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Newsletter

Principal's Message

As we come to the end of a busy and joyful term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the many wonderful experiences our children have enjoyed over the past few weeks.

Our Easter Bonnet Parade was a real highlight, with children across the school proudly showcasing their creative and colourful designs. The effort, imagination, and smiles on the day made it a truly memorable event. We were also delighted to support Comic Relief, with the whole school taking part in "Wear Something Funny" day. The children embraced the theme brilliantly, and together we raised an impressive £280 for this fantastic cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

A special mention goes to Nursery, who enjoyed their very first trip out to a farm. The children represented our school beautifully and had a wonderful time exploring, learning, and meeting the animals. It was a milestone moment for them and one we are very proud of.

Our Rocksteady musicians also deserve a huge well done for their brilliant concert. Their confidence, teamwork, and enthusiasm shone through, and it was lovely to see how much progress they have made.

To round off the term, the children enjoyed some fantastic discos yesterday, full of energy, dancing, and fun. It was a lovely way to celebrate all their hard work this term.

Thank you to our families for your continued support. We wish you all a restful break and a very happy holiday.

Upcoming Events

Monday 13th April - Pupils` first day back

Friday 15th May - Year 2 dress up day for International Nurses Day

Monday 18th May - Year 6 Reward Trip

3rd June - Years 5 &6 Rockley Buddens Residential

Reminders

Water Bottles: Please ensure all children bring to school a labelled refillable water bottle.

Jumpers: With the weather hopefully improving please ensure jumpers are clearly named.

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Nursery





Nursery had a fantastic adventure on their very first school trip to Kingston Maurward Animal Park! The children were absolute superstars from start to finish—they listened beautifully, showed great maturity, and represented Elm brilliantly. As part of our topic on the farm, we were excited to see many of the animals we've been learning about, including donkeys, horses, pigs, and goats. The children loved spotting each one and talking about what they knew. It was a wonderful day full of learning, confidence-building, and smiles all round!





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Reception

Our topic over the last two weeks has been lifecycles. We have been looking at the lifecycles of different living things such as a plant, a chick and a caterpillar. We even made our own caterpillar lifecycles bed on the hungry caterpillar book and created our own flying bugs to display in the classroom! We also had lots of fun creating our own Hungry Caterpillars out of fruit! The children practised their cutlery skills and chose the correct number of pieces of fruit to match the Hungry Caterpillar story.













We have also been learning about Easter! We have been making some lovely Easter crafts and learning about the Easter story.





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Year 1



Year 1 enjoyed their Geography fieldwork trip to Kinson Common and park on Friday 20th March. They were very lucky that the sun shone. As part of the visit they had to follow a map to reach the park. While on their walk they also looked for humans and physical features of the local area. This visit also linked to their DT project this half term as they are making play equipment!



















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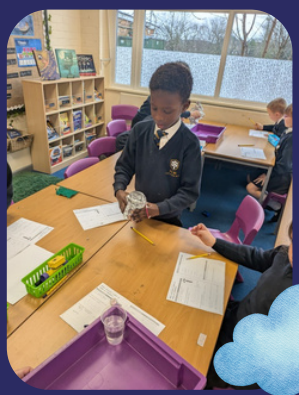
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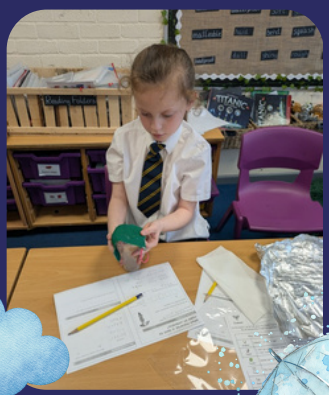
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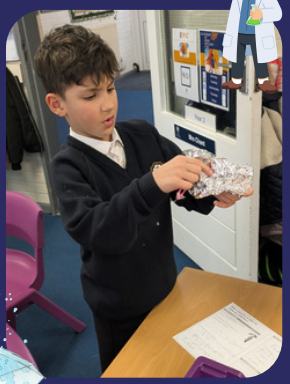
Year 2 have been carrying on their learning about the Titanic. They became historians and looked at the reasons behind why it sank. Year 2 have also been learning about what life was like on the shop before the tragic events. In art they completed a collabrative art project and produced a wonderful collage of the magnificent ship!



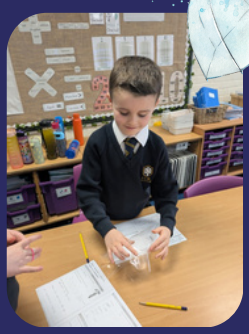
In science Year 2 have been learning about materials and their properties. The children worked in groups to investigate which material would be best for an umbrella.













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Year 3



Year 3 had a fantastic time during our Ancient Egyptian Workshop last week! We travelled back in time and explored Ancient Egypt! We held real artefacts, which date back from thousands of years ago, as well as completing a real mummification! Thank you to Russ, our workshop lead - The children were so engaged and enjoyed the entire day!























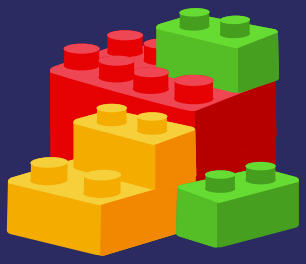
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Year 4

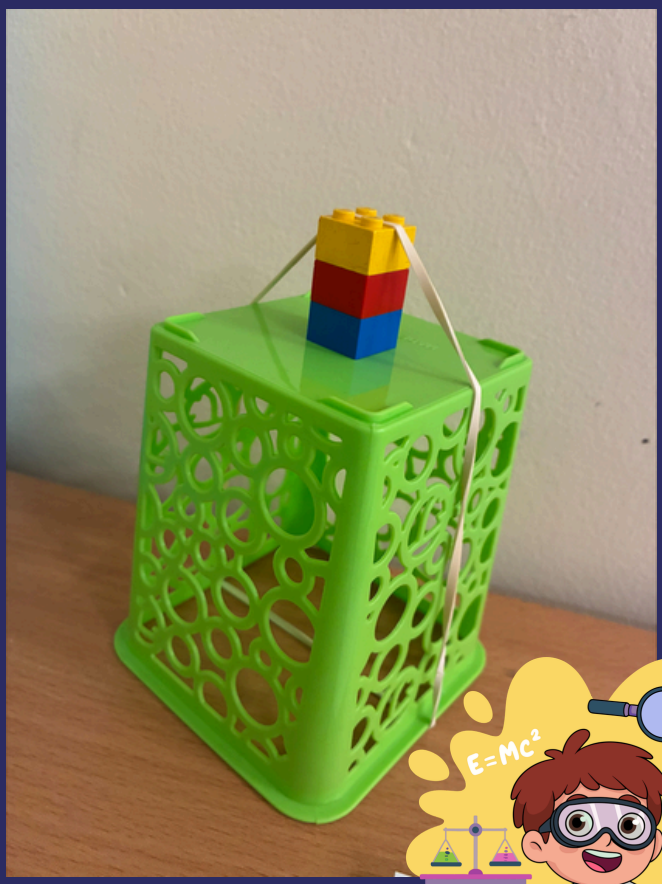




We are very impressed with their effort towards the Easter bonnet parade. There were lots of creative designs.

In science, we have been learning about sound. We used tablets to measure hertz. We used Lego bricks to tighten the elastic bands to make different pitches.









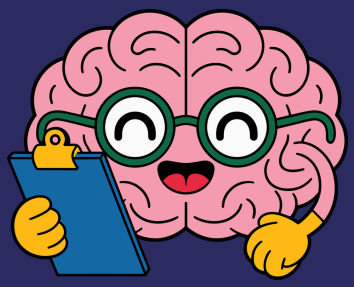
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Year 5



In Maths, we have now completed our unit on fractions, decimals and percentages. We worked through a range of problem-solving activities and have shown growing confidence in making connections between these concepts.



In English, the children finished drafting and refining their suspense narratives. They have worked thoughtfully to build tension, develop atmosphere, and engage the reader through careful vocabulary choices.

In Science, we have been learning about the pollination cycle. The class explored how plants reproduce, the vital role insects play, and why pollination is essential for ecosystems.

In Music, we enjoyed our final lesson in our Samba unit. Pupils had the chance to perform using a range of percussion instruments, demonstrating rhythmic control and teamwork.











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Year 6



WELL DONE!

Year 6 have enjoyed celebrating their practise SATS successes this week. There has been huge progress and fantastic results - well done all of Year 6!
In Science this half term, they have completed their learning about evolution, discovering how species adapt and change over time - they enjoyed pretending to be birds catching multi-coloured 'caterpillars' on the playground! Their geography lessons have taken them deep into the world's rainforests, looking at their unique ecosystems and global importance.



Year 6 finished the term with Dance parties in their classrooms! It was great fun. They also watched the film 'Holes' which they have read this half term - they loved the story and enjoyed the chance to relax and watch the film!

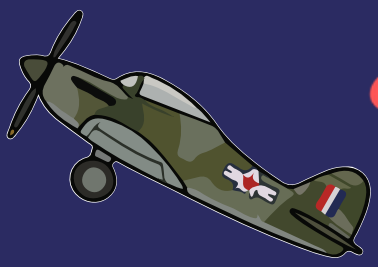
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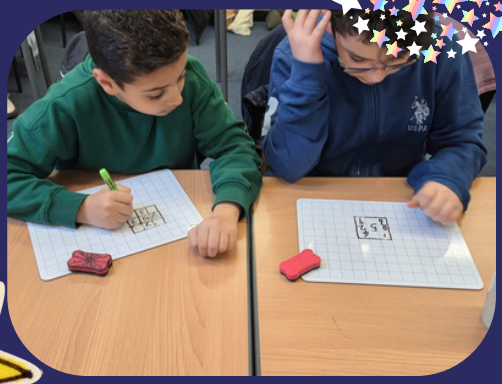
SHINE



The Shine pupils had a fantastic last session. They did Design Technology. The children designed rovers for the hungry hippo game. They had to try to collect the small balls but not the large ones. Everyone enjoyed controlling the rovers. The pupils finished their shine journey with history. They learnt about the Blitz spirit, propaganda and censorship. A massive thank you to the parents for their support and to Mrs Brennan who has given up her Saturday mornings so the pupils can have these opportunities!



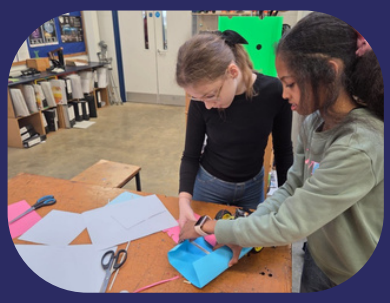
















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Red Nose Day

COMIC RELIEF

Thank you to everyone that supported our fundraising efforts to support Comic Relief. There were so many fantastic red outfits along with lots of funny outfits. Mr Duffy was also blown away with the quality of everyone's jokes. We are very pleased to say that we raised over £250 for the charity!





Mr Duffy loved hearing everyone's jokes. He was very impressed with Reggie in Reception, Jack in Year 2, Brody in Year 3, Nathaniel in Year 4 and Daisy in Year 6.

Easter Jokes

HA HA



WHY DID THE EASTER BUNNY HAVE TO FIRE THE DUCK?

BECAUSE HE KEPT QUACKING THE EGGS!

WHY SHOULDN'T YOU TELL AN EASTER EGG A JOKE?

IT MIGHT CRACK UP!

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Easter visit

On Monday 23rd March we were very lucky to welcome Dan the vicar from St Andrew's church in Kinson to Elm. Dan spent time in Nursery and Reception where he taught the children about Palm Sunday. He also spent time in Year 1 and 2 where they learnt the Easter story and made Easter gardens. Dan ended his time at Elm with a whole school assembly about Easter.





























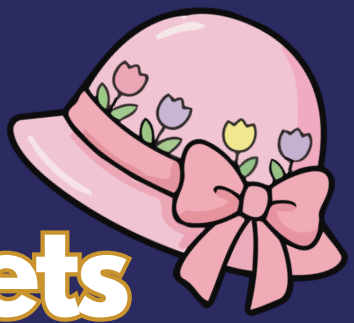
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Easter Bonnets

Well done to everyone that took part in the Easter Bonnet parade this week. We were literally blown away with everyone's creativity. There was such an array of a fantastic bonnets it made it so hard to choose winners!

















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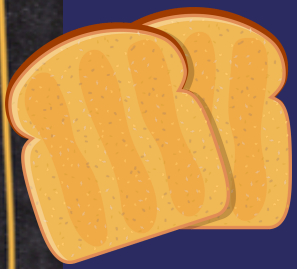
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A reminder that our free breakfast club doors open at 8.20 am and will close no later than 8.25 am.
All children must be accompanied by an adult to the doors.
If your child arrives after this time they will not be allowed in and you will have to wait until 8.40 am for the gates to open.
Please see below for our weekly menu

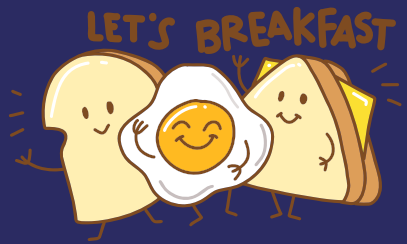














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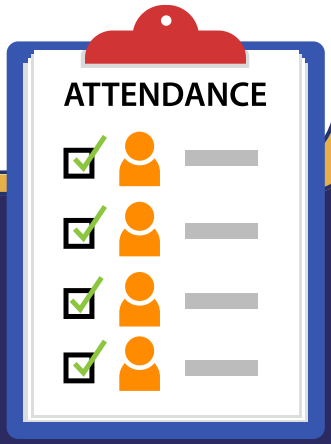
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Attendance



Attendance 16th Mar - 27th March

Hedgehogs - 96.36%
Squirrels - 92.95%
1TB - 92.97%
2JC - 96.17%
3KW - 91.88%
3LS - 94.67%
4CJ - 95.04%
4LL - 92.34%
5AH - 95.93%
5JD - 95.44%
6AC- 97.78%
6BH - 85.96%
6ET - 94.75%



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Please can we remind you that Elm Academy is a NUT FREE School.

We have multiple children at our school with severe nut allergies.

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a serve, potentially life threating allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a serve reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We can NOT have NUTs at Elm Academy in any form. So please check that your children have NO NUT products in their lunch boxes or brought into the school as a treat.

The following items should not be brought into Elm Academy:

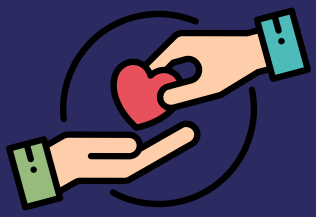
- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (students allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nut

Please ensure you always check the packaging of any food items brought into school. If the packaging says the following words, these items should not be brought into Elm Academy:

- Not suitable for nut allergy sufferers
- This product contains nuts
- This product may contain traces of nuts

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

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Useful Information

MYTIME YOUNG CARERS

Is your child a Young Carer?

A young carer is a 'child under the age of 18 who helps to look after a member of their family or a friend who is ill, disabled or living with a Mental Health condition or who misuses substances'.

If your child is a Young Carer they could benefit from support in school and MYTIME Young Carers can

Give young carers something to look forward to amidst challenging circumstances

Create much-needed breaks for young carers and safe spaces where they can be themselves

Offer social opportunities for young carers to connect with one another

Empower young carers with new skills, confidence and self-worth

Identify training opportunities and pathways to employment for young adult carers

Educate schools, local authorities and communities to increase support and understanding for young carers

Provide support to young carer parents, siblings and other family members

If you feel your child is a Young Carer please contact Mrs Stevenson (Pastoral Support) for more information.

HOPE FOR FOOD

Many people are struggling due to the current cost of living. If you require support with essential food items please contact Mrs Stevenson in the Inclusion Team to request a Food Hamper or complete the Microsoft Form below for a six week referral. These are delivered to school weekly by Hope for Food.

Request for Food Hamper from Hope for Food – Fill in form

Please See below link for the BCP Access to Food Map showing community Food Support in your area

Access to Food Map | Tableau Public

BCP Council

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT HUB

Do you know where to go for help and support?

Everyone welcome

Drop-in to our Neighbourhood Support Hub for free advice and support on cost of living, health and wellbeing and more.

MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2025 12PM – 2PM	MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2026 12PM – 2PM
MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025 12PM – 2PM	MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026 12PM – 2PM
MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2026 12PM – 2PM	MONDAY 13TH JULY 2026 12PM – 2PM

HENRY BROWN CENTRE, CUNNINGHAM CRESCENT, BH11 8DU

BCP Council · WEST HOWE Community Enterprises · NORTH BOURNEMOUTH PRIMARY CARE NETWORK

Chat with local services

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Early years food choking hazards

Food Standards Agency
food.gov.uk

Below is a table of advice on key foods for care givers who are involved with preparing and serving food for babies and young children (under 5 years old)

Vegetable and fruits	Advice
Pips or stones in fruit	Always check beforehand and remove hard pips or stones from fruit.
Small fruits	Cut small round fruits like grapes, cherries, berries, strawberries and cherry tomatoes, into small pieces: cut lengthways and then again cut them in halves (quarters).
Large fruits and firm fruits	Cut large fruits like melon and firm fruits like apple into slices instead of small chunks. For very young children, consider grating or mashing firm fruits, or softening them up by steaming or simmering.
Vegetables	Cut vegetables like carrots, cucumber and celery into narrow batons. For very young children consider grating or mashing firm vegetables and legumes like butter beans, chickpeas and tofu, or softening them up by steaming or simmering.
Skin on fruit and vegetables	Consider removing the skin from fruit and vegetables, especially for very young children. Peeled fruit and vegetables can be swallowed more easily.
Cooking fruit and vegetables	Consider softening firm fruit and vegetables (such as carrots, broccoli, yam and apples) by steaming or simmering until soft. Serve cut into slices or narrow batons.
Meat and fish	**Advice**
Sausages and hot dogs	Cut sausages and hot dogs into short strips. Cut them in half and then lengthways or as thinly as possible. Peeling the skin off the sausages helps them to be swallowed more easily.
Meat or fish	Remove bones from meat or fish. Cut meat into strips as thinly as possible. Remove skin and fat from meat and fish, it will help the food pass smoothly down the throat.
Cheese	**Advice**
Grate or cut cheese	Grate or cut cheese into short strips. Cut lumps of cheese as narrow as possible.
Nuts and seeds	**Advice**
Chop or flake whole nuts	Chop or flake whole nuts, peanuts and seeds. Whole nuts should not be given to children under five years old.
Bread	**Advice**
White bread and other breads	White bread can form a ball shape with a dough-like texture at the back of a child's throat, if not chewed properly. Brown bread or toasted white bread are good alternatives. Cut bread, chapatis, naan bread and other breads into narrow strips.
Snacks and other foods	**Advice**
Popcorn	Do not give babies and young children popcorn.
Chewing gum and marshmallows	Do not give babies and young children chewing gum or marshmallows.
Peanut butter	Do not give babies and young children peanut butter on its own, only use as a spread.
Jelly cubes	Do not give babies and young children raw jelly cubes.
Boiled sweets and ice cubes	Do not give babies and young children boiled, hard, gooey, sticky or cough sweets, or ice cubes.
Raisins and other dried fruits	Do not give babies under the age of 1 whole raisins or dried fruits. Cut them into small pieces.

Make sure food is prepared appropriately for children under 5 years old, see: https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/weaning/

It is also advisable that care givers are familiar with how to respond to a choking incident, see: How to stop a child from choking: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-stop-a-child-from-choking/

and How to resuscitate a child: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-resuscitate-a-child/



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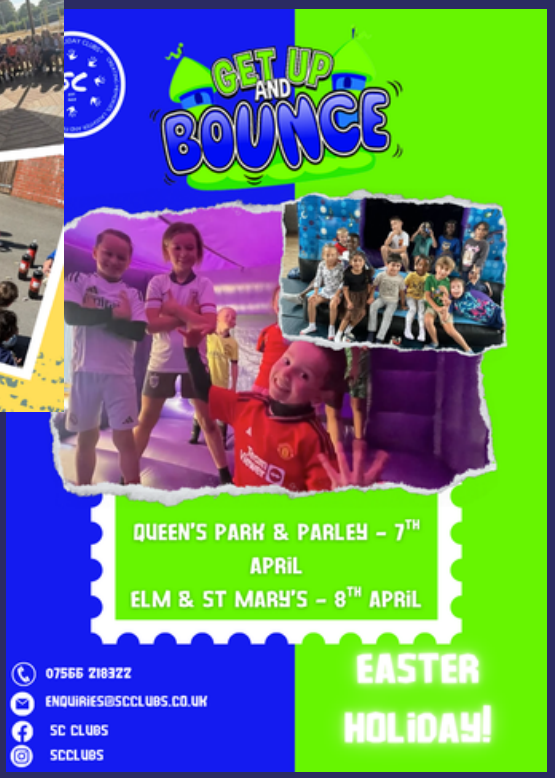












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MOORDOWN & SOUTHBOURNE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

RECRUITMENT DAY!

25TH APRIL 2026 9.30AM - 12.30PM

@ ST. PETERS PRIMARY SCHOOL B'MOUTH BH7 6RG

Moordown & Southbourne Football Club are currently looking for players to join their exciting teams ready for the 2026/27 season.

If your child is currently aged 6 to 11 years old and they are looking to join a fantastic and friendly football club, then scan the QR code below to register your interest in joining our fun filled recruitment day packed with exciting football based games, activities and maybe even an ice cream van - just get there before the coaches do!

www.facebook.com/MoordownAndSouthbourne

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Useful Numbers

National Domestic Abuse Helpline- 0808 16 89 111
Citizens Advice- 0808 27 87 939
SHOUT Text Service (Mental Health Support)- Text 85258
KOOTH (Mental Health Support 11-18 years)- 08000 55 555
NSPCC Helpline- 0808 800 5000
NSPCC Helpline Under 18- 0800 1111

Information regarding Head lice

Head Lice:

•Can't fly, jump or swim
•Are very unlikely to be spread by objects such as hats, combs and pillows
•Don't have a preference for dirty, clean, short or long hair
•Only affect people and can't be caught from animals

Once detached from the hair, head lice will usually die within 12-24 hours.

Preventing head lice

It's very difficult to prevent Head Lice. You may want to consider regular detection combing on a weekly basis. Lotions and sprays don't prevent Head Lice and should only be used if a live louse has been found in your own, or your child's hair.Staying off work or school and washing clothing and bedding on a hot wash is unnecessary, as it's unlikely to help prevent the spread of Head Lice. It is also Ideal if your child has long hair to wear it up to lessen the chance the lice attach.