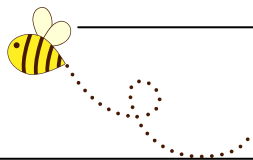


Hatch Warren Herald



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A message from Mrs Thomas

Well we have finally come to the end of the first half of the Spring term - it seems like it's been a really long time but it was only six weeks! Lots has been happening and it has been great to see the children being stuck in to their learning in class and enjoying their trips and school events over the last few weeks. They (and we!) are definitely ready for a break!

I would firstly like to congratulate all of our cross countries runners who bravely tackled a very muddy course on Tuesday at Down Grange. There is a report later in this newsletter. A massive well done to three of our children who finished in the top 12 and have therefore been selected for the county final next month! A fantastic achievement for Hussain, Harry and Elliott - we are super proud of you!

Thank you all family members for attending our outcome event last Friday. We had over 200 parents attending which was a fantastic turnout. It is great to see you all in school - the children love showing you their work and getting you involved in their learning...even if times tables are scary!! (sorry Year 5 parents!). Next term, we will have our Listen2Me music concerts and invites for this will be coming out shortly. We look forward to seeing you there.



We all had great fun at the school discos on Tuesday. Our Friends of Hatch Warren team did an amazing job organising another very successful disco and we thank them very much for their hard work once again. There was a lot of dancing happening, quite a bit of sweet eating and some very enthusiastic duck swapping going on! The Golden Ducks were a big success - they were highly sought after!



Please look out for the Easter events that the Friends will be letting you know about shortly. There will be a return of our Wonka Bar event. As always, any support from parents to run these events is very gratefully received.

Thank you to all of those parents who have replied to our OPAL survey. Your responses will really help us to shape our play provision during the programme. Our first meeting is just after half term and we will let you know any updates when we have them. We are very excited about this new play opportunity for the children.



As always, thank you all for your continued support. I hope that you have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing the children back to school on Monday 23rd February.

Mrs Thomas

Whole School Information



Parents Evening

Booking has now closed. We believe everyone who wishes to book a slot has now done so. If you have not booked a slot and would like to, please contact the office urgently.



Parking

We are still continuing to get reports of bad or illegal parking from our neighbours. These have been reported to Stacy Hart, local councillor, and she will continue patrols of the area with local traffic enforcement & PCSOs.

Recently we have seen an increase in parents parking on the verge up along Paterson Close area. Please be mindful that this is creating issues for residents getting in and out of the close. Please only park where it is safe, legal to do so and does not cause an obstruction.

OPAL Playtimes

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Parent Survey. The Survey is now open until 20th February. Your time and input in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Free Concert for Families

The Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra is offering 200 FREE tickets to their up-coming concert. The concert is on 28th February at the Anvil and is more suitable for older junior and secondary children, as it is not specifically a childrens' concert. You can apply for free tickets for children and accompanying parents/carers as part of their schools programme by contacting them via email. It is open to all local schools so do pass this on to friends if you feel they would appreciate it. The full programme can be viewed on the Anvil website here [Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra](#) | [Anvil Arts](#) and should you wish to hear Thomas, the piano soloist, a video can be found on the BSO social medias. Please email Ann Henshaw (ann.henshaw@bso.org.uk) to apply for free tickets.



Cross Country Competition

On Tuesday, Mrs Bishop took 36 children from across the school to a district cross country competition at Down Grange.

There were over 15 schools competing, including private schools, and more than 100 children in each race. We had representatives in each of the races: Year 3/4 girls, Year 3/4 boys, Year 5/6 girls and Year 5/6 boys.

Despite the rain, the cold, and lots and lots of mud, the children were determined to run and finish their races. The Year 3/4 pupils had to run 1000m of a long course, which included uphill and downhill sections, testing their determination, resilience and pace. The Year 5/6 pupils had to run 1500m, which was two laps of the course.

Mrs Bishop, Mrs Hedderly and Miss Fisher, along with the rest of the children, were cheering on every Hatch Warren student with enthusiasm.

We are pleased to announce that three of our children have made it to the county final in March, as they came in the top 12 of their races. Those children are Hussain in Class 6, Harry L in Class 7 and Elliott in Class 8. We at Hatch Warren are incredibly proud of this achievement.

Mrs Bishop would like to say an even bigger thank you and well done to all 36 children who competed. Even though some children did not make it to the county final, she is incredibly proud and had a massive smile on her face the whole time.

Mrs Bishop would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents who came to support the children. It is amazing to see such a strong sense of community and pride for our school.

We will keep you updated with the results of the county final. We are also already looking ahead to entering next year's cross-country competition. If your child is interested, then start practising those longer runs — and running in the rain and mud! 😊



Cross Country Competition

An anecdote from one of our runners –

“I was really excited to attend but also scared before we got there and when we arrived to the event the nerves got worse. When it was my turn to run, I let all my fears blow away and focused on the race. It was really muddy and slippery but I was focused on running the race and not looking behind me. Towards the end of the race, it was hard to sprint to the finish line but the crowd spurred me on to finish the race. After the race, I had a stitch as I had to run 1500m, and my legs hurt and felt like jelly.”



Friday 13th March 9am-10am -School Hall



Mrs Turner, our Home School Link Worker, is hosting another coffee morning. 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 is 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.

Mrs Turner is on the school gate each morning Tue-Fri and welcomes you to stop to chat if you feel she can help you with something.

Please enter via the Hall door – Look forward to seeing you!






Achievements



House Points

The current total for the year is: 272,707. Absolutely amazing!!

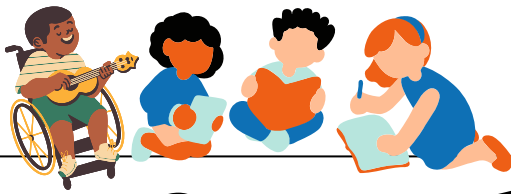
House	Points totals for this term
Farah	23,026 
Newton	21,854
Gershwin	21,553
Rowling	19,277

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!

Class 1: Jake, Minnie-May Matthew, Aaron	Class 2: Boran, Leighton Isak, Ashraf	Class 3: Asya, Aidan Lucas, Henry
Class 4: Mia-Rose, Archie Carter, Happiness	Class 5: Molly, Ayda Hugo, Jamie	Class 6: Lily, Hussain Reuben, Rupert
Class 7: Aria, Zoya Omer, Henley	Class 8: Finlay, Makaanaka Lily, Emily	Class 9: Iris, Elliott Yusuf, Thea
Class 10: Peyton, Finn Leah, Andrew	Class 11: Amelia G, Filip Josie, Alijah	Class 12: Ella, Alana Charis, Himani



Year Group Updates

Year 3

Another fantastic half-term for Year 3!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our outcome event last Friday. It was lovely to see so many of you getting stuck into the clay pot making, and the children were absolutely delighted to share the skills they had learnt (and their clay-covered hands!) with you.

This half-term, the children have shown great focus and enthusiasm in their learning. In English, we wrapped up our unit on *This Is Not My Hat*, where they learned to use direct speech and wrote their own imaginative alternative endings. In Maths, we've been working on the expanded method for addition, and it's been wonderful to see so many children taking pride in the presentation of their work.

We've also been really impressed with their contributions during guided reading. This week, we explored *The Dot* and had some lovely discussions around resilience, confidence, and giving things a go. The children shared thoughtful, encouraging words with one another, which was lovely to hear.

Another exciting moment for us this term was celebrating our very first Hatch Warren Learning Hero in Year 3. This was a wonderful achievement and a reflection of the hard work and positive attitude we've been seeing across the year group. We know many more children are close to earning their badges, and we're excited to celebrate them as they continue to shine!

A quick reminder that PE returns to its usual days: Tuesdays and Thursdays after the break.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break. We're looking forward to welcoming the children back for a busy and exciting half-term!

Warm wishes,

The Year 3 Team



Year 4

We have had a really good half term in Year 4.

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

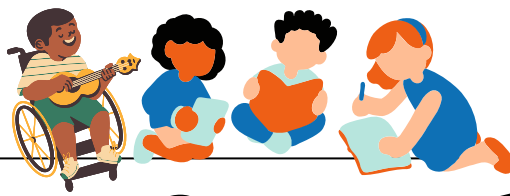
The children have been very enthusiastic about Viking and we have produced some fantastic non chronological reports in groups. They have been thinking very carefully about their vocabulary choices and sentences structures, producing some fantastic work. In maths we have been learning about place value ordering numbers, and adding larger numbers in a range of different ways.

Next half term, we will be looking at the topic of Migration in our geography unit. We will be looking at human migration and its impact as well as the migration patterns of different animals around the world.

After half term, inside PE will continue 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.

We hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to seeing you back after the break.





Year Group Updates

Year 5

It has been a great two weeks in Year 5.

It was great seeing so many parents for the outcome afternoon. The children really enjoyed showing off what they have been doing in class and we hope it was an interesting insight into number sense and reading fluency.

They've been working really hard in maths with the focus being on co-ordinates and translation.

In English, they have just finished writing their masterpieces linked to a short film. They have absolutely loved building up the suspense using different writing techniques.

Finally, the children finished making their bridges. It has been brilliant watching the children work in groups and show their creative and constructive skills.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a great half-term break.

The Year 5 team

Year 5 recommended read:



**Rivers,
Holly**

**The Boy in
the Post**

Three children think that they are facing a boring summer until they see an advert for an animal postal service. When a pelican goes missing on a journey to the USA, an adventurous postal journey of their own follows in this exciting read.

Year 6

Its has been another busy couple of weeks and the Year 6 have been working very hard. In English, we have been writing formal persuasive letters to a judge. The stimulus for this has come from the book 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein - a true story of a tight rope walker called Philippe Petit. This week, we completed our science unit by thinking about Darwin's Theory of Evolution. It generated some very interesting discussions about the theory and what it could mean for the future of living things.

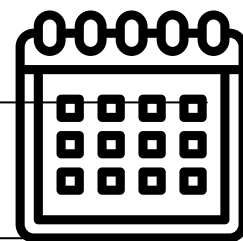
After half term, our next science topic is on the subject of light. Our trips to QMC will be a great introduction and we are very much looking forward to them.

Over the past two weeks, we have been continuing our preparations for SATs by practising with past papers. The children have been given their practice Reading and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar SATs papers, from both December and February to bring home so you can review them together. The reading booklets and mark schemes can all be found online. Maths papers will be sent home after half-term. We are also sending maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar homework sheets for the children to complete over half term We will then continue to send this type of homework home once a week. Reading home work will continue to be on Purple Mash.

After half-term, our indoor PE sessions will be moving back to Wednesday afternoon, so the children will need to wear PE kit as usual on a Monday (outdoor PE) and on a Wednesday (indoor PE), Tuesday, Thursday and Friday wear school uniform.

Thank you for all of your continued support and we hope that you have a restful half term.

Dates for your Diary



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

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

Have you Seen?

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

<https://www.hwjs.hants.sch.uk/topic/parents>

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

Don't forget the 'Community' page too!

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

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! Events for half term will be published shortly.