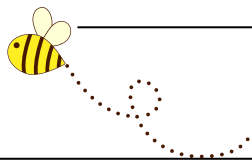




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Hatch Warren Junior School

# Hatch Warren Herald



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## A message from Mrs Thomas

Firstly, I would like to say a massive WELL DONE!! to all of our Year 6 children.



Last week, they sat their SATs tests and we couldn't be more proud of how well they approached these exams. Each day started with breakfast which we provided for the children so that they could enjoy a relaxed time together before the tests started and that their brains were well fed! Bacon baps, oaty biscuits and juice were very well received (by the children...and the staff!).

There were a few nerves on the first day but, once they got started, they realised it was just like all the practice papers they had done. They focused brilliantly, even during some thundery downpours!

We are really so proud of their attitude and their focus during the week. It's never nice having to do tests but we suspect the breakfast will be the lasting memory of the experience!

The tests have all been sent off for marking and the results will come back during the second week of July. These will then be sent to parents with the end of year reports for Year 6 that week. Year 6 are definitely ready for a break this half term! We hope they have a lovely time and come back refreshed and ready for their last half term with us - I still can't believe they're Year 6!!

Our Opal play programme continues to develop really well. The whole staff have had some further training over the last two weeks which will help to lead us into the next stages of development. The children are absolutely loving it! This week we have introduced music on the stage as well as dressing up and penalty shoot outs (generally separate but I suppose they could dress up and take part in penalty shoot outs if they want to!). Just a reminder that they will be outside in all weathers so please ensure that your child has the right clothing for the weather. If it is raining, they must have a coat and they need wellies (welly racks are on their way to help us solve the storage issue!). If it is warm and sunny, they will need sun cream and a hat. As we have so many areas open, there are plenty of places to go and play in the shade. We will keep you updated with our further developments - this is an 18 month to 2 year programme of development but we have certainly made a great start!



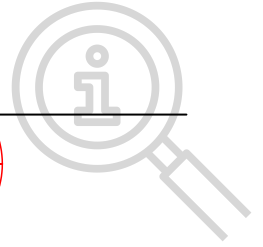
It just leaves me to say a big thank you to you all for your continued support. I hope you have a fantastic half term and enjoy the amazing weather we are going to be blessed with!

Mrs Thomas

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# Whole School Information

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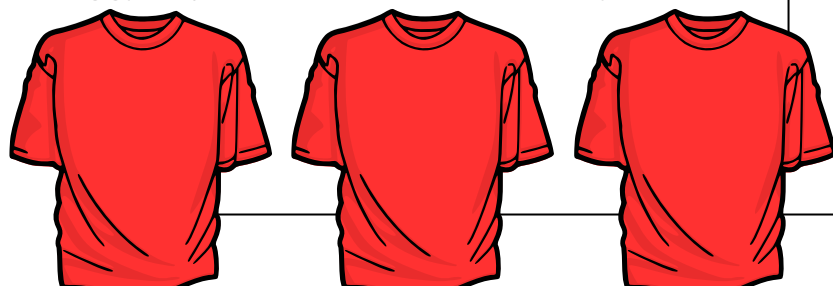
## Class Photos

A reminder that Class and Leavers Photos will be taken by Fraser Photography on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026. Please ensure your child comes in on this day with their school jumper or cardigan. For those who have PE (year 3 & 5) please come in dressed in school uniform and bring in your PE kit. These children will have their photos taken in the morning and then be given appropriate time and space to change in the afternoon.



## Extra Clothing for Wet Weather

With OPAL playtimes in mind and children going out to play in all weathers, additional clothing may be required. Although children are encouraged to wear their coats there may be times when it is warmer but the ground or equipment is wet. If your child is likely to get wet and they would like spare clothes for the afternoon please feel free to pop a set in their bag so they can leave them in their locker. Sadly we don't have enough spares to cater for soggy tops and bottoms! Thank you.



## Road Closure



We understand this has been a difficult week traffic wise with the uncertainty of the road closure schedule for Cliddesden Lane. We do now have official confirmation that Cliddesden Lane will be closed from 01/06/2026 for 7 days from approximately 9:30am to 15:00. The road will be closed from Hatch Warren Way end to A30 Woodbury Road end. Please plan your journey accordingly.

## Whole School Outcome Event

A reminder that we have a whole school Outcome Event on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 2.30pm. Please enter via the front gate only. Doors to the classrooms will open at 2.30pm. The event will finish at around 3.10pm. Please come in and take a look at your child's work and enjoy an activity together. We look forward to seeing you there.

## First Day Back

We wish you an enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming children back to school at 9am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 for Summer Term 2.

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## Basingstoke Festival Parade



We are excited to invite you and your friends to take part in creating the Basingstoke Festival Opening Parade leading up to the spectacular event on Friday 19th June 2026!

This year's theme is Mythical Beasts and we are holding a competition to design the Beast of Basingstoke! The competition is open to all people of all ages, from tots to David Attenborough and beyond! The winning design will be made into a giant puppet by puppet maker and puppeteer, Nick Ash and will be part of the parade.

We are also holding a Parade Club in the Creative Emporium, Festival Place for more prop & costume making in the week leading up to the big event.

More information can be found here: [Whats On | Explore Events & Join Today — Scratch Built Productions](#)

Please share this exciting news in your Newsletters or Mailing Lists. The more the merrier!! Hope to see you there.

Many thanks & kind regards

Becky & Claire - Scratch Built Productions




# Achievements



## House Points

The current total for the year is: 413,880. Amazing!

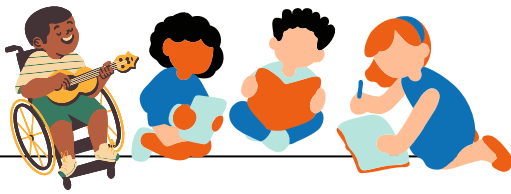
House	Points totals for this term
Farah	18,916 
Gershwin	18,373
Rowling	17,394
Newton	17,350

## Stars of the Week/Growth Mindset



Congratulations to the following children who were awarded "Star of The Week"/"Growth Mind Set" Award over the last two weeks: we are proud of you!

<b>Class 1:</b> Aaron, Jake Kartik, Gabriella	<b>Class 2:</b> Jazmin, Poppy David, Jayson	<b>Class 3:</b> Oaklan, Tazanna Theo, Eray
<b>Class 4:</b> Hanna-Maria, Archie Mia-Rose, Nihaal	<b>Class 5:</b> Olivia C, Corey Paul, Izzy	<b>Class 6:</b> Roxanne, Emily Carter, Freddie B
<b>Class 7:</b> Nihal, Zoya Gabriel, Nihal	<b>Class 8:</b> Lillie-Mae, Lily Oliver H, Bobby	<b>Class 9:</b> Max, Izzy Henley, Bella-Rose
<b>Class 10:</b> James M, Brody Freddie H, Cora	<b>Class 11:</b> Josie, Freddie B Noah, James N	<b>Class 12:</b> Summer, Ellie Phoebe, Bella



# Year Group Updates



## Year 3

As we reach the end of a very busy and successful half-term, we want to say how proud we are (as always!) of all the children for their hard work, enthusiasm and positive attitudes. They have achieved so much across the curriculum and have really shown resilience and determination. We hope you all have a well-rested and enjoyable break!

In maths, we have continued building our times tables knowledge, focusing on the 3s, 4s and 8s, alongside related division facts. Some children have really challenged themselves by tackling additional multi-step word problems - well done! We have also started developing our number sense fluency for the 5 times table, while continuing to retrieve key facts such as the 2 times table and square numbers. It has been fantastic to see the children maintaining their enthusiasm and hard work, any extra practice at home is always appreciated.

In English, we have completed our recounts of our trip to Ufton Court. The children worked incredibly hard to bring their experiences to life, and we were especially impressed with Vlad and Holly, who not only produced a wonderful masterpiece but have also contributed a short snippet about their day for this newsletter, read on to find out more!

To finish the half-term, the children have also enjoyed writing their own acrostic poems based on monsters, using lots of alliteration and similes to create some imaginative and expressive pieces.

In DT, the children completed their Roman sandwich project, where they practised their cutting skills and created their own sandwiches with a variety of fillings (some combinations were certainly more adventurous than others...) We were very proud of the safe choices they made and the effort they put into their sandwich. Perhaps it's now time for them to start making sandwiches for you at home!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting half-term.

## Year 4

The children have really enjoyed our topic all about Ancient Egypt this half term and have written some fantastic tourist guides for Ancient Egypt.

They have also been writing a biography all about Sir David Attenborough in celebration of his recent 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In DT, we have finished designing our own Ancient Egyptian artefacts using CAD (Computer Aided Design) and the results are amazing and in maths we have been consolidating our times tables and division skills ready for our multiplication tests after half term!

A reminder that next half term, inside PE will continue on a Monday and outdoor PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure the children have appropriate PE clothing, especially for outside, and a water bottle as the weather warms up.

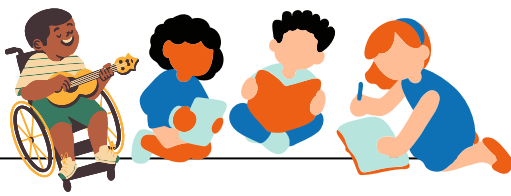
Home learning will be continuing with the children using TTRockstars, in preparation for the upcoming times tables assessment.

A short reading task on Purple Mash should also be completed each week, which the children are now familiar with.

Please see class teachers if you need a reminder of the password or have any issues accessing it.

Please also remind children to bring their library books with them to change during library sessions - class 4 on a Thursday and classes 5 and 6 on a Friday.

Hope you all have a restful half term.



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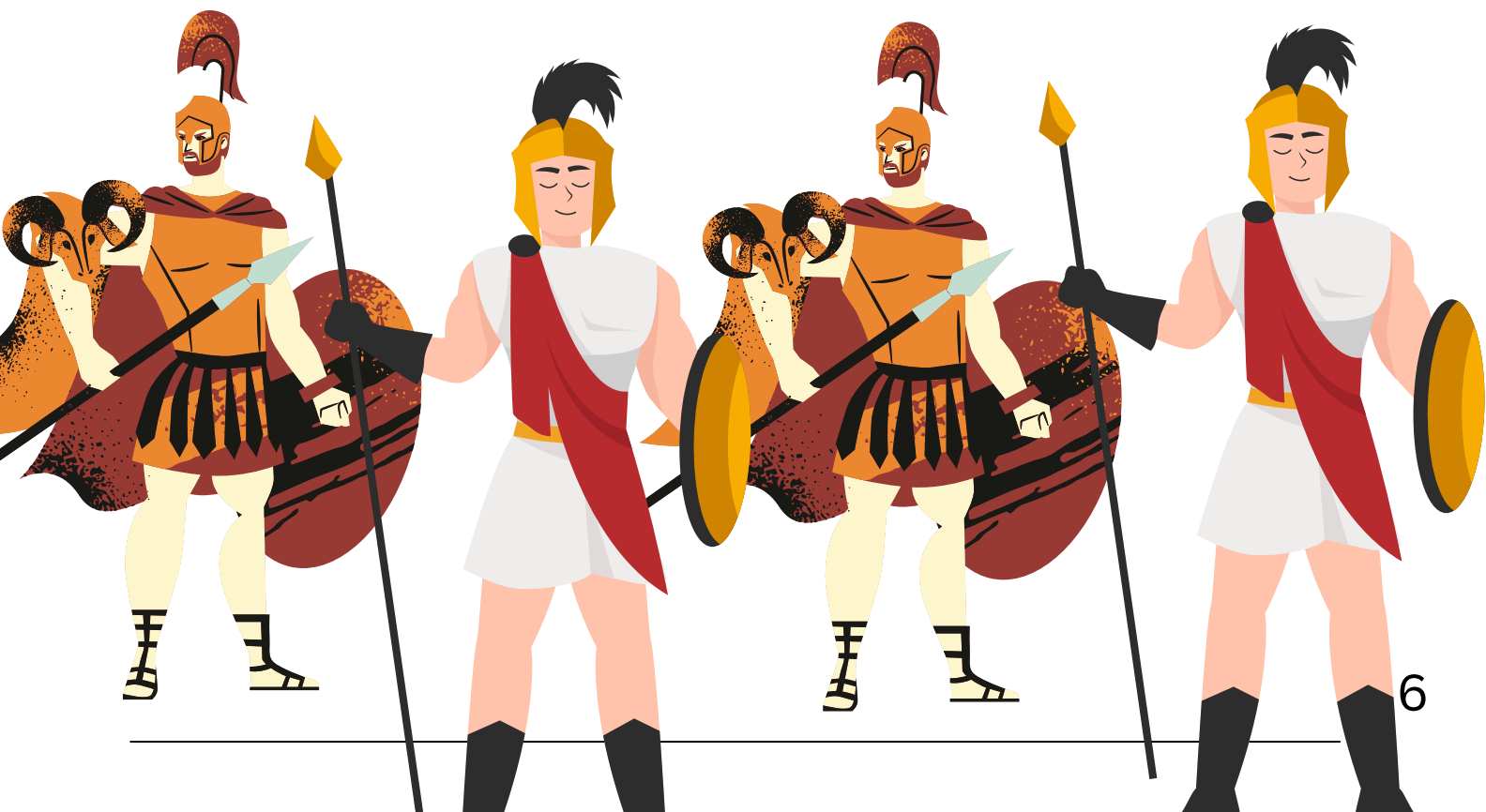
## Year 3 Continued....

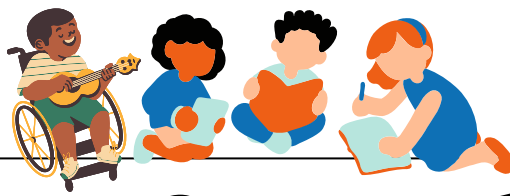
Holly & Vlad's account:

Year 3 went to Ufton Court on Wednesday 6th May. When we arrived, we met our instructors, Matt and Mandy. Our first activity was Boudicca's Rebellion, where Miss Smith chose me (Holly) to be Boudicca and Kartik to be Decianus.

Next, we visited the Icenii tribe to find out if Prasutagus was still alive. I was a Roman soldier (Vlad), and soon Boudicca became our fearless, fierce leader.

One of my favourite parts (Vlad) was when we saw a pig escape during our adventure as Roman soldiers, it was very unexpected! My favourite part (Holly) was when we got to do the tortoise formation. Although it was really exciting to recreate it using shields, Miss Smith and Mrs Loyal threw rocks at us (don't worry...they were soft ones!). – Holly & Vlad, Class 1





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## Year 5

A great couple of weeks in year 5!

In maths, the children have been learning to use the long multiplication method, which has been quite a challenge for them.

In English, they have been looking at the book *Journey* by Aaron Becker. They have been writing a diary account from the main character as she explores a magical new world.

In art, they have been practising different water colour techniques and hopefully will apply these to a final piece based on the *Water Lilies* art work by Monet.

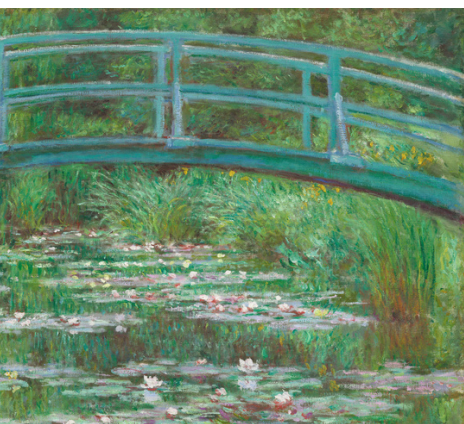
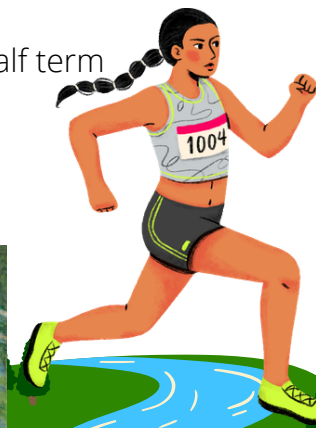
In PE, the children have continued with running and throwing in our athletics unit.

Finally, in geography, the children have learnt all about the importance of rivers to humans around the world.

Just as a reminder, Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> May) is an INSET day, so please do not send your child to school on this day.

Have a great weekend and half term

The Year 5 team



## Year 6

A massive 'Well done' to all the Year 6 children for their patience, determination and resilience during last week's SATs exams. Understandably, there were a few nerves on Monday morning, however all of the children settled quickly to the changes of routine and the expectations of being in a test situation. We are incredibly proud of them all. It was lovely to have so many children taking part in the SATs breakfasts and it certainly set us all up well for the morning.

Even though SATs are done, we still have a lot of work to do in order to prepare for life in secondary school.

In English, after half term, we will be continuing to focus on high-quality writing. We will be using aspects of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* as a stimulus for narrative writing.

Our new history topic will focus on post-World War 2 Britain, where we will be studying how the nation rebuilt itself as a country after the war.

This week, we introduced the leavers' production 'Gigglebox' and we have begun an initial round of basic auditions for those who have expressed an interest in a speaking part.

The performance will be on the evening of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at Brighton Hill Community School. Further details on tickets and times will be sent nearer the time.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported their children over the lead up to SATs.

Have restful half term.



## Student Achievements

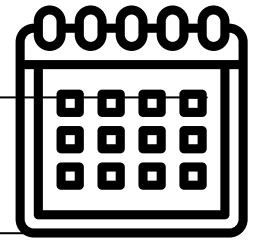


Congratulations to Hussain, who played a football tournament with Vertu Reading JPL football team and he won the final and got the trophy. Also Hussain is playing as part of the Berg Sunday football team and he won the Manager's player of the year. Well done Hussain!



A huge well done to Amelia & Izzy who performed at Beastly 2026 (a yearly Scouts & Girl Guiding event), on stage, in front of 2000 people!

# Dates for your Diary



## **Please find below a list of upcoming dates for your diary:**

- 25<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May - HALF TERM – school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 - Class & Leavers Photo Day - remember your jumpers or cardigans
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Whole School Outcome Event – 2.30pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Sports Day with picnic lunch – more details to follow
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Year 6 Basingstoke Schools Secondary Transition Days – more info to arrive from your secondary school
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 - Year 5 day at Brighton Hill Community School
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 - Year 4 Camp
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - INSET DAY – school is closed to pupils
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Year 3 – Listen2Me Concert PM – more info to follow
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Move-Up Morning (including for new Y3 children)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Move-Up Morning (including for new Y3 children)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Year 6 – Listen2Me Concert PM – more info to follow
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Year 5 - Listen2Me Concert PM – more info to follow
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Year 6 Oscars Party
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Year 4 - Listen2Me Concert PM – more info to follow
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Rock2theBeat Concert for parents whose children attend
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Year 6 Picnic
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026 - Year 6 Performance – Evening at BHCS – more info to follow
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 - LAST DAY OF TERM – EARLY COLLECTION 2.30PM – Forms to follow