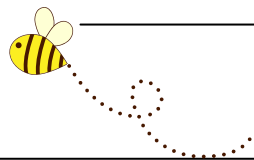


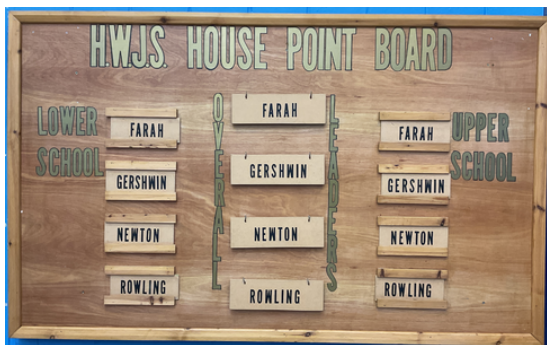
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A message from Mrs Thomas

I am so impressed with how the children have started this year. They continue to be happy and settled and have been very busy earning lots of green points which contribute to their house totals. The children have collected an incredible 37,390 green points in just the first 17 days of the school year! That is a huge 11,000 increase on the same time last year. They have clearly been showing amazing learning behaviours in class and producing some excellent work. Well done team Hatch Warren - we are very proud of your fantastic start to the year!




If you are new to the school, you may not know about our green points and certificate system. We have updated our behaviour policy for this year and we will be sending this out to parents soon so that you can see all of the rewards that we have in place in school. This is now called the 'Positive Relationships and Behaviour for Learning' policy. When this is sent to you, please read it and celebrate with your child when they come home with green point, Star of the Week/Growth Mindset or WOW certificates (that's if they don't get left lurking in lockers!).

Lots of information will be coming out over the next few weeks about trips. As I said in the last newsletter, trips and visitors to the school are excellent ways for

the children to be inspired by their class topics. They thoroughly enjoy these events and, if you look back on your own time in school, they are often the best memories that are made as a child. We really try to keep costs to a minimum but, unfortunately, the cost of hiring a coach in particular has massively increased. We are aiming to get trip information out to you before half term so that you have plenty of time across the year to make payments. Thank you for your support with this. Year 4 have already been on their first trip this week - a day trip to Stubbington which they have thoroughly enjoyed!

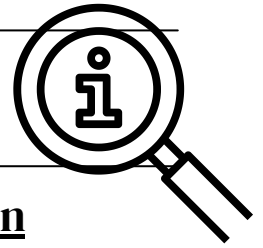


It will soon be our Harvest Festival at school - Wednesday 8th October. Once again, we will be asking for donations and inviting the team in from the Basingstoke Food Bank to talk to the children about where their donations will go. Please see the attached information about the items that the Food Bank are requesting this year and let's make sure we can help those in our local community who need our support. Please don't send in donations yet though as we have nowhere to store them - the office will let you know when you can start bringing in items.

I am sorry to end with a slight nag but...parking!!! Please please be considerate when you park. You should not be parking on the yellow lines outside school - this is illegal. When trips return at the end of a school day, it puts our children at risk if the coach cannot get safely in to the car park because of inconsiderate, illegal parking. Thank you. 

I hope you have a fantastic weekend and we look forward to another few busy weeks until half term! **1**
Mrs Thomas

Whole School Information



Coffee Mornings

Friday 3rd October 9am-10am -School Hall

Please don't forget that Mrs Turner, our Home School Link Worker, is hosting her 1st coffee morning this year. These are held each half term. It is a great way to meet other parents/carers, ask questions, along with getting to know the wider school community.

Mrs Turner will be able to share resources, offer support and information, as well take suggestions and questions.

Please come and join us - we welcome your toddlers and babies along, and will have some soft matting for them to sit and play on.

We will provide a warm cup of tea or coffee and biscuits (and maybe even a slice of cake!) with a relaxed atmosphere.

Anyone is welcome to come along for a cuppa and a chat - we would love to see you there!

Please enter via the Hall door.



Mrs Turner will be running the coffee mornings each half term and is planning on having a different focus for each one as we progress through the year.

Don't forget that you can find a lot of advice and support on the school website under the 'Parents' tab.



Friends of Hatch Warren

Just a reminder that our Friends of Hatch Warren committee will be holding their **AGM** in our school hall on **Monday 29th September at 5pm**. They really need volunteers to come forward so that the committee can continue to run fantastic events for our children and families. The Friends make a huge difference to our school, raising money to support the funding of school trips and other exciting school developments. Please come and join the team so we can continue to provide fun activities for the children and families of Hatch Warren Juniors and raise money to benefit our school community this year.



Sporting Competitions

WOW!!!! Mrs Bishop, our PE lead, has had a huge number of children showing interest in joining netball and table tennis teams for the current planned competitions this term. This is fantastic news! The table tennis team will be announced shortly and information will be going home to parents about practice times and the competition that they will be taking part in. Our netball team will also be announced soon and they will be looking to start training as the term progresses. Again, so many children have shown an interest and we are excited about putting forward a strong team to participate in matches against local schools. We will let you know progress throughout the term. Good luck to everyone who takes part and we are proud that you want to represent the school!






Achievements



House Points

The current totals for the year are: 37,390 - an amazing total!!

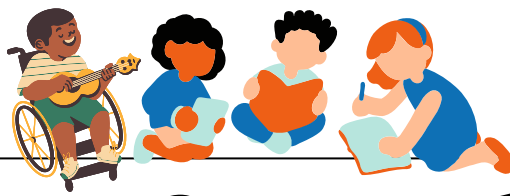
House	Points
Farah	10,519 
Gershwin	9776
Rowling	9291
Newton	7804

Stars of the Week/Growth Mindset



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

Class 1: Arabella Kartik Edie Harry	Class 2: Polly Aria Erin Emily M	Class 3: Henry Grace Summer Ember
Class 4: Nihaal Elsie-Rai Knight Willow	Class 5: Amelia Marshall Olivia C Izzy	Class 6: Jack Emily Zafina George
Class 7: Connie Assil Emily Gabriel	Class 8: Sina Isabelle Bobby Melody	Class 9: Elita Thea Leon Freddie M
Class 10: Ruby Cora Finn Joel B	Class 11: Freddie N Veronica Amelia G Clara	Class 12: Ernie Bella Charis Ellie



Year Group Updates

Year 3

Year 3 have had an excellent fortnight and we are really proud of all their hard work.

In English, the children have been showing off their amazing writing skills by creating 'Big Bear, Little Brother' diaries and we have been so impressed with the detail and creativity in their work.

In maths, they have been exploring addition using mental methods and have also started working on their times tables, which they are already making great progress with.

In science, the children have enjoyed learning about skeletons and why they are so important to the human body.

In geography, they have been studying landmarks and identifying whether they are man-made or natural, sparking some really interesting discussions.

The children have also started developing their pointillism skills in art and have enjoyed experimenting with this technique in their own work.

In PE, teamwork has been the focus and the children have loved playing games such as 'The Floor is Lava' and 'Rock, Paper, Scissors', thinking carefully about tactics while working together.

Purple Mash passwords have gone home this week and a new chapter of the book will be set each week. If your child finds the reading tricky, there is an option for the book to be read aloud. Reading books will also be coming home on Monday.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

The Year 3 Team



Year 4

Year 4 have been very excited finding out about Anglo Saxon life in our English lessons this week leading to our trips to Stubbington Study Centre yesterday and today. The children all behaved impeccably during their visits and thoroughly enjoyed the activities, learning lots of interesting Anglo-Saxons facts which we will be using in our topic work this term.

In maths, we have been adding and subtracting with exchanges and are growing in confidence working with larger numbers. We will be applying this knowledge to different situations such as money and measures in the coming weeks.

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. To access this reading, once logged in, click reading, then Serial Mash and schedule. You will then see a new Chapter of their book and 5 short questions for them to answer. Password reminders have been sent home but please see class teachers if you need a reminder!

The Year 4 Team





Year Group Updates

Year 5

Another busy couple of weeks in Year 5! Many of the children in the year group have achieved their bronze certificates using our Track-it system. This means they have earned at least 50 green points for positive behaviours in and out of class.

In English, they have been writing their information texts about slums, where we have been really impressed with their knowledge and enthusiasm linked to the topic.

In maths, they have been using mental and written methods for both subtraction and addition.

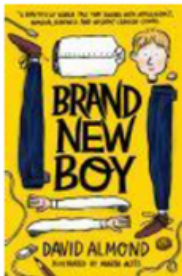
In geography, the children have been learning all about Brazilian slums and comparing their own lives to those who live in these areas.

In science, they have been looking at the properties of materials and testing them using water and magnets. The children have been really engaged in their learning and we have been very pleased with their attitude to work.

To make you aware, homework is now given out on a Tuesday and needs to be completed for the following Monday. The homework is on the website Purple Mash and consists of a chapter to read of an online book including five multiple-choice questions to answer; a maths activity; and a multiplication activity. Have a great weekend.

The Year 5 team

Year 5 recommended read



Almond,
David

Brand New
Boy

When George arrives at school the teachers are buzzing with excitement and the children believe he is strange but likeable all at the same time. Dan and Maxie soon realise that there is more to George than they imagined! A thought provoking read at KS2.

Year 6

Over the past two weeks, Year 6 have been settling well into the very full weekly timetable of lessons. Homework is now being set on Purple Mash and children can earn extra 'Trackit' green points for each piece that they complete. A huge thank you and well done to all of those who have completed their homework so far.

This week, during English lessons, we started reading 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. In preparation for their diary writing, the children are really getting to know the main character – a boy called Jim Jarvis.

In maths, we have been getting to grips with reading, writing, ordering, comparing and rounding bigger numbers, as well as practising some of the various mental maths strategies that help us to work quickly and efficiently.

Within both science and DT, the focus has been on creating and drawing electrical circuits. The children are excited at the prospect of designing and making a moving vehicle.

Great work Year 6!



Year 6 recommended read

Victorians (Eyewitness)

Ann Kramer

Non-fiction



The ultimate children's non-fiction guide to all things Victorian. This guide is brought to life with colour photographs, infographics, statistics, facts and timelines as well as a wall chart. Topics include inventions, the monarchy, schooling, railways, working conditions and leisure.

Student Achievements



Our Voice counts...



Since the start of term, the children have been learning about how they can make their voice count in school. They have been thinking about whether they want to put themselves forward to be their school council representative for their class.

We are really pleased to announce that the following children have been selected to be our Year 6 school council leads for the 2025-2026 school year:

Emily (Chair)

Jackson (Vice-Chair)

Phoebe (Secretary)

Well done for being successful with your applications!



On Wednesday, our three school council leaders from Year 6 led the class councillor elections. The hall was set up with a check-in station and two ballot boxes. Every class came to the hall and quietly and confidently made their vote. Once all the votes were in, our lead school council team, with the help of a couple of prefects, counted all the votes. The class councillors were announced today in assembly and badges are due to be given out soon. I am delighted that we had a few draws in a couple of classes and therefore have more than 1 councillor per class. This is always welcome as the more pupils' voice we hear, the better. I look forward to meeting with them all soon for our first school council meeting.

Miss Grainger - School Council Leader



And now to announce our 2025-2026 class councillors!
Well done to the following children:



- Class 1 - Mac
- Class 2 - Bora and Emily M
- Class 3 - Henry M
- Class 4 - Ella A
- Class 5 - Molly
- Class 6 - Hussain and Lewis
- Class 7 - Evie and Kyden
- Class 8 - Sophie
- Class 9 - Elita
- Class 10 - Andrew
- Class 11 - Freddie B
- Class 12 - Spencer



Miss Grainger will be working with the school council so that the children in each class can share their voice about Hatch Warren Junior School. They will be working on lots of different areas and we will update you once they have had their first meeting!

Home School Link Worker & Designated Safeguarding Lead

Hello! I am Mrs Turner and I am the Home School Link Worker here at Hatch Warren Juniors. You may have seen me on the school gate in the morning with Willow, our school Dog Mentor.

In my role as Home School Link Worker, I play an important part in the relationship between home and school in supporting families on a wide variety of issues. I work closely with class teachers, colleagues and outside agencies to help others to understand children's needs as well as those of parents and carers.

The aims of my work as Home School Link Worker are:

- To engage and build good working relationships with parents, children and colleagues working in school and other agencies
- To work holistically and effectively with parents in ways that will improve their children's well-being
- To provide relevant information about, and access to, appropriate support services and opportunities
- To promote good attendance and offer support to achieve this.

We know children thrive and reach their full potential when home and school are working in partnership to support their development. We want all children to enjoy school and feel happy and secure.

So please do come and say hello and have a chat if you feel I can help with something. Alternatively, drop me an email via the school office: office@hwjs.hants.sch.uk

Don't forget you can also join me at our coffee morning next week!



At Hatch Warren Juniors, we keep a very close eye on attendance. Attending school is very important, not only for children's academic progress but also for developing their social, organisational and independence skills.

As a school, we have to follow government guidance for monitoring and supporting attendance. Mrs Turner is available to support as part of her Home School Link Worker role. She will make contact with you if your child's attendance is falling and will offer support to families to increase this.

Please see the attached information about loss of learning time if your child is absent from school. We obviously appreciate that children may need time off for illness but we do need to let you know that we are closely monitoring the attendance of all children.

Year 4 Day Trip to Stubbington



Today, we went to Stubbington for a school trip. The bus ride was really long! On the way there, we got to sit next to our friends. When we arrived, we were greeted by someone from the Stubbington Centre and we had a snack before we started our activities.

We did lots of different activities, such as looking at artefacts, looking at pottery and finding things in some sand. We also had an opportunity to dress up in Anglo-Saxon clothes and pretend to be Anglo-Saxons. Making clay pots was really good and we also worked on making an Anglo-Saxon wall, making bracelets, designing a child and working out Anglo-Saxon letters for our names.

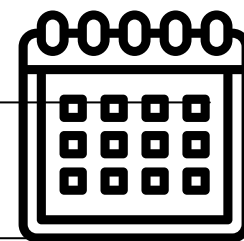
During the day, we went in to the Anglo-Saxon long house and learned lots more information about our topic. We went looking for mini-bugs, built dens and got wet when the teachers tested our dens with water! Some children also found a badger's home which is called a sett.

It was a great day!

Year 4 Class 5



Dates for your Diary



A full list of the Autumn Term Dates will be released shortly. In the meanwhile please find below a list of upcoming dates for your diary:

- 3rd October - Coffee Morning - 9am
- 7th October - Year 3 Class 2 Walk to Brighton Hill Area
- 8th October - Harvest Festival - Donations to Foodbank
- 9th October - Year 3 Class 3 Walk to Brighton Hill Area
- 10th October - Year 3 Class 1 Walk to Brighton Hill Area
- 10th October - World Mental Health Day
- 13th to 17th October - Year 6 Bikeability Week
- 14th & 16th October - Parents Evenings - No clubs on these days apart from Gymnastics
- 24th October - Whole School Outcome Event - 2.30pm
- 27th to 31st October - Half Term
- 3rd November - INSET Day

Have you Seen?

Don't forget to check out the 'Parents' page on the school website.

https://www.hwjs.hants.sch.uk/community_page/



There is a lot of useful information here for parents, whether you are looking for support on finances, mental health or parenting.

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

This is where we also put information about activities in the local community. We cannot advertise paid-for activities on our newsletter but we can direct you to the community page! There is currently some information about Hampshire Juniors Squash Stars that you may be interested in. We will post information about half term activities as soon as we have them.



Good time keeping means

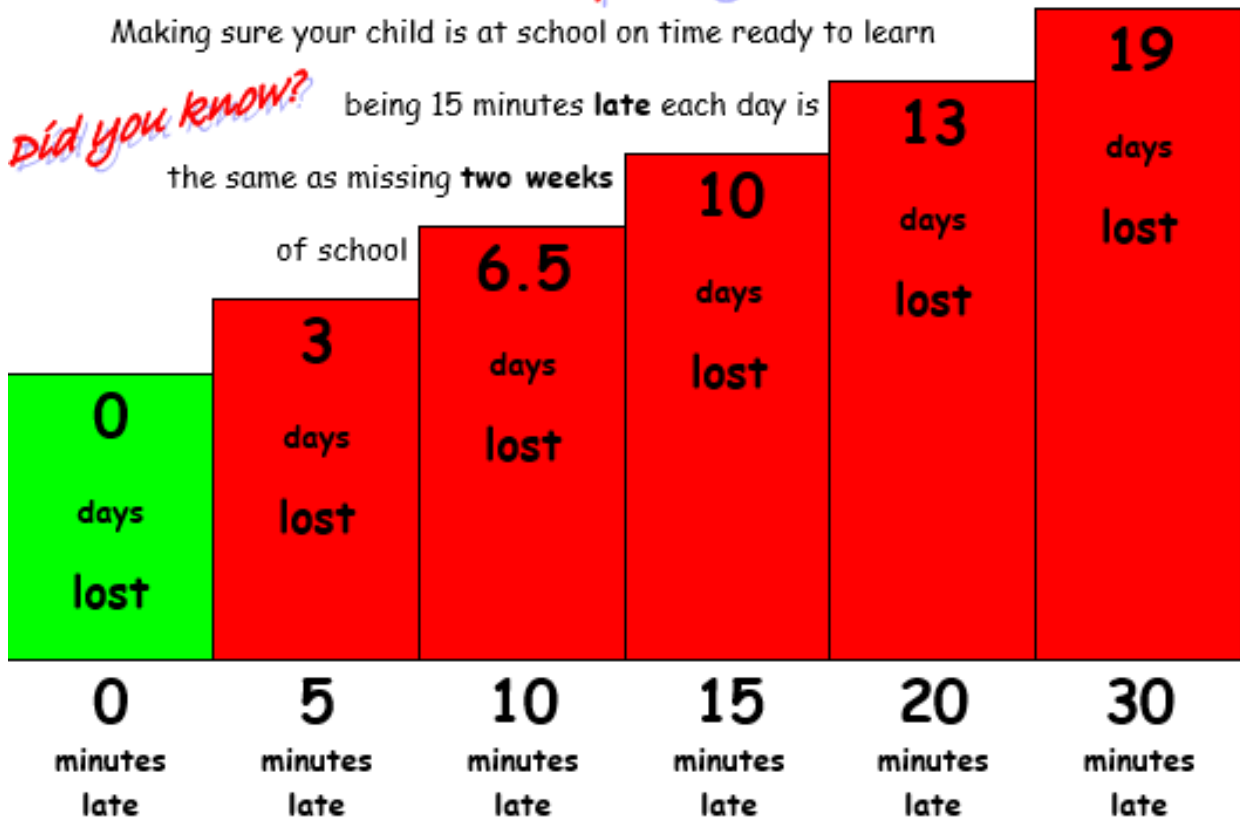
Making sure your child is at school on time ready to learn

Did you know?

being 15 minutes late each day is

the same as missing **two weeks**

of school





Wish you were here!

Every School Day Counts!

