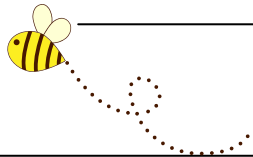




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A message from Mrs Thomas

There have been lots of exciting things happening in school over the last two weeks and the sun has started to shine which makes everything even better!

It was lovely to see so many parents at parents evenings last week (and this week for Class 2). Being involved in your child's education is so important. Remember that you don't have to wait until parents evenings to talk to the class teachers. We value open communication - class teachers are available until 8.50am on the doors and at the end of the day, or alternatively you can make an appointment to see them at another time.

This week, we have had the first two Listen2Me concerts for Years 3 and 4 to showcase their musical talents from this term's work. Thank you so much to all family members who attended. The children love to see you at events and what a talented bunch they are!

Year 6 had an amazing trip to The Royal Armouries, Fort Nelson, yesterday to complement their work in history on the World Wars. They were fully engaged throughout and were lucky to also enjoy fantastic weather!

This week, we had our second meeting for our OPAL developments in school. Please look back at previous mailings if you want to know more about OPAL. We will be asking for donations to support us with developing play at our school so please look out for these.

After Easter, we are likely to be opening more areas for children to play in. These will be discussed with the children so they know the rules, boundaries and how to keep themselves safe. We are really excited about these developments and look forward to sharing more with you after Easter.

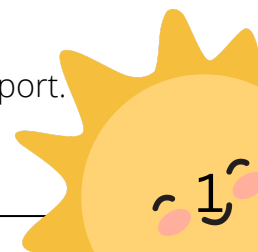


PARKING



You may have seen me out and about in front of the school at the end of the day recently. This has been in response to an increasing number of complaints and reports of dangerous parking that we have received. Parking on pavements, the grass areas and on yellow lines puts children's lives at risk and causes havoc outside when cars and buses are trying to get through. There is a reason the yellow lines are there. Being a traffic warden is not part of my job but we are at the point where we are extremely worried a child will be badly injured or killed outside our school due to the behaviour of a minority of parents. The parent who drove into a traffic warden earlier this week has been reported to Hampshire County Council. Please please please behave respectfully and park considerately for the safety of our children. Hopefully we will see an improvement to this situation.


Thank you for your continued support.
Enjoy the weekend sunshine!
Mrs Thomas



Whole School Information



Listen2Me



It was lovely to see so many of you attend the Year 3 & 4 Listen2Me Concerts this week. We look to seeing you at the Year 5 & 6 concerts next week.

Sports update from Mrs Bishop

Football friendly:
We look forward to hearing the result of the friendly match this afternoon against Manor Field Juniors. Good luck!

Water Bottles



We have had an increase in the number of children requesting cups as they have forgotten to bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure your child has a name water bottle with them in school, especially as we see an increase in better weather.

Choir - Singing Festival



End of Term Early Collection

A reminder that, on the last day of term, Friday 27th March, school ends at 2.30pm. Thank you to those who completed the FORMS. If we have not heard from you we will be in contact shortly to confirm your arrangements.

Summer Term Clubs



Summer Term clubs have now been shared. The sign-up opens on Arbor on Sunday 22nd March at 5pm. Spaces fill up fast!

Choir - Singing Festival

Last week, the school choir enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Finding Your Voice Singing Festival at St Mary's Junior School in Old Basing. The choir represented our school brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm and commitment throughout the afternoon session. They performed three pieces they had been learning in their after-school sessions, alongside groups from several other local schools, led by a visiting professional conductor. I was incredibly proud of their efforts during both rehearsals and the final performance, where they sang beautifully. Well done Choir!






Achievements



House Points

The current total for the year is: 326,779 . Amazing!

House	Points totals for this term
Farah	37,765 
Gershwin	35,419
Newton	35,239
Rowling	32,854

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: Alfie V, Nicholas Freya, Mason	Class 2: Darcy, Erin Rory, Layla	Class 3: Sonny, Kaan Beatrix, Avni
Class 4: Elliott, Willow Alessio, Neve	Class 5: Thomas, Olivia P Alex, Paul	Class 6: Hendrix, Clarisse Lyla-Mae, Freddie B
Class 7: Harry, Assil, Ava Ava, Lauchlan	Class 8: Joshua J, Blake Joshua D, Jack S	Class 9: Elita, Eva Theo, Sam
Class 10: Jackson, Emily Teddy, Kensi	Class 11: Freddie N, Daniel Simran, Mia	Class 12: Jedi, Logan Adriana, Ethel



Year Group Updates

Year 3

We're somehow already approaching the end of term, and what a lovely term it has been. The children have worked incredibly hard and shown so much enthusiasm in everything we've been doing. Even though we still have one more week to enjoy together, we wanted to share some of the highlights from the past couple of weeks.

In English, we've started a new unit based on *Our Tower* by Joseph Coelho. The children have really connected with the story and have enjoyed exploring prepositions, experimenting with different sentence structures, and sharing ideas. They are very excited to write their own ending to the story soon and we can't wait to see where their imaginations take them.

In maths, we've been focusing on representing our times tables using arrays and bar models. We've been working closely on the 3s and 4s, and we'll soon be going into the 8s. The children have impressed us with how confidently they're applying their Number Sense knowledge to help them understand different representations.

Yesterday, the Year 3 Listen2Me concert was an absolute delight. The children sang with so much confidence and energy, including songs in different languages. At one point, one of the songs even sounded a bit like "chop a chicken," so if you hear that at home this weekend... don't worry, it's not a new cooking lesson... just Year 3's musical influence! We were incredibly proud of them for the effort they put into their performance.

We've also finished our desk tidy designs in DT, and they look fantastic. Each child created their own pattern inspired by their interests, and they used Purple Mash to bring their designs to life. They can always continue experimenting with designs at home if they'd like to try out different colours or patterns.

Finally, we're looking forward to our Outdoor Learning Day next Friday. Fingers crossed for a bit of sunshine so we can explore the school grounds and enjoy a whole day of learning outside the classroom.

Thank you for all your support this term. It's been a pleasure teaching the children, and we're excited for a fun final week ahead.

Year 3 Team



Year 4

We have been really busy in Year 4, and I can't believe another term is coming to an end. Time has flown by so rapidly.

This term, we have been studying migration, and we have learned a great deal about human and animal migration. In maths, we have been focusing on converting fractions to mixed numbers and improper fractions using our times tables knowledge to help us. We have studied the work of artist Jacob Lawrence and will be creating our own art based on his techniques and style.

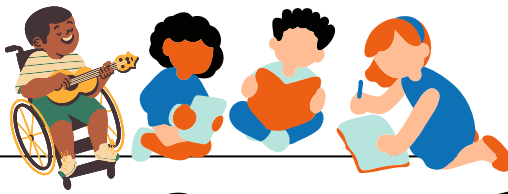
After the Easter break, inside PE will continue on a Monday and outdoor PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure the children have appropriate PE clothing, especially for outside, and a water bottle as the weather (hopefully!) improves.

Home learning will be continuing with the children using TTRockstars, in preparation for the upcoming times tables assessment, 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 another busy two weeks in Year 5.

In maths, the children have been converting fractions into decimals.

In English, they have completed their Ancient Greece tour guides. We were really impressed with their outcomes and the quality of their sentences.

In history, the children have learnt about the Greek myths and looking at the different mythical creatures. In science, they focused on why the sun changes position in the sky throughout the day and how shadows are made.

On Monday, we will be making our Greek bread rolls, so please send your children into school with a mixing bowl.

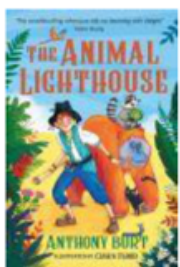
Also, on Thursday we have Portals to the Past day where the children will experience different activities and can dress up in Ancient Greek clothing.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great weekend.

The Year 5 team



Year 5 recommended read:



**Burt,
Anthony**

**The Animal
Lighthouse**

Jim lives in a Caribbean lighthouse with animals for company. They discover that the lighthouse filament, which shrouds their island in secrecy, has gone missing. Can they race to protect their magical hideaway in time? A fun, swashbuckling story with more than a splash of adventure, pirates and talking toads!

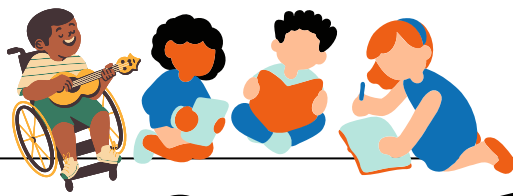
Year 6

To really bring our History topic to life, we had a fabulous trip to the Royal Armouries at Fort Nelson. The children had a great opportunity to experience what life was like during World War 1 for the soldiers fighting on the frontline. We learnt about what life was like in the trenches, the kinds of weapons the soldier fought with and what happened to them when they suffered injury or illness. The sergeant, who led one of the workshops, even had us marching in a straight line. In each workshop, it was fascinating listening to the information that was shared, handling the artefacts and looking at photos

In English, we have been focusing on how we develop characterisation in narrative by using 'show not tell' type strategies. We have been using 'The Explorer' by the author Katherine Rundell to investigate how she develops her characters (particularly in chapter 17). Next week we will be writing our own extra short chapter mimicking her style and putting into practice the strategies we've learnt. In art, we have been looking at the work of 3 different artists (Chris Moss, Gary Tiplady and Elizabeth Merrien), who produce sculptures using various forms of wire.

We are using their inspiration and building on our Year 5 wire sculpting learning, to produce either a small 2D or 3D wire horse sculpture. The children are continuing to work hard in maths, english and grammar lessons with their preparation towards SATs (SATs week is from Mon 11th May).

Thank you to all the children who have been diligently completing the maths and Grammar homework each week, as the extra practice is helping to reinforce what we have been doing in school.

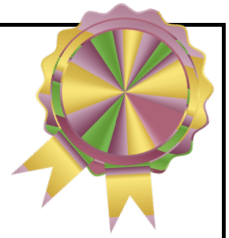


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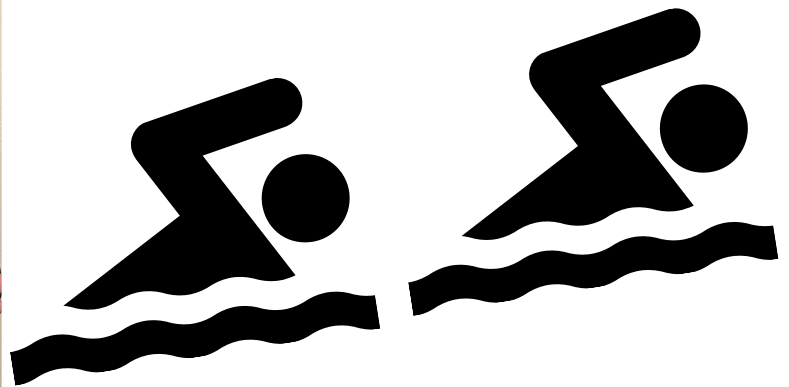
Year 6 Visit to Fort Nelson



Student Achievements



A huge well done to Filip in class 11 who recently received his Rainbow Distance Certificate for swimming 400m without a break! What a great achievement!



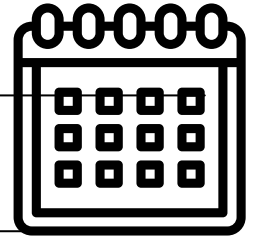
Congratulations to Cwynn in Class 4 who came 2nd place in the Basingstoke Planet ice Spin Spiral Jump competition and competed in Sheffield and the British Ice skating Synchronised Championships. Well done Cwynn!



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.

Dates for your Diary



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

- 23rd March 2026 - Rock2theBeat end of term Concert - 10am
- 23rd March 2026 - Year 6 Listen2Me Concert (PM - see letter for times)
- 24th March 2026 - Year 5 Listen2Me Concert (PM - see letter for times)
- 25th March 2026 - Gymnastics Festival (invite only)
- 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.