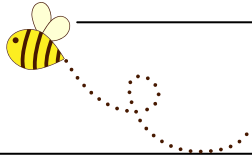




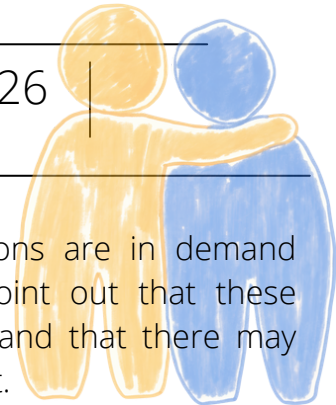
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A message from Mrs Thomas

It has been another busy couple of weeks at school. We have been very impressed with how the children have settled in to their new classes - there is a great atmosphere around the school, especially at lunchtimes, where children are very busy enjoying all of the OPAL play opportunities available! See next page for further information.

We have lots of events coming up this term. You can find these dates on our newsletters and also on the school website. Please make sure you put dates in your diaries so you know when things are happening. We like to give you plenty of warning as we all have busy lives!

The website is also a good place to look for further information, for example about community events, our curriculum or for advice for parents. There is a page of useful information if you need financial support. A page about support for parenting and mental health is also available on the website. This has great links to other websites that you can follow for advice. Please do take a look.

A reminder that Mrs Turner is also available at the gate on Tuesdays to Fridays. She is our Home School Link Worker who works with families for a variety of reasons. Her knowledge is amazing so she can usually direct you to where you can find support if you need it.

Mrs Turner also runs the ELSA team. We are lucky to have a great team who support children through 1:1 sessions, group sessions, lunchtime groups and ad hoc support.

However, our ELSA sessions are in demand and it is important to point out that these sessions are time-limited and that there may be a waiting list for support.

We are also putting together a programme of support for parents in school. Mrs Turner runs a regular coffee morning, where she is available to offer advice and support. Our first coffee morning of the year will take place at 9:00am on Thursday 8th October in the school hall. We are pleased that the School Nurse will be joining us and will be leading a discussion on childhood anxiety, offering information, practical advice, and an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

We really want parents to be involved with the school - booking a parents evening appointment will enable you to find out how your child has settled in and how they are doing in class. Please make sure you get an appointment booked!

A reminder that the Friends of Hatch Warren are holding their AGM on Monday 28th September 5pm in the school hall. We desperately need people to step up to support or our PTA will not be able to continue. Please come and join the team, whether you want to take a lead role or support at events. We need you!

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Thomas



PTA

Whole School Information



NEW - Spelling homework

We are excited to be launching a new spelling programme across the school. As part of this, children will bring home a spelling book each week to practise the words they have been learning in class.

Children in Lower School will be given five spellings each week, while children in Upper School will receive ten spellings.

Lower School spelling books will be sent home next week, with Upper School books following the week after.

We appreciate your support in helping your child practise their spellings regularly at home.



OPAL Playtimes

Soon, we will be sharing a list of items we are looking for to help us continue developing our exciting OPAL play opportunities.

For now, if you have any **large cardboard boxes or old bed sheets** that you no longer need, we would love to give them a new purpose in our play spaces. Donations can be placed in the collection box by the front gate from Monday morning.

Parents Evening

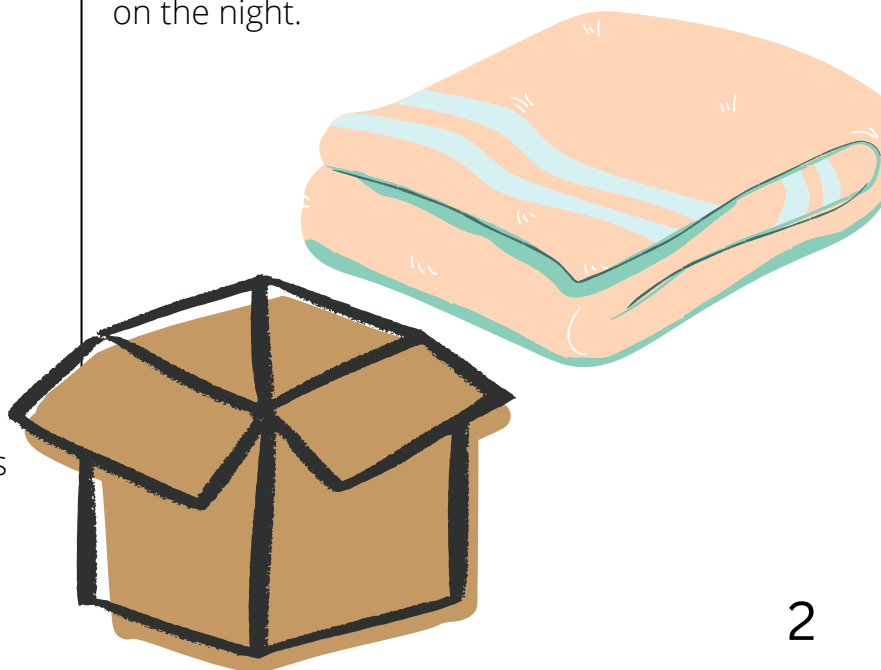
You should now have received your email from Parent Booking containing a link to login and book your parents evening appointment. If you have not received this, please check your junk folder and then contact the office if required.

To login simply use the email address the invite was sent to and once logged in select "Make a booking".

Parents evenings on the 20th & 22nd October 2026 with appointments available 3.40-6.20pm in 10 minute slots.

Meetings are held face-to-face in school. Please enter via your child's classroom door and wait to be called through to meet with the teacher.

For SEN children you will shortly receive a FORMS requesting if you wish to meet with Mrs Murphy. You will then be offered a separate appointment if appropriate. Mrs Murphy's appointments will be sign-posted on the night.





Achievements



House Points

House point total is currently 41,280 - amazing start!

House	Points totals for this term
Farah	10,423
Rowling	9,689
Gershwin	10,467
Newton	10,701

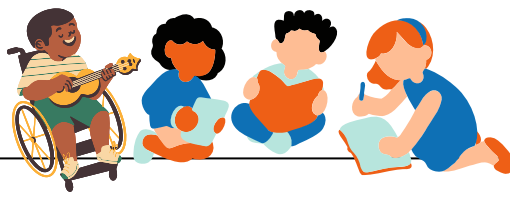


Stars of the Week/Growth Mindset



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

Class 1: Toby T & Holly Sidney & Aubrey	Class 2: Gabi & Ashvath Zara & Hunter	Class 3: Musab & Flo Ellie & Kyla
Class 4: Molly & Alfie M Mac & Ridley	Class 5: Mason & Ashraf Azzurra & Charlie	Class 6: Summer & Alba Maisie & Leighton
Class 7: Neve & Lily Peter & Emily	Class 8: Freddy & Mia-Rose Amelia & Molly	Class 9: Gabriel & Zafina Clarisse & Ayda
Class 10: Sam & Issy Henley F & Thomas	Class 11: Ethan & Elliot Iris & Makaanaka	Class 12: Loen & Zoya Manaya & Emily



Year Group Updates

Year 3

What another fantastic week we have had in Year 3!

In **English**, we have just finished writing our diary entries as Minik from Big Bear, Little Brother. The children worked hard to write in the past tense and included a range of adjectives, verbs and nouns to bring their writing to life.

In **Maths**, we are coming to the end of our addition and subtraction unit. The children have been developing their confidence and have applied these skills to a range of word problems.

In **Art**, we have just started our Pointillism unit, where we are learning about the artist Georges Seurat and exploring how pictures can be created using tiny dots of colour.

Meanwhile, in **Science**, we have been learning about the foods we eat and discovering how our skeletons help to support and protect our bodies.

You should also have received the TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) parent letter this week, containing information about how to log on at home. The children have already had a chance to explore it in school and seem very keen to get started with practising their times tables.

Finally, we wanted to hear the most important voices in Year 3: the children's! We asked one member from each class to share their favourite part of Year 3 so far. We definitely have a very complimentary year group this year!

"English has been really fun and Miss Smith is beautiful and kind."

Isla, Class 1

"I've loved getting lots of green points. Mr Hitchens is kind!"

Amelia, Class 2

"I've liked learning new things in maths and writing with adjectives and verbs in English."

Axel, Class 3

And that brings this week's newsletter to a close. We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to another exciting week of learning ahead!



Year 4

Year 4 have been very excited to learn about Anglo-Saxon life in our English lessons this week, which provided the perfect introduction to our trips to Stubbington Study Centre yesterday and today.

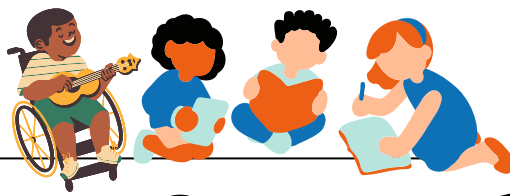
The children have enjoyed exploring what life was like during the Anglo-Saxon period, discovering fascinating facts about daily life, homes, food, beliefs and traditions. We were incredibly proud of the children during their visits to Stubbington.

They behaved impeccably throughout the trips, demonstrating excellent manners, enthusiasm and respect at all times. They returned to school eager to share the many interesting Anglo-Saxon facts they had learned, which we will continue to build upon and use in our topic work throughout the term.

In Maths, we have been focusing on place value and developing our understanding of larger numbers. The children have been practising adding and subtracting 100 and 1,000 from a range of numbers, helping them to recognise patterns within the number system and improve their mental calculation skills. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing as they tackle increasingly challenging problems involving larger numbers. Over the coming weeks, we will be applying this knowledge in our addition and subtraction unit, using a range of strategies to solve problems accurately and efficiently. We look forward to seeing the children continue to build on their mathematical understanding and confidence.

A reminder that PE days are on a Monday (inside) and Wednesday (outside) so please ensure that the children have appropriate clothing and that earrings are taken out and long hair tied back. Homework this half term will be for the children to use TTRockstars and complete a short reading task on Purple Mash.

The children will also be getting 5 spelling words to learn each week and will be coming home with a book to practice in next week so please look out for it! If you have any questions, please speak to the class teacher or Mr Cocks as Year Leader.



Year Group Updates

Year 5

It has been a fantastic two weeks in Year 5.

This week in maths they have been looking at mental strategies for both addition and subtraction.

In English, the children have finished reading the book *The Lost Happy Endings*. It has been great seeing their improvement in using descriptive language to make their writing more engaging.

In science, they have been looking at day and night and why these occur.

In geography, the children learnt all about favelas in South America and what are the basic living conditions.

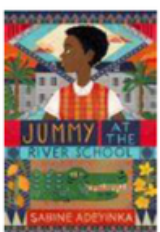
Finally, in DT they have started sewing, practicing the running and cross-stitch. They have tried really hard with these and hopefully you will see that in their final products, which will be felt sugar skulls.

Please be aware that homework has now been set on the Purplemash website. This will now be given on a Thursday and should be completed by the Tuesday. There is a maths task and a reading task.

We hope you have a great weekend.

The Year 5 team

Year 5 recommended read:



Adeyinka, Sabine
Jummy at the River School

Jummy is excited to have won a place at the River School, Nigeria's top boarding school, until her best friend Caro arrives there also but to work not learn! The injustice burns in Jummy's heart and she sets out to fix things. A great read that looks at inequality, friendship and standing true to your values.

Year 6

Over the past two weeks, Year 6 have settled beautifully into their new, full weekly timetable.

They are adapting brilliantly to the step-up in routine and are already showing great focus.

Homework is now being set on Purple Mash. As a fantastic incentive, children can earn extra 'Trackit' green points for each piece of homework they complete. A huge thank you and well done to all the children who have already logged on and completed their tasks so far!

In English, we have started reading *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. The children have been deeply engaged in getting to know the main character, Jim Jarvis, and have written some wonderful, empathetic diaries from his point of view. This week, we transitioned into our new writing unit focused on Victorian workhouses. The ultimate goal is for the children to write their own informative, non-chronological reports.

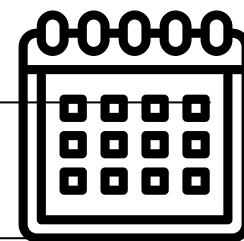
In maths, we have been getting to grips with place value. The children have been reading, writing, ordering, comparing, and rounding larger numbers. Alongside this, we are practicing various mental maths strategies to help us calculate quickly and efficiently.

Our learning in Science and Design and Technology (DT) is overlapping perfectly this term! The current focus is on creating and drawing electrical circuits. The children are incredibly excited about our upcoming project, where they will use these skills to design and build their very own moving vehicle.

Well done!

Year 6 Team

Dates for your Diary



Please find below a list of upcoming dates for your diary, please be sure to save these:

- **8 October 2026** - TBC - Harvest Festival – Details to follow
- **8 October 2026** - Coffee morning
- **Week beginning 9 October 2026** - World Mental Health Day – events in school
- **Week beginning 12 October 2026** – exact date TBC - Year 3 Local Area Walk (Brighton Hill)
- **16 October 2026** - Whole School Outcome Event (2:30pm) – parents invited into school to come and look your child's work – more details to follow
- **20 & 22 October 2026** - Parents Evenings (3:40-6:20pm)
- **23 October 2026** - INSET DAY
- **26 to 30 October 2026** - HALF TERM
- **9 & 12 November 2026** - Year 4 QMC Science Centre Visits – classes TBC
- **13 November 2026** - Children in Need – more info to follow
- **Week beginning 16 November 2026** - Road Safety Week
- **16-20 November 2026** - Year 5 Stubbington Residential
- **Week beginning 23 November 2026** - Cool to be Kind Week (Anti-Bullying) – activities in school
- **7 December 2026** - Year 3 Portals to the Past – more info to follow
- **Week beginning 7 December 2026** - Year 6 Bikeability – more info to follow
- **9 December 2026** - Year 4 Listen2Me Concert – times TBC -
- **10 December 2026** - Year 3 Listen2Me Concert – times TBC
- **14 December 2026** - Year 6 Listen2Me Concert – times TBC
- **15 December 2026** - Year 5 Listen2Me Concert – times TBC
- **15 December 2026** - Rock 2 The Beat Concert (morning) – times TBC
- **16 December 2026** - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumpers
- **17 December 2026** - Panto at the Anvil (whole school trip) – more info to follow shortly
- **18 December 2026** - LAST DAY OF TERM – EARLY FINISH at 2.30 (with provision to stay with Head of Year until 3.30)

Student Achievements



We love to share our student achievements on this page - send us in photos and a description of what your children have been up to so we can celebrate them.

Don't forget to check out the 'Community' page on our website - we have been adding on lots of autumn activities:

<https://www.hwjs.hants.sch.uk/community-page/>

We update this page regularly - please keep an eye to see what's going on.