

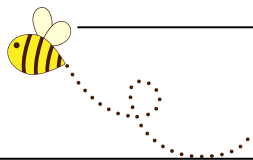


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Hatch Warren Junior School

Welcome!

Hatch Warren Herald



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A message from Mrs Thomas

A very warm welcome back to all of our families and an especially big welcome to those who are joining the Hatch Warren Junior School community for the first time. It has been wonderful to see so many happy faces around the school this week.

We have been so impressed with how quickly the children have settled into routines in their new classes. As we have walked around the school, we have seen lots of positive learning behaviours, great engagement in lessons and plenty of smiles. The school has a real buzz about it and we are excited about the year ahead. There are lots of events and opportunities planned for the coming months which we will share with you next week.



We would also like to welcome some new members of staff to the team. Mr Hitchens has joined the Year 3 team this year and Miss Ward has joined the Year 4 team as an LSA. We are also delighted to welcome two new LTSAs in the lunchtime team, helping us to continue to develop our OPAL play programme.

The children have really enjoyed getting outside and playing in our amazing school grounds. Just a reminder that the children need to be prepared for playing outside in all weathers - if children don't have coats or wellies, it limits where they can play...and they do like to be on the field and jumping in puddles!

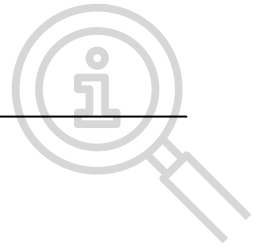


PE lessons have started this week. Ms Costen has returned to run outdoor PE sessions for all year groups and she has been very excited to see everyone in their new classes! Another reminder about PE kit please - black leggings/shorts/tracksuit trousers only, a red or white plain t-shirt and a plain black hoodie (or school jumper/fleece). There must be no logos on any clothing. Trainers can be any colour for PE but school shoes/trainers for non-PE days must be plain black. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Thank you for your support and partnership. We are looking forward to another successful and enjoyable year ahead!

Have a fantastic weekend.
Mrs Thomas

Whole School Information



Parking Chaos



You may have seen me outside the school a couple of days this week, having a look at parking. I have spoken to several parents who are parking on yellow lines, the grass areas and blocking the entrance in to the school. These parents continue to park in areas that are putting our children at risk when they arrive and leave school and this is simply not acceptable. If you park on yellow lines, you are not allowing space for traffic to pass. If you add buses in to the equation, your parking causes traffic chaos. Our children have a right to be safe but we sadly have parents who are not respecting this. I do not want to have to name and shame...

Mrs Thomas



Pathway Update

Thank you for your patience while work has been taking place on extending the pathway along the classrooms. It was disappointing that the work wasn't completed over the holidays as planned but we are really appreciative of the patience and cooperation of our families while we have had the one-way system in place. We are hoping the path will be completed over the weekend and we can be back to normal from Monday - keep your fingers crossed! We know the area by the Year 3 and 4 classrooms has been very difficult at pick up times in particular, so we are hoping this extra space will make things a lot easier while also giving the children extra space during the day for outdoor activities.

New School Rules!

From the start of this term, we have been introducing the children to our new school rules:

Ready, Respectful, Safe

We wanted our rules to be easy to remember and easy for staff and children to refer to during the school day. The children have been learning about the new rules in their classrooms and during assemblies. Hopefully, they can tell you all about them!

HCC - A30 Basingstoke Cycle Route – Highway Investigation Works

The works are scheduled to start 14 September 2026 for approximately twelve weeks. A lane closure will be in place on A30 Winchester Road. Permitted working hours are 9:30am to 3:30pm. Please note that a temporary site compound will be located on the eastern side of Cobbett Green. Pedestrian access and access to properties will be maintained at all times via Kelvin Hill. However, access via Hill View Road will be temporarily closed for the duration of the works. Advance warning signs will be in place and emergency vehicle access will be maintained at all times.





Achievements



House Points

House point totals will start from next week!

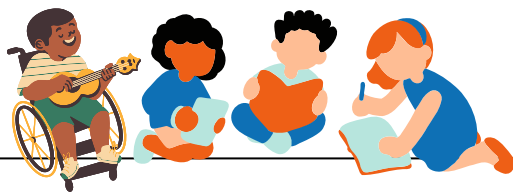
House	Points totals for this term
Farah	
Rowling	
Gershwin	
Newton	

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: Nicholas, Isla	Class 2: Amelia, Anaisha	Class 3: Hallie, Lucas
Class 4: Minnie-May, Beatrix	Class 5: La'Mei, Christine	Class 6: Soraya, Nicholas
Class 7: Hussein, Lottie	Class 8: Hanna-Maria, Elliott	Class 9: Harper, Katy
Class 10: Logan, Leo W	Class 11: Emily, Leia	Class 12: Lillie-Mae, Arthur



Year Group Updates

Year 3

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new Year 3 families, while also saying how lovely it is to see so many familiar faces returning. We have had a fantastic start to the year, and the children have settled into their new classes wonderfully. Many children have even earned their very first Bronze Certificate of the year!

Over the past two weeks, we have loved getting to know our classes and sharing lots of fun learning experiences together. We started the term with an exciting Pirate Week, where the children took part in a range of pirate-themed activities. We ended the week with a treasure hunt around the school grounds. The children had a fantastic time following clues and searching for hidden treasure (see the pictures below!).

This week, we have begun our first Maths and English topics. In Maths, the children have been exploring different ways to partition numbers and learning how a range of resources can support their understanding. We have spent time introducing resources that the children will use throughout the year to help develop confidence and fluency within their lessons.

In English, we have started exploring the beautiful picture book *Big Bear, Little Brother*. The children have been making predictions about the story and discussing how different characters might be feeling, using evidence from the text to support their ideas. We have been really impressed with their thoughtful responses and discussions.

We have had a wonderful start to Year 3 and can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings! Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the new term settling well into their new classes and meeting their new classmates and adults.

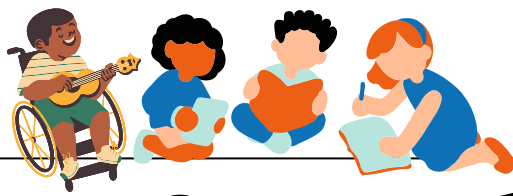
Everyone was excited to find out about new classmates and earn their first green points on our Trackit lights system for following our 3 new school rules: Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe.

We have started our new Anglo-Saxon topic and are looking forward to our trips to **Stubbington – Class 5 on Thursday 24th September** and **Classes 4 and 6 on Friday 25th** - where we will be learning first-hand about what life was like in Britain after the Romans left.

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 will be given out on a Thursday and be expected in on a Tuesday.

This half term the expectation will be for the children to use TTRockstars and complete a short reading task on Purple Mash – password reminders will be on their way home so please look out for them!





Year Group Updates

Year 5

It has been great welcoming back the children into Year 5. They have adjusted well to the new routines and we have been particularly impressed with how they have settled into the classes. It has been great to see them looking so smart in their school uniforms.

In English, they have been looking at the book 'The Lost Happy Endings' and writing descriptive stories linked to the main character.

In maths, the children have focused on place value and rounding.

In science they started their 'Sun, Earth and Moon' unit looking at how we know the Earth is spherical.

In geography, the children have begun the Brazil unit, focusing on South America countries and the capitals. Also, this week the children have been given the opportunity to be a class councillor. Hopefully this has inspired some of your children to want to take up this role in their class. Have a great weekend.

King regards

The Year 5 team

Year 5 recommended read:



**Earle,
Phil**

**The Dog
That Saved
the World
(Cup)**

Pickles the dog observes that the joy of playing and watching football sustains his beloved owner, Elsie, even when everything else in her life is very hard. When the world cup goes missing, Pickles is determined to save the day.

Year 6

Welcome to Year 6!

What a super start to the school year! Our wonderful new Year 6 children have settled incredibly quickly into their new classrooms, routines, and expectations. We are already proud of how they have conducted themselves this week.

Being the oldest in the school comes with exciting opportunities. This week, many children have been busy completing application forms for extra Year 6 roles and responsibilities. Once we have received all of the applications by the deadlines given, we will review these and let the children know who the successful applicants are, in due course.

We have jumped straight into our new topics with great enthusiasm:

- History: We began exploring the far-reaching impact of The Industrial Revolution.
- Design & Technology: The children experimented with gears in preparation for designing and making their own moving vehicles.
- Science: Our unit on electricity kicked off with a recap of electrical circuits and their components.

From next week, we will begin setting Purple Mash homework. To make sure everyone is ready, we will be reminding all of the children of their personal login details in class over the coming days.

Well done Year 6 for a fantastic start to the year—let's keep up this amazing momentum!

Student Achievements



A massive congratulations to Ruby and her street dance crew Fury recently competed in their last competition of the year, The Street Dance Championships and came 1st place. An amazing achievement after lots of hard work.



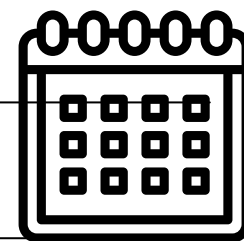
Student Achievements



Ollie's amazing achievement of completing his Grade 1 in learning the drums. We are all so proud of him!



Dates for your Diary



Please find below a list of upcoming dates for your diary, a full list will be shared in due course:

- Thursday 17th September 2026 - School Photos
- Thursday 24th and Friday 25th September 2026 Year 4 Stubbington Day trip

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.