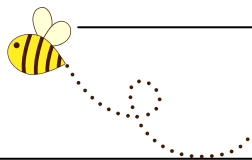


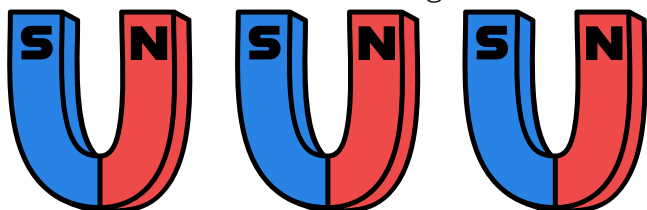
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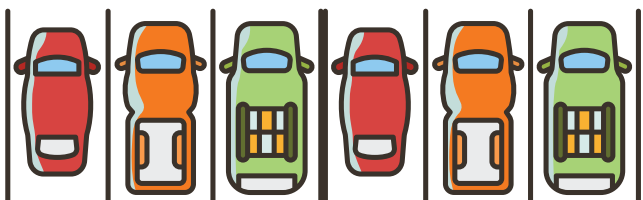
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### A message from Mrs Thomas

Well the rain certainly hasn't stopped us being busy in school. Year 3 and 5 have visited the QMC Science Centre over the last couple of weeks. We are so lucky to be able to use their facilities - the children really enjoy going to develop their practical science skills at the college and the fact that it is free is even better! Year 3 learnt all about forces and magnets and Year 5 extended their understanding of forces as well.



Last week, we welcomed some visitors from the Hampshire County Council parking team who spoke to the children in assemblies about safety on the roads outside school. They are visiting lots of schools and the children learnt about where it was safe to park as well as where it definitely isn't safe. They found out that it isn't safe to park on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school entrance or on single or double yellow lines. They were also surprised how much a parking fine is! We talked about where it was safe to cross and that poor parking as well as people driving fast along the road puts children's lives at risk. Our Junior Road Safety Officers will continue to work with children in the school to develop their understanding of safety on the roads.



We would ask parents to carefully consider the messages that the children have received regarding parking. If you park on the yellow lines outside the school, you are making the road so much more dangerous for our children. Please be respectful and think about our neighbours too.

We are very excited to tell you about a new project we will be launching which will help us to transform playtimes at our school! The project is called OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) and will be an eighteen month to two year journey to provide the most active, fun and sociable play opportunities possible for the children at Hatch Warren Juniors. We will be sending out further information when the project gets going but I wanted to let you know that we will be looking for a parent volunteer to be part of the working team. This is an extended project so we will be looking for someone who is able to attend development meetings over the course of the project (around 8 meetings). I will send out further information next week for parents to consider whether they could volunteer some time to support the project.



Lastly, don't forget to book your parents' evening appointments if you haven't already done so!

Have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Thomas

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# Whole School Information

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## **Parents Evening**

Parent Booking link is now active and the deadline to book is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 10am.

If you need a new link or have any issues booking please contact the school office. We look forward to seeing you either on the 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> March between 3.40pm - 6.30pm.

## **New Look School Website**

Our new look website is now live - please take a look!

We will continue to update content on a regular basis.

<http://hwjs.hants.sch.uk>

## **EP Coffee Morning**

Thank you to all those who attended the recent EP Coffee Morning. The feedback confirmed it was a really good opportunity to be able to discuss parenting challenges with each other. We were able to offer ideas and strategies to support one another with some helpful input from Mrs Turner.

Please look out for the next coffee morning date, which will be after half term.

## **FHWJS - Bestie Bash Disco**

A reminder that the Bestie Bash Disco is taking place in the school hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Lower School - 5-6pm, Upper School 6.15-7.15pm. Tickets must be pre-booked in advance by 1pm Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February. There will be no tickets available on the door. This is due to pre-arranged child/adult ratios.

Book your tickets [HERE](#)

## **Whole School Outcome Event**

A reminder that we have our whole school outcome event on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 2.30pm-3.10pm. Parents/Carers are invited into school to take a look at a sample of their child's work and take part in activities. The front gates only will be open at this time.



It seems there has been a bit of a cooking extravaganza over the Christmas break!

I have seen some fantastic dishes and baking, and it's been brilliant to see so many of you completing your tasks.

- **Emily** – Mastering poached eggs for her egg challenge. These looked incredibly tasty and very well executed.
- **Carter** – Making an amazing tomato soup packed with vegetables. Carter chopped and blended everything himself, and his family said it was delicious!
- **Amelia** – What a fantastic loaf of bread! I had the pleasure of tasting some, and it was terrific. Lovely skills on display, and I really enjoyed seeing the pictures of the bread by the fire.
- **Emilia** – It looked like a wonderful baking session making bread rolls. Sometimes it's all about appreciating the hard work that goes into making them—especially when they taste so good. Well done!
- **Sophie** – Tomato soup and looking the part in your apron too! You clearly considered all aspects of cooking, and the final dish looks great.

A huge well done to everyone—keep up the fantastic cooking! 🍳🔪🥄

Mrs Griffiths






# Achievements



## House Points

The current total for the year is: 244,934. Absolutely amazing!!

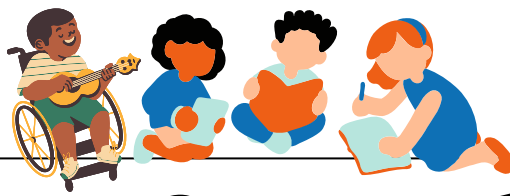
House	Points totals for this term
Farah	15,197 
Newton	14,687
Gershwin	14,648
Rowling	12,708

## 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> Olivia N, Holly, Riley, Ayumi	<b>Class 2:</b> Lucas, Kiyana, Sidney, Emily M	<b>Class 3:</b> Sienna W, Amelia Summer, Eray
<b>Class 4:</b> Willow, Nathaniel Kaleb, Paul	<b>Class 5:</b> Paul, Olivia C, Aysima, Sophie	<b>Class 6:</b> Calude, Zafina, Lottie, Jack
<b>Class 7:</b> Tim, Emilia Oliver WS, Emily	<b>Class 8:</b> Melody, Joshua Isabelle, Jack	<b>Class 9:</b> Bella, Cecily Leon, Theo
<b>Class 10:</b> Christy, Freya, Kensie, Raywant	<b>Class 11:</b> Mia, Simran Luke, Cody	<b>Class 12:</b> Nell, Spencer Andrei, Phoebe



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# Year Group Updates

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## Year 3

Wow, the term is flying by! Year 3 has been full of exciting learning!

In maths, we've been exploring geometry, focusing on different types of lines and right angles, and applying our learning to real-life examples. We have also been looking at directions of turn, using lots of movement and practical activities to help us understand full, half and quarter turns and how these link to right angles. In English, we've just completed our Interview with a Tiger unit, and the children have produced some truly beautiful final pieces, confidently showcasing their chosen animals through imaginative and thoughtful interviews. Some of the children have also enjoyed performing their interviews to the class!

This week, we were very lucky to go on a fantastic trip to QMC, where the children took part in hands-on learning all about magnets. Edie and Kartik have written a short paragraph below sharing their experience of the visit, which we're sure you'll enjoy reading.

We're so proud of the enthusiasm and effort the children have shown across all areas of learning this term. We look forward to welcoming you to our next outcome event where you can be involved in the learning too!

We hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

The Year 3 Team

On Tuesday, Class 1 went to QMC and it was exciting. All our activities were based on magnets. Everybody had been waiting for this moment since they heard about it, and everyone seemed really enjoy the trip. (Edie) My favourite activity was when we made our own magnetic fish aquarium. We used a staple for the fish which was attracted to the magnet. (Kartik) I liked the activity where we pulled the weights using strong magnets and I found it interesting to discover the stopping weight!

Edie and Kartik (Class 1)

## Year 4

The children have had a great time learning more about Viking culture and the impact they had on British culture.

In DT, they have looked at how cams work and are designing and making a Viking themed toy. If you have any bottle caps from drinks bottles, please send them in as we use them in our models which we will be starting to make next week.

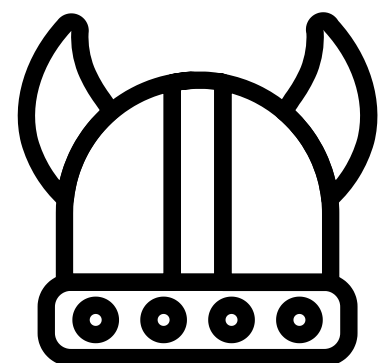
The children have been very enthusiastic about the traditional Viking myths and legends and we have been writing about the Kraken using descriptive vocabulary and varying sentence structure to engage the reader. We look forward to sharing some of these with you at our outcome event next week.

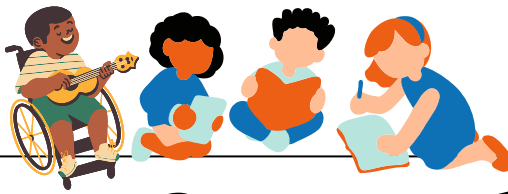
In maths we have been learning about place value ordering numbers, and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

Inside PE continues to be on a Monday and outdoor PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure the children have appropriate PE clothing, especially for outside in this cold weather!

Home learning is continuing with the children using TTRockstars and completing a short reading task on Purple Mash 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.

The Year 4 Team





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# Year Group Updates

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## Year 5

A busy few weeks in Year 5. The children have been working really hard in maths with the focus being on naming and estimating different angles.

In English, they have just finished their discussion text on renewable energy, with particular focus on the advantages and disadvantage of wind farms.

In science, the children have been finding out all about forces, with each class having been to QMC to carry out a variety of forces experiments.

In geography they have been studying renewable energy and starting to think about how they could help the planet by being more sustainable at home.

In DT they have been designing a bridge using household waste, with the plan to hopefully show some of you at the outcome event at the end of term.

Finally, the children have continued to enjoy the swimming sessions and it has been great seeing their confidence in the water improve.

Thanks for your continued support. Have a great weekend.

The Year 5 team

## **Year 5 recommended read:**



**Bunzl,  
Peter**

**Magicborn**

Bound by a deadly curse, Tempest and Thomas begin to feel their dormant magic flickering back into life. Can it be true that they are the lost Princess and Prince of Fairyland? A fantasy fairy tale set back in time.

## Year 6

Year 6 have had a very busy couple of weeks. Firstly, the children enjoyed their trip to Runway's End. They certainly developed their teamwork skills as well as learning to be more resilient (we got very wet in the rain) and to develop their ability to get themselves organised.

Mrs Hedderley was impressed with the children who stayed at school as they were equally as busy working in teams and creating some fabulous constructions.

The past two weeks have seen us getting back to our routine learning, where the children have been working really hard. In English, we have been learning about writing effective dialogue in a story and the children have been putting this into practice by writing some super re-tellings, for an older audience, of the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak.

Our science topic, which is all about Evolution and Inheritance, has had the children learning the importance of fossils as a way of telling us about past life on Earth, followed by some activities that helped the children to understand the concept of natural selection.



Within our Geography Biomes topic, we have been looking more closely at how different physical and human factors can affect ecosystems.

The Year 6 Team

# Student Achievements



A huge congratulations to Sonny from class 3 who took part in the England Bowls Youth Development Scheme last weekend. He was one of 18 children representing Hampshire - well done Sonny!



Also, congratulations to Izzy (class 5), picture here with her sister, who competed also completed in the England Bowls Youth Development Scheme last weekend; her very first bowls tournament. This was the first time she had played anywhere apart from her home club in Alton. She competed in the Junior section which is for children aged between 8 & 14. There were 18 children and Izzy came 9th.

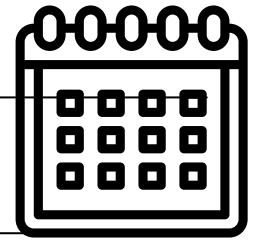


We love to hear about what children are getting up to outside school so that we can celebrate their achievements.  
If you would like to share any achievement news with us, just email in to the office and we can celebrate in our newsletters.

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# Dates for your Diary

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

- 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 - Netball match vs Chalk Ridge Primary
- 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Year 6 Heights & Weights (NCMP)
- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Netball match vs St John's Primary
- 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Whole School Outcome Event 2.30pm
- Week of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Children's Mental Health Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - District Cross Country Competition
- 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - INSET DAY - School closed for pupils
- 16-20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - HALF TERM
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 - Year 6 Class 10 to visit QMC (AM)
- 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Year 6 Class 11 to visit QMC (AM), Year 6 Class 12 to visit QMC (PM)
- 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Netball match vs St Mary's Junior School
- W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 - Book Week! Reading events in class and World Book Day Dress Up on 5<sup>th</sup> March - more info to follow
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 - 6pm Stubbington Initial Information Evening for Year 4 Parents
- 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Parents Evenings - 3.40-6.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - "Finding our Voice" singing event
- 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 4 Listen2Me Concerts (PM - times to follow shortly)
- 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 6 Trip to Fort Nelson
- 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 3 Listen2Me Concerts (PM - times to follow shortly)
- 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 5/6 friendly football match vs Manor Field
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 - Rock2theBeat end of term Concert - 10am
- 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 5 Listen2Me Concert (PM - times to follow shortly)
- 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 5 Portals to the Past - Ancient Greeks
- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 3 Outdoor Learning Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - LAST DAY OF TERM - early finish 2.30pm