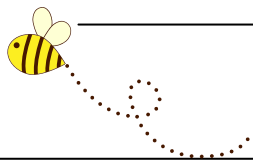


Hatch Warren Herald



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A message from Mrs Thomas

Once again, it has been a very busy couple of weeks and I think the children (and the staff!) are ready for the half term break. It was lovely to see so many parents attending parents evenings last week - we hope you found these meetings useful. Just a reminder, that teachers are available to talk to in the mornings until 8.50am or you can make an appointment to talk to class teachers at another time after school. We really value the relationship between home and school and want to work in partnership with you.

We are really proud of how our first sports team of the year conducted themselves at the table tennis competition at The Blue Coat School. They were a real credit to the school and to their families, behaving impeccably and showing great team work and resilience. Well done team!! Please see the report later in the newsletter.

Last week, our Year 6 children took part in Bikeability sessions - these sessions enabled them to practise their cycling skills on the school grounds and then many of the children took to the roads to learn how to ride safely when out and about. They behaved really well, listened carefully and showed huge amounts of resilience! Some children were slightly anxious about cycling at the start of the week but I was so proud to see how confident they became - non-riders were whizzing round the playground by the Friday! A fantastic experience for them and such an important life skill. Well done Year 6!



Each year, we sell poppies and poppy related items in the lead up to Remembrance Day. These items will be on sale after half term from the school gates by the Year 3 classrooms. Please see the information in the mailing about prices but be aware that we are only able to take cash so please have coins ready to purchase any items. They will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. On November 11th, we will hold our Remembrance Assembly in school with a short silence at 11am to show respect to those who have fought for our freedom.

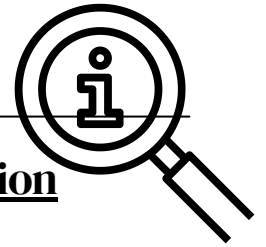
Thank you to all of those parents who completed the Governors' smartphone survey during the summer term. It has been really useful to hear your views - there is a summary on the next page. Please can we respectfully remind you to monitor your child's use of their phone as we have had an increasing number of incidents of unpleasant behaviour online - this causes us to spend a long time in school trying to get to the bottom of why they have all fallen out. We regularly remind children about behaviour online but we are also aware that some children are staying up very late at night due to distractions on their phones. Thank you for your support and understanding.

It has been a very successful and positive half term - lots of exciting activities have happened already and we have lots still planned. We hope you all have a great half term holiday and look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 4th November (Monday 3rd is an INSET day).

Mrs Thomas



Whole School Information



Friends of Hatch Warren

DISCO ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

The Friends have organised school discos for after half term. The event will take place on Tuesday 18th November. The disco for Year 3 & 4 will run from 5pm to 6pm and the Year 5 & 6 disco from 6.15pm to 7.15pm. Tickets can be booked via the following link:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fhwjs/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=106792>

However, The Friends are still looking for volunteers to help to run this event. **THIS EVENT CANNOT GO AHEAD WITHOUT YOUR HELP.** If you can help, please email the school office to offer your support. Thank you.

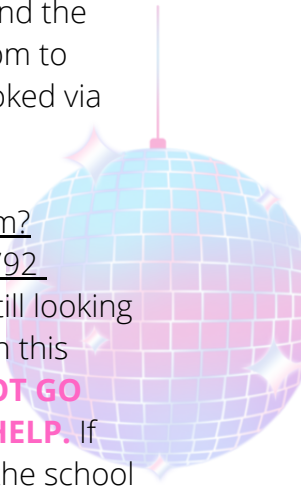
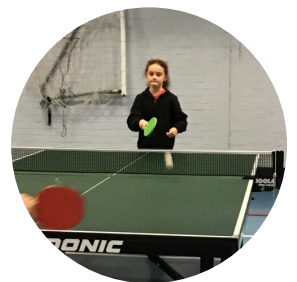


Table Tennis Competition

On Monday 13th October, a group of our pupils proudly represented our school at an exciting table tennis competition. Both the boys' and girls' teams competed against four other schools, taking part in thrilling matches played to 11 points over three sets. The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, focus, and sportsmanship throughout the day, supporting one another and showing great perseverance even during challenging games. Their resilience and determination truly shone, and it was wonderful to see their confidence grow with each match. Despite facing some tough opponents, the children loved every moment of the experience and are already looking forward to returning next year. Overall, our teams finished in an impressive 4th and 5th place — a brilliant achievement for their first time in the competition. Several pupils were also specially commended by the organisers for their outstanding manners, honesty, and positive attitude. Mrs. Bishop is incredibly proud of everyone who took part and how beautifully they represented our school both on and off the table.

Reporting Absences

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you notify the school office by 9:30am on each day of the absence, unless a specific exclusion period has been agreed (e.g. 48 hours for diarrhea or vomiting). When emailing or leaving a voicemail, kindly clearly state the reason for the absence. For illness-related absences, we require a brief description such as cold/flu, vomiting, or diarrhea. Please note that stating a child is simply "unwell" is not sufficient for our records. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Home School Agreement

Thank you to those of you who have responded to the text FORMS. If you have not done so please take a look over half term!



Christmas Jumper Market



The school council are going to be running a Christmas jumper market.

If you are sorting out your summer and winter clothes and you realise that you have Christmas jumpers that your child has grown out of, we would be grateful for donations.

If you are willing to donate a jumper, please could these be brought in to school **in the weeks after half term, no later than the 28th November**. The school council will then organise a date for our jumper market where you can purchase a jumper for £1, with funds going to buy some more toys for lunch times. Please note that we are only looking for children's jumpers. We recognise that the cost of buying new jumpers is increasing so we thought this would be a good way to reuse outgrown jumpers at an expensive time of year! Our Christmas dinner this year will be on Wednesday 17th December and children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers for the day.

Christmas jumper market

DONATIONS NEEDED



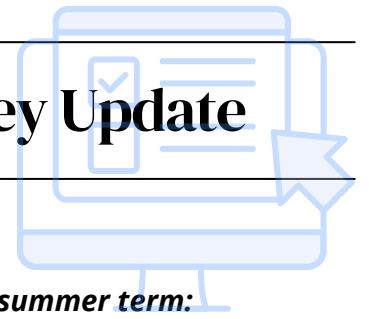
Do you have preloved Christmas jumpers that you could donate to school for our Christmas jumper market?

**Children's jumpers of all sizes welcome.
Please make sure they are clean and in good condition.**

Please send in the jumpers to school by 28th November

Once we have availability of a range of sizes, we will have a cheap jumper sale for children to purchase a new jumper for the season

Smartphone Use at School - Parent Survey Update



An update from the governors, following the smartphone parent survey in the summer term:

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey about smartphone use in primary school. We had 124 responses across Years 3-6.

Most families felt our current approach works well: pupils may bring a phone if needed, but it must be handed in and stored securely during the day. Over 70% of parents expressed some concern about smartphone risks for younger children, and just over half said simple “brick phones” are a suitable alternative for independent travel, which families may choose to utilise instead of a smartphone.

Next Steps

We'll continue with our current policy, and will:

- Continue to allow children to bring phones to school to be stored in the office. A reminder that these are not to be used on site, on the playground, or until pupils have left the school premises.
- Continue to cover online safety and digital wellbeing within our PSHE lessons.
- If this is something families would find useful, we could look to offer drop-in sessions as a school to discuss digital use.

Supporting Children's Digital Safety at Home

It's important that parents monitor children's use of phones and electronic devices, especially where apps or games allow communication with others. This includes platforms such as Roblox, WhatsApp, or gaming chats. Regular conversations about who children are interacting with and what they are sharing online help to build good digital habits and keep them safe.

Helpful Resources for Families

It's important to remember that most social media platforms have age limits of 13+, including:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- Snapchat
- [WhatsApp – Age limit & safety for parents \(Internet Matters\)](#)

For advice on managing children's online activity, visit:

- [Childnet: Online safety for parents](#)
- [NSPCC – Online Safety Hub](#)
- [Common Sense Media: Parents Ultimate guide to social media](#)

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep pupils safe, confident, and respectful digital citizens.






Achievements



House Points

The current totals for the year are: 85,110 - fantastic!!

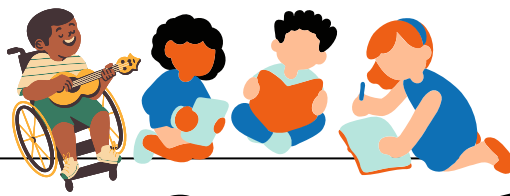
House	Points
Farah	23287, 
Gershwin	22,287
Newton	21,768
Rowling	17,768

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: Mac Molly Olivia A Vlad	Class 2: David Rory Layla Eliza	Class 3: Grace Aidan Azzurra Marley
Class 4: Hanna-Maria Ava Jayden Layla Grace	Class 5: Ela Jayden Theo Dexter	Class 6: Carter Claude Gabriel Roxanne
Class 7: Nihal Ollie Pennie Tim	Class 8: Ridwan Owen Emily Marnie	Class 9: Elsie Iris Nicole Paisley
Class 10: Arlo Peyton Andrew Violet	Class 11: Josie Daniel Jack Alijah	Class 12: Logan Ethel Himani Jedi



Year Group Updates

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic few weeks and we are so proud of everything they have achieved this half term. In English, the children have been writing autumn poems, using their senses and alliteration to bring the season to life in their descriptions. They have really impressed us with their creativity and choice of language.

In maths, the children have been exploring measurements and learning how to find the perimeter of shapes. They have worked carefully and shown great perseverance in developing their understanding. In science, they have continued learning about the human body, focusing on muscles and joints and how they help us move.

In geography, the children have been comparing Hatch Warren to remote areas of Scotland, identifying similarities and differences between the two locations. They have particularly enjoyed discussing how where we live compares to life in a more rural setting.

In art, the children have completed their final pointillism pieces, taking great care and showing real pride in their work.

We are so proud of everything Year 3 have achieved in their first half term at Hatch Warren and wish you all a lovely, restful break.

Year 4

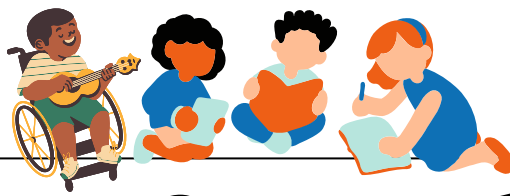
I can't believe it is the end of the first half term. The Year 4 team are extremely proud of how well all of the children have settled into their new classes in Year 4 and their attitudes to learning. It has been great to share their successes with you at the outcome event and parents' evenings. In the run up to half term, we have been working very hard to develop our writing by varying sentence structures and using more adventurous vocabulary, whilst in maths, we have been developing our multiplication and division methods and enjoying our new times tables daily challenges.

After half term, PE days will continue on a Monday (inside) and Wednesday (outside) so please ensure that the children have appropriate clothing, that earrings are taken out and long hair tied back. Homework will still be given out on a Thursday and be expected in on a Tuesday.

We hope you have a restful break over half term and look forward to seeing you all back in November.

enjoy!





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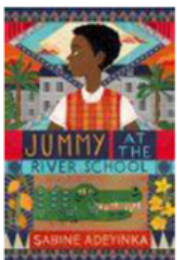
Year 5

It has been a fantastic two weeks in Year 5. It was great seeing so many of you at the outcome afternoon and we hope you enjoyed the experience in our classrooms. This week in maths they have been looking at perimeter by finding missing lengths. In English, the children finished writing their endings to The Lost Happy Endings story. It has been great seeing their improvement in using descriptive language to make their writing more engaging. In science, they carried out an experiment looking at which materials dissolve in water to form a solution. In geography, the children wrote a poster all about what they have learnt about slums. Finally, in DT they have finished sewing their money containers, which they have tried really hard with and hopefully you will see that in their final products.

We hope you and your children have a great half-term break.

The Year 5 team

Year 5 recommended read



Adebinka,
Sabine

Jummy at the River School

Jummy is excited to have won a place at the River School, Nigeria's top boarding school, until her best friend Caro arrives there also but to work not learn! The injustice burns in Jummy's heart and she sets out to fix things. A great read that looks at inequality, friendship and standing true to your values.

Year 6

It has been another very busy couple of weeks for Year 6. A huge well done to all of the children for taking part in their Bikeability sessions, last week. The children all challenged themselves with their cycling skills and demonstrated great resilience and determination. This week has also been quite exciting too, as the children have been attaching their electrical circuits and motors to the frames of their wooden cars. Again, this has required quite a lot of resilience as there were many different components that needed to be checked. It was great to hear the squeals of delight when they got their vehicle working. As our Industrial Revolution topic has to come to an end, the children have been really reflecting on the impact that it had on the young poorer children of the time. They have been writing some very thoughtful and descriptive poetry that captures the plight of children who worked as street sellers or chimney sweeps or of those working in cotton mills. The year 6 team are looking forward to starting the new 'Globalisation' geography topic after half-term. Have a safe and restful half-term.

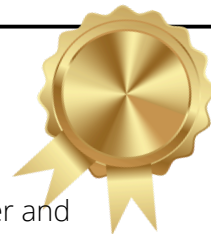
Year 6 recommended read



'The Invasion of Crooked Oak' is a fast-paced adventure. Strange things are happening in the town of Crooked Oak. People have started to behave oddly and the zombie-like symptoms seem to be

spreading through the town. As Nancy and her friends Pete and Krish get stuck into the mystery, something scary is spreading its tendrils across the town. Can the friends get to the root of the mystery before time runs out?

Student Achievements



A huge WELL DONE to Olivia from class 1 who took part in a fundraiser with her sister and cousins for Great Ormund Street Hospital, to raise money for the new children's cancer ward.

Olivia ran a 2km race in Hyde Park and raised an amazing £310 and over £814k was raised on the day in total!

Well done Olivia, we are so proud of you!



We love to hear about what children are getting up to outside school and be able to 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.

Thank You

Hatch Warren Junior

School
for supporting



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We rely on your donations to
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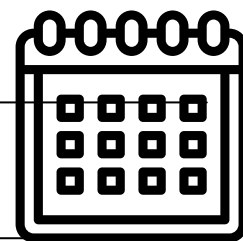
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Dates for your Diary



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:

- 27th to 31st October - Half Term
- 3rd November - INSET Day
- 10th-12th November - Year 5 Stubbington Residential
- 10th November - "Cool to be Kind" week - events in school
- 14th November - Children In Need - Non-Uniform Day - more info to follow!
- 17th November - Road Safety Week - events in school
- 18th November - Y3/4 Reading Cafe -9-10am school hall
- 20th November - Y5/6 reading cafe - 9-10am school hall
- 24th November - 1 x Y4 Class to QMC
- 25th November - 2 x Y4 Classes to QMC
- 25th November - Nasal Flu Vaccination in school
- 8th December - Y6 Listen to Me Concerts PM - time TBC
- 9th December - Y3 Portals to the Past in school
- 10th December - Y4 Listen to Me Concerts PM - time TBC
- 15th December - Rock to the Beat Concert - 10am school hall for parents of those who take part
- 16th December - Christmas Panto - in the school hall AM
- 16th December - Y5 Listen to Me Concerts PM - time TBC
- 17th December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th December - Y3 Listen to Me Concerts PM - time TBC
- 19th December - End of Term - finish time 2.30pm