

Boarding @ Chafyn Spring pup-date 🐾



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Spring Half 1

By Oakley Edwards 🐾



Dear boarders and families,

How the first half of term flew by! However, in just five short weeks, our boarders kept busy. The children filled these dark evenings, with classic activities such as 'Find the Cork' and 'Werewolf' remaining popular, plus lots of pool and table football. On Tuesdays, the children used the sports hall with Mr. Bond to play games all together, such as Pirate, Robinson Crusoe and Dodgeball. On Thursdays, the children sometimes visit the art department with Mr. Clarke. This term, 'Percy Jackson' has been the movie/show of the 'moment'. We are a big fan of these stories, which showcase resilient and compassionate neurodivergent children.

As well as welcoming boarding parents, we invited *all* the Year 3,4 & 5s into boarding, on special year group tours of the boarding house. We hope this gave everyone a feel of our little home within school.

Thank you to Issy for being our first Head Boarder this academic year. Issy was and is a brilliant role model for our younger pupils. Taking over this term, Findlay was voted our new Head Boarder!

It was a quiet end to the first half of term, with our Year 7&8s away on the sports tour. However, our younger pupils enjoyed spreading out on the common room sofas and a special pamper night. We are all looking forward to longer days and the swimming pool! We hope you have all had a wonderful and restful half term break. 😊

Paws sincerely,

The Boarding Team 🐾

Spring 1 Boarders of the Week:

Alvaro, Teddy, Aidan and Arthur



Head Boarder: Findlay



Our GAPS...

By Naya Wagner 🐾



This term, we have been joined by our two new Australians: Miss Hall and Miss Orr.

Miss H (R) is from a couple of hundred miles outside Sydney. She has been a boarder herself, so has insight into the house. Miss H is a strong swimmer and plays rugby.

Miss O (L) is from Thursday Island, on the Northern tip of Australia. She has worked as a ferry deck hand and assisted in a specialist school. Miss O likes to play netball.



WEEKENDS IN BOARDING

By Shymba Browning-Stamp 



On a Friday night, our boarders can be found snuggled up on the sofa in PJs and duvets. We watch a full movie of their choice, often with a cup of popcorn and hot chocolate. It has been an opportunity to rest and enjoy these colder months.

On Saturday mornings, they have continued to venture off with Mr. Spice for a walk (rain or shine!) in the local countryside. In the afternoon, in the first of half term we have been joined by Mrs. Vuckovic, Mrs. White and Mr. Clarke. Saturday afternoons see our boarders head into Salisbury Town Centre, to explore the shops and roam the market.

The first weekend back, the boarders took on Ninja Warrior! It was SO much fun and tested their athleticism. The second weekend, boarders went to Snowtrax, a synthetic ski slope! After these trips, we took a detour through the New Forest. We were very lucky with the sunny weather, spending time building stick forts and exploring the woods.



The last weekend, boarders celebrated Alvaro's birthday with 'build your own burger' and one of Dave's amazing cakes! On the Sunday, we took a trip to Moors Valley to get on the 'Nets'. This is a treetop adventure with four bouncy nets spread over three levels and an observation deck. The children enjoyed looking around the gift shop and some had saved their weekend pocket money, treating themselves to a luxury hot chocolate!



Scheduled weekend activities for 2nd half of term: Go Ape Southampton, Romsey Rapids and Thorney Island (home of Mrs. Wells) seal watching!

