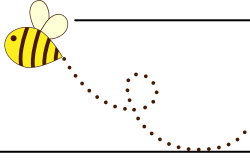
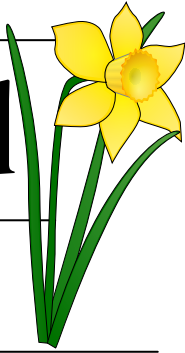




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A message from Mrs Thomas

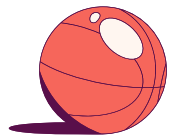
It was amazing to see all of the children dressed up for World Book Day yesterday and what amazing, creative costumes the children wore! Thank you so much for supporting your children to get involved in the day. We probably had the entire cast of Harry Potter and nearly every colour of crayon as well! After registration, all of the classes sat in the corridor and watched while each year group took part in the parade up and down the corridor. It was a fantastic atmosphere and the children loved seeing all of the different costumes across the school. Mr Hartley particularly enjoyed his 'catwalk' experience as an orange crayon and clearly has a future career in World Book Day costume modelling!

A massive thank you to Mrs Rose who helped to organise the events of the day - it was great to bring the school together for the event. And she had the most amazing costume too - the House with Chicken Legs! There has been a lot of positive talk about reading across the school and the event has hopefully inspired children to try some different books.

There are plans for a reading event every month during this year, which is the National Year of Reading, so keep a look out for further information. Reading really is the key to learning success and we, as a staff, are very passionate about ensuring that every child can be reading regularly..

We have also had some fantastic sporting achievements this week. Further details can be found later in the newsletter but I wanted to say a huge well done to our two Y5 children who qualified for the district athletics competition - we are very proud of your achievements! Our netball team have also been very busy this week and have represented the school brilliantly. They should be very proud of the progress that they have already made and we are looking forward to hearing of their successes in the future. Go Team Hatch Warren!

GO TEAM!



We have a busy few weeks coming up. This half term is so short but there is plenty packed in to it! Parents' Evenings are next week and we are looking forward to seeing you. Please enter through the outside classroom doors and have a look at your child's books before your appointment. The choir are also out at a singing festival next week and we are looking forward to them showcasing their work in our final assembly of the term. In the last two weeks of term, we will also be holding our termly Listen2Me concerts. Please see the separate letter so you know the arrangements for these concerts. Our Friends of HWJS are also running their Warren Bar Event on 18.03.2026 so look out for information about that.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Thomas



Whole School Information



Parents Evening

A reminder that we have Parents Evening meetings taking place next week on Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th March 2026. Please enter via your child's classroom doors and look at your child's books whilst you wait to be called through to meet with the teacher. If you are also meeting with Mrs Murphy, you will be directed to her office - please still enter via the classroom door. A reminder that for Class 2 ONLY, appointments on Tuesday 10th March have been moved to Tuesday 17th March with times remaining the same. No parking will be available on-site and only the front gate will be open. We look forward to seeing you there.

DON'T FORGET - afterschool clubs are cancelled on these nights apart from Gymnastics, which will still run on Thursday 12th March in the school hall.



End of Term Early Collection

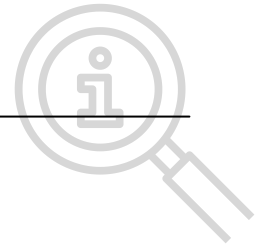
A reminder that, on the last day of term, Friday 27th March, school ends at 2.30pm - a FORMS will be sent shortly for you to complete to advise us of your early collection arrangements for that day.

Inter-House Competition

We are excited to introduce our new **Inter-House Competition**, which will feature a different competition every half term! This half term, we are launching with an Art Competition on the theme of Spring. Children are invited to create one piece of artwork using pens, pencils or paint. Entries should be handed to Mrs Curtis or Mrs Bishop, with your child's name, class number and house clearly written on the back. The deadline for submissions is 20th March. After the closing date, we will create a gallery of all entries for classes to visit and enjoy. Every entry will earn points for the child's house and judges will choose a first, second and third place in each year group. The children have been signing up enthusiastically and some wonderful entries have already been submitted. We look forward to seeing all the children's wonderful creations!

Mrs Bishop and Mrs Curtis

Whole School Information




Sports update from Mrs Bishop

Netball:

The school netball team had a fantastic start to their matches this week. In their first game, St John's secured a strong 14-3 victory against Hatch Warren, followed by another great performance against St Mary's, winning 10-5. The team played extremely well in both games, showing great teamwork, determination and enthusiasm on the court. For several players, this was their first time playing competitively, making their performances even more impressive. We are very proud of the whole team and look forward to sharing the results of today's match against Rucstall after school.



Football friendly:

In a few weeks' time, there will be a friendly football match against Manor Field School for Year 5 and Year 6 boys. If your child is interested in taking part, Mrs Bishop will be sending around an interest sign-up form on Monday. She will then run football trial matches during lunchtime on Tuesday, after which a team will be selected and announced on Wednesday. Please keep an eye on your emails next week for further information if your child is selected to take part. 

Summer Term Clubs

We are currently working on clubs for the summer term. Please look out for emails in the next couple of weeks with sign-up details.

Headlice

We have had a few reports of headlice in school. Please can we ask that you check your child's hair regularly. A reminder to tie up long hair.

Long Hair, Jewellery & PE

On the theme of hair, a polite reminder that long hair must be tied up for PE for safety reasons. We have recently given out a lot of hair ties. Please ensure your child has a hair tie if they have a long hair. Jewellery is also not allowed to be worn for PE. Earrings must be removed. If they cannot be removed, tape must be provided to cover the earrings. This is for safety reasons. Just a reminder that, as part of our school uniform policy, only stud earrings are allowed in school.



Whole School Information

World Book

It was lovely to see so many children and staff (!) dressed up, here are a few photos for you to enjoy....



Whole School Information



Hatch Warren Nature Group (HWNG) - Wildlife Gardening Event **16th MAY**

On 16th May, we have an event open to residents at Hatch Warren Community Centre to promote wildlife gardening as well as to promote volunteering in a light way for Hatch Warren Nature Group.

Steve Bolton of HIWWT will make a presentation on ideas for people to take action in their gardens and provide small pots with compost and seed to encourage people to take something away to grow. The idea is to engage more people in nature activities in the community without them feeling under pressure to join HWNG - but if anyone wants to then we should welcome them!. The session will ask people to make their own suggestions for gardening for wildlife and to come forward with ideas they can post on a map of Hatch Warren using Post-Its.

The event is running from 10-1, in Hatch Warren Community Centre (The Lounge Room). The rough programme for the day is as follows:

- 10-30-10.45 – Welcome and refreshments
- 10.45-11.30 – Wildlife Gardening Presentation by Steve Bolton (HIWWT)
- 11.30-13.00 – Drop-in activities (inc seed sowing and discussion about nature activities in the area)

If you wish to know more about HWNG or can help at the above event please check out their website: <https://naturalbasingstoke.org.uk/conservation-groups-sites/hatch-warren-nature-group/>

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: 298,101 . Fantastic!

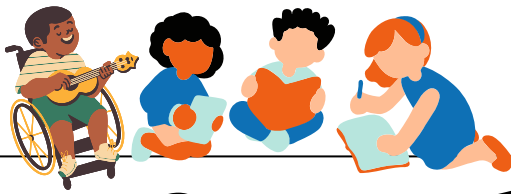
House	Points totals for this term
Farah	29,604 
Newton	28,402
Gershwin	28,098
Rowling	25,747

Stars of the Week/Growth Mindset



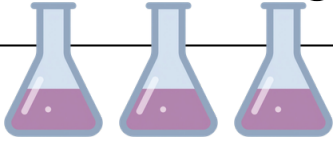
Congratulations to the following children who were awarded "Star of The Week"/"Growth Mind Set" Award over the last two weeks: we are proud of you!

Class 1: Harry, Mac Molly, George	Class 2: Zara, Bora Gracelyn, Christine	Class 3: Charlie, Kaja Theo, Amelia
Class 4: Nihal, Cwynn Layla, Mia-Rose	Class 5: Ethan, Joseph Dexter, Amelia	Class 6: Lewis, Alice Freddy Br, David
Class 7: Leo, Albie Ishaan, Connie	Class 8: Owen, Ella Luke, Ridwan	Class 9: Daniel, Mila Paisley, Freddie M
Class 10: Joel B, Ruby Ezra, Ali	Class 11: Louie, Amelia D Theo, Grace	Class 12: Sophie, Darcey Hattie, Taylor



Year Group Updates

Year 3



We're already two weeks into this very short half-term, and time has absolutely flown by in Year 3! Yesterday, we started with a whole school parade for World Book Day. The children had lots of fun completing a book-themed quiz, and their outfits were absolutely fantastic!

In Science, we've been learning all about mixtures, exploring how different materials can be combined. Next week, we'll be finding out how to separate substances within mixtures using a range of techniques.

In English, the classes have been incredibly imaginative, creating their own hybrid animals to support their final masterpiece. We've seen some amazing combinations including ducks, cats, elephants and many more wild and wonderful ideas!

Maths has been another busy area this week. The children have worked incredibly hard on both the expanded method and the formal written method for addition and subtraction. They've shown great determination and have taken real pride in the presentation of their work. We're ready to move onto time next week!

Our Guided Reading sessions have also been full of energy and drama. To help deepen their understanding of the story, the children have taken on different roles through acting. This week alone, they've become hedgehogs, houses and even flowerbeds! It's been a joyful and productive couple of weeks in Year 3.

We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend ahead.

Best wishes,
The Year 3 Team

Year 4

We have been continuing with our topic of migration in year four. We have just started our new text, 'Wisp', which tells the story of Idris. This links to our topic work where we have been talking about the causes of human migration as well as the advantages and disadvantages it brings for the host and source nations.

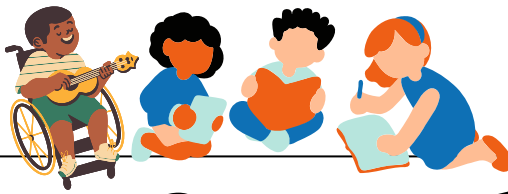
The children have done really well this last week completing NFER test. They have shown a lot of determination and resilience and we will share the results with you at parents meeting next week – make sure you have signed up for an appointment!

Inside PE continues on a Monday and outdoor PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure the children have appropriate PE clothing, especially for outside.

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.

Please also remind children to bring their library books with them to change during library sessions - class 4 on a Thursday and classes 5 and 6 on a Friday.





Year Group Updates

Year 5

It has been a busy first two weeks back in Year 5. Yesterday was World Book Day and it was a great seeing the selection of books chosen for their costumes. The whole school were involved in a catwalk with each year group taking their turn to show off their costumes. It was a really fun day and hopefully it has inspired more children to read.

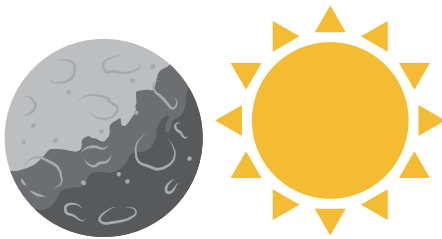
In maths, they have just completed the unit on symmetry and reflection.

In science, they have continued to look at the Sun and the Moon – finding interesting facts on each.

In DT, they have been tasting different types of bread in preparation for making their own bread in the next few weeks.

In history they have continued with the Ancient Greek unit where they looked at democracy. It was a fun lesson where we found out that some people were not allowed to vote and that some unfortunate individuals were ostracised. This links to our English unit where we are writing a travel guide for Ancient Greece.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great weekend.
The Year 5 team



Year 6

There was a very busy start to this half term with all the Year 6s having a great time visiting QMC. This was a very hands-on experience where the children explored activities linked to our Light science topic. They were able to use lightboxes, mirrors and water jars to experiment with reflection and refraction and to create light mazes. They also made pinhole cameras, which helped them to understand how our eyes work – what a great use of old Pringles tubes!

We've also made a great start to both our new history topic about World War 1 and our art topic, where the children will eventually be making small wire sculptures of a horse.

In English, we have been using a section of a beautiful book called 'The Wonder Garden' by Kristjana S Williams and Jenny Broom as a stimulus for writing our own non-fiction text about The Amazon Rainforest. We are looking forward to seeing our completed pieces written up.

A huge well done to all of the children who dressed up for World Book Day. There was a fantastic array of costumes and the children thorough enjoyed their opportunity to parade them in front of the rest of the school. It was also great to see the children being very positive and enthusiastic about their books.

We are continuing to send weekly maths and Grammar homework linked to SATs revision (given out on Thursday and due in by Tuesday). Thank you to all those that have completed it so far.



If you have any questions about this, then please speak to your class teacher.

Student Achievements



Well done to Elliot and Harry who got through to the final at the District Cross Country Competition. They did incredibly well and we couldn't be prouder of them.

Furthermore, Harry has been taking part in Parkrun and has finished 3rd out of 100 children with an amazing time of 8 minutes and 31 seconds - well done Harry!



Well done to Leonardo who took part in a a Ski race against 13 year old's and finished with a silver medal. He was confidently skiing red slopes and was "Improved Skier of the Week"

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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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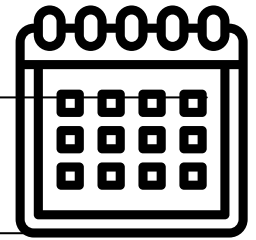


Further to Mrs Bishop's message above, here are some photos from the netball matches this week.



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Dates for your Diary



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

- 10th & 12th March 2026 - Parents Evenings - 3.40-6.30pm
- 11th March 2026 - "Finding our Voice" singing event for Choir Members Only
- 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
- 23rd March 2026 - Year 6 Listen2Me Concert (PM - times to follow shortly)
- 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.