Vigo Primary School Choir
- 5:25 Kimpton, Thruxton & Fyfield Primary School Choir
- 5:40 Burdock Valley Players
- 5:55 Andover Youth Dance Company
- 6:20 Andover Ladies Choir
- 6:45 Louise Vincent School of Dance
- 6:50 Christmas Disco
- 7:00 Lights Switch on
- 7:15 Stonepig

### TOWN MILLS STAGE

- 5:00 Highroad
- 5:30 Hollow Afterthought
- 6:10 Kev & Gary from Nokando
- 6:45 No Way Out
- 7:35 Christmas Disco

### BRIDGE STREET STAGE

- 5:00 Andover College Singers
- 5:45 Ingenious Gentlemen
- 6:30 Test Valley Brass
- 7:10 Andover Rock Choir
- 7:35 Andover Town Band

### UPPER HIGH STREET

- 5:15 Snow Globe Show
- 6:15 Snow Globe Show
- 7:15 Snow Globe Show

### CHANTRY CENTRE CHILDREN'S SHOWS

- 5:00 Storytelling
- 5:30 Magic Show
- 6:00 Storytelling
- 6:30 Magic Show
- 7:00 Storytelling
- 7:30 Magic Show



## Diary Dates

28/10 - 1/11/2024 Half Term to Autumn 2		Spring Term 1 2025	
01/11/2024	Year R Applications open	06/01/2025	Inset Day 3
04/11/2024	School open to all students	07/01/2025	School open to all students
07/11/2024	School Nurses administering Flu Vaccines Yr R - Yr 5	07/01/2025	Yr 6 Trip to Milestones - Details to follow
11/11/2024	Remembrance Day - Wear something red or Cub/Brownie etc uniform		
12/11/2024	Yr R 2025 Open afternoon 17:30	11/01/2025	Yr R 2025 open morning 9:00 - 11:00
13/11/2024	Al Sylvester visiting Yr 6		
15/11/2024	Yr 5 Trip - Tree planting afternoon	15/01/2025	Year R Applications Close
15/11/2024	Dress Down for Children in Need - Monetary donations		
15/11/2024	School Nurses administering Flu Vaccines Yr 6	07/02/2025	Dress Down Day for Spotlight UK - Monetary donations
15/11/2024	Yr 5 trip to plant trees at Bury Wood		
19/11/2024	Calshot information for current Yr 5 parents: 2:30pm and 5:00pm (only attend one)	17-21/02/2025 Half Term to Spring Term 2	
20/11/2024	Individual school photo's	24/02/2025	Inset Day 4
21/11/2024	Vigo School Choir at Andover Rugby Club - 7pm	24/02/2025	School open for all students
22/11/2024	Vigo School Choir at Andover Christmas Lights Switch on - 5pm		
29/11/2024	Vigo Winter Fayre 3:30—5:30pm	21/03/2025	Dress Down for Red Rose Day - Monetary donation
05/12/2024	Children attending Christmas Service at St Mary's Church. (not parents)		
06/12/2024	Yr R 2025 Open morning 10:30	07 - 21/04/2025 Easter Holidays	
06/12/2024	Yr R 2025 Open afternoon 16:00	Summer Term 1 2025	
06/12/2024	Vigo School Choir visit Andover Nursing Home	21/04/2025	Bank Holiday
07/12/2024	Vigo School Choir at Winchester Christmas Market - 1pm	22/04/2025	School open for all students
09/12/2024	Yr R Dress Rehearsal for Nativity		
10/12/2024	Yr R Nativity 2:00pm	24/04/2025	Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court - Details to follow
12/12/2024	Christmas Jumper Day - Christmas Jumper with your uniform - £1 donation to Save the Children	25/04/2025	Leukaemia UK Easter Bake - Dress Down day and bring/buy cakes
12/12/2024	Yr 2 Christmas Carol Concert 2:30pm	09/05/2025	Hospice awareness week - Dress Down Day - Monetary donations for Countess of Brecknock
13/12/2024	Yr R Nativity 10:00am	26 - 30/05/2025 Half Term to Summer Term 2	
12/12/2024	Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal	02/06/2025	Inset Day 5
16/12/2024	Yr 1 Nativity Performance to Iceland Parents 10:30am	03/06/2025	School open to all students
17/12/2024	Yr 1 Nativity Performance to Norway Parents 10:30am	13/06/2025	Wear Blue for diabetes awareness - No Donation
18/12/2024	Yr 1 Nativity Performance to Portugal Parents 10:30am	20/06/2025	Dress Down in Purple or blue for Purple Oak - Monetary donation
19/12/2024	Vigo School Choir at St Mary's Church for Kids-on-Track	16/07/2025	Yr 6 Trip to Paultons Park - Details to follow
TBC Nov	Donations for Food Bank for Christmas	TBC July	Donations for Food Bank
23/12/2024 - 03/01/2025 Christmas Holidays		22/07/2025 Last Day of Summer Term	

## Owlets

Iceland	Kaiden W	for working really hard on his maths and using his knowledge of part-part whole to write a number sentence! Great work, well done!
	Haris I	for trying really hard with his writing and his letter formation! Well done!
Norway	Rosie W	for using all her phonics and Fred talk skills to write her sentences to sequence the Three little pigs story
	Darcy N	for working very hard in every task and always facing challenges with motivation and resilience.
Portugal	Lyndon P	for being so sensible and focused during our additional English lesson. Well done Lyndon.
	Alexander P	for making excellent progress in Maths and showing us his potential.
Brazil	Kai F	for his wonderful contributions during class input. Great imagination Kai, well done!
	Mya H	for generating her own sentences using contractions. Well done Mya!
Chile	Braxton N	for brilliant effort with his Maths this week subtracting from 2-digit numbers. Well Done Braxton!
Peru	Esmei S	for some beautiful writing, including contractions and exclamation marks in a commanding sentence.
	Alfie C	for always having a fantastic attitude towards his learning and trying to complete learning independently and to the best of his ability.
Australia	Max G	for showing resilience reading in front of the class and helping others to read.
	Freya M	for showing great motivation to work your hardest both in school and at home. Well done.
Fiji	Mario M	for being a fantastic role model to others by always trying his best in everything he does!
	Freddie S	for being super kind and respectful to all his peers!
New Zealand	Caleb H	for settling into Vigo Primary School well and for making a positive contribution to New Zealand Class.
	George R	for making valuable contributions to class discussions and being motivated to achieve his best. Keep it up!
Georgia	Emelia C	for showing outstanding resilience when things can be tricky. Well done!
	Henry T	for an outstanding attitude in all areas of your learning and for being a great role model in Georgia class. Well done!
Japan	Izabel S	for showing fantastic knowledge about the world in our foundation subjects which helps the learning of those around you.
	Evie B	for showing resilience in all you have done in school lately. You are doing really well!
Nepal	Leo H	for his positive and motivated approach to creating a double page spread about emotions.
	Rafael K	for showing great resilience and determination in maths when learning column subtraction.
Costa Rica	Mikolaj N	for excellent writing this week in English
	Oscar M	for good use of vocabulary in English
Jamaica	Parker H	for being consistently motivated to set himself new challenges!
	Bruce I	for continually striving to improve his writing! Good work!
USA	Maddy D	for great contributions to lessons
	Tyler C	for having a fantastic approach to your learning this week
Kenya	Ferhan B	for giving everything a go at Calshot and being a positive and brilliant member of the team.
	Logan M	for being supportive and kind to all your group at Calshot and giving everything a go.
Madagascar	Lana H	for approaching everything at Calshot with fantastic positivity and enthusiasm.
	Ava-Mae H	for showing amazing resilience and facing her fears at Calshot.
South Africa	Melissa Y	for a fantastic attitude in Calshot. You had a great 'have a go' attitude which meant you were successful in all you did! Well done.
	Zaara A	for overcoming your fears and worries. You were an absolute star in Calshot- we are so proud of you!

## Milkshake Time

Congratulations to the following children who were selected for Milkshake time:

Rosalie B	Raina O	Vaughn W	Arthur M	Caoimhe C	Ella H
Melissa S	Dolly W	Rex D	Jarred M	Amy B	Elijah B
Mason M	Tommy M	Kye C	Lexie H	Emily C	

