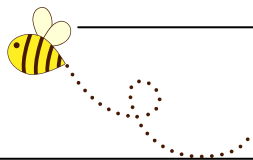


Hatch Warren Herald



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A message from Mrs Thomas

Once again, we have had a very busy and very positive couple of weeks in school. We have started our Year 2 parent tours this week and it has been great to show our visitors round such calm and settled classrooms. The children have been working very hard and there have been a huge number of green points collected - our total for this year is currently at over 140,000 points!!! This is over double the points achieved at this point last year and shows the amazing work that the staff are doing to ensure the children are having the best learning experiences and support in the classroom. I am so proud of the children for their continued hard work and great behaviour!

Great work!

Last week, we held our reading cafes which were very successful. There was a short presentation about reading and how to support your child - these presentations can be found on the school website (<https://www.hwjs.hants.sch.uk/reading-at-hatch-warren-juniors/>). The children thoroughly enjoyed coming in to the hall and sharing their reading with their families. Thank you so much to everyone who joined us!

If you would like to find out more about reading at Hatch Warren Juniors, you can find a lot of useful information on the school website (link above). Here you will find an outline of the curriculum expectations as well as information about phonics.

We have also added some advice for children and parents about book choices linked to different authors which are really helpful if your child is 'stuck' with reading books by the same author.

Last week was also Road Safety Week. The children learnt all about being safe when they are out and about and they enjoyed dressing up in their bright clothes on Friday to show awareness of bright clothing being important for safety now the evenings are so dark. Well done to all the winners of the brightest clothes awards!! Please can we remind parents to talk to your children about keeping safe when they are out. We have witnessed children being dropped off in the middle of the road outside school and children who are crossing the main road without looking. It is important that we all keep reinforcing the safety messages and that parents are aware of the impact of their parking outside the school on the safety of our children. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

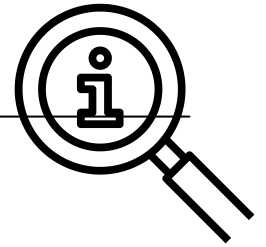
There are a lot of events coming up, on the run up to Christmas so please keep a check on dates so that you know what is happening! Information about Christmas events that the Friends of Hatch Warren are running during school time is further on in this newsletter.



We hope you have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing support.

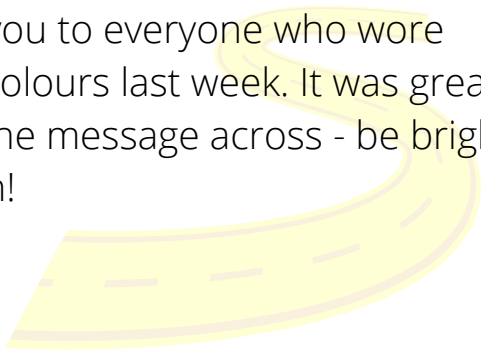
Mrs Thomas

Whole School Information



Road Safety Week

Thank you to everyone who wore bright colours last week. It was great to get the message across - be bright be seen!



Parking - POSITIVE

Councilor Stacey Hart continues to monitor parking in the local area around the school. I am pleased to advise that she included The Cornfields in her last patrol and parking was excellent! Thank you!



Lost Property

We still have lots of lost property! Please name your jumpers and cardigans! Come and take a look outside the office.



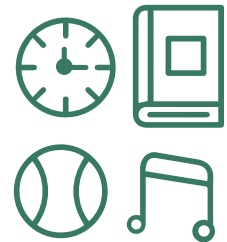
Snow and Ice Plan

With the weather now set to winter(!), we will shortly be sending out our snow and ice plan - please look out for this in your emails.



Christmas Jumper Market

Thank you to everyone who donated a Christmas Jumper. The school council will now check how many they have received and if the market can proceed.



Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs have now finished!

For those who attend Choir, you should have received an email regarding 2 extra sessions on the 4th & 11th December.

The final keyboard lessons of the year will be Monday 8th & Thursday 11th December. Those who currently have lessons have been emailed to confirm if they would like to continue in the spring term. Once we have received these responses, if there are any spaces we will offer these out to the whole school.

Friends of Hatch Warren

Christmas Raffle Tickets

As you are aware, these have now gone out. Please return them to your child's classroom with the correct money by 12th December 2025.

The draw will take place in the playground after school on that day.



Festive Workshop - Friday 12th December

🎄 Festive Workshop – 12 December 🎄

The Friends of Hatch Warren Junior School are excited to announce a festive day for all pupils on Friday, 12th December!

🌟 **Elf Workshop Activities** Throughout the day, each child will:

- Decorate a festive cookie
- Create a Christmas decoration
- Prepare a batch of reindeer food

Please note: a form will be sent regarding allergies and opt-outs.

👴 **A Visit from the Big Man Himself**

Father Christmas will pop into each class later in the day to share some festive story time.

📄 **Donation**

We know this is a busy and expensive time of year, so we've planned a low-cost, memory-rich experience. A voluntary donation of £5 per child helps cover costs and contributes to fundraising, including a small gift for each child. Donations can be made [HERE](#).

🎵 **After-School Festivities** After school, the Christmas cheer continues!

- School choir performance (details for choir club children to follow)
- Festive tuck shop
- Fun festive games (volunteer dependent) – instead of donations, we're asking for your time. If you can spare an hour to help run a game or stall, please sign up here.
- Christmas raffle drawn at 4:00pm

We look forward to celebrating a magical, memory-filled day with our school community! 🌟

Kind regards, The Friends of Hatch Warren Junior School




Achievements



House Points

The current totals for the year are: 140,269 Super proud!!

House	Points
Farah	37,813 
Gershwin	36,606
Newton	35,795
Rowling	30,055

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: Holly Hunter Nicholas Samar	Class 2: Emily H Boran Soraya Henry	Class 3: Theo Sienna W Marley Lucas
Class 4: Harry Evan Keira Alessio	Class 5: Izzy Hugo Jayden Alex	Class 6: Freddie B Benjamin Rupert Lewis
Class 7: Kyden Omer Oliver G Aria	Class 8: Jack Josh Elijah Leonardo	Class 9: Yusuf Leo Maanya Logan
Class 10: Raywant Joel M Emily Christy	Class 11: Thomas A Oliver Grace Louie	Class 12: Kenzie Alfie Andrei Shaya



Year Group Updates

Year 3

It has been another fantastic couple of weeks in year 3 and the children have continued to work incredibly hard across all subjects and they have been enjoying activities around school.

It was amazing to see how brightly children dressed for 'Be Bright Be Seen' day – the hall was glowing during our celebration assembly!

In Maths, we have been exploring fractions and shapes, using practical activities to help us understand parts of a whole and learning about angles, parallel and perpendicular lines. The children have shown great perseverance and are growing in confidence every day. Next they will apply their learning to 2D and 3D shapes.

In English, we have begun reading the exciting story Stone Age Boy. The children are already captivated by the characters and the setting and we have enjoyed discussing what life might have been like during the Stone Age. This links brilliantly to our history topic, where we are learning all about the Stone Age and discovering how people lived, hunted, and built their homes.

Science has been equally enjoyable as we continue our unit on light. The children have loved investigating how light travels through materials and how shadows are formed, and they have asked some fantastic scientific questions.

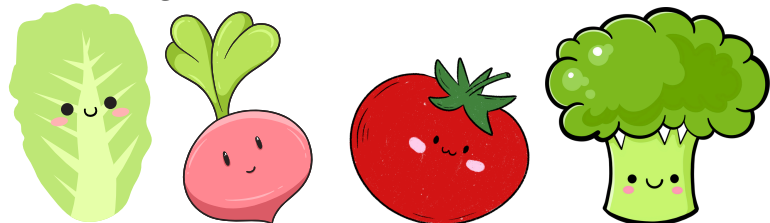
We have also been working hard in Music learning the African drums, preparing pieces for our upcoming concerts to parents. The children are very excited to showcase their newly learnt skills on Thursday 18th December.



Year 4

We've had a fantastic couple of weeks in Year 4! We all thoroughly enjoyed our visits to QMC this week to learn all about electricity. We will be using the knowledge we found out to help us with our electricity topic back at school.

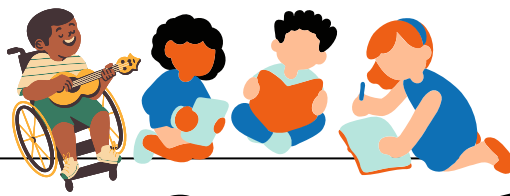
The children have been really enjoying our new topic, "From Farm to Fork," where they're learning all about where their food comes from. They were amazed to discover how far some foods actually travel to get to their plate and the work that goes into producing some items. We had a delicious DT lesson where the children tasted a variety of fruits and salads. It was amazing to see how many new flavours they were willing to try! Last week we practiced the skill of chopping, peeling and grating and will be putting their newfound knowledge to the test next week by creating their own salads and writing instructions on how to make them.



In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and converting units of measure.

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

This half term the expectation will be for the children to use TTRockstars and complete a short reading task on Purple Mash – passwords have been sent out, but please see your child's class teacher should you need a reminder.



Year Group Updates

Year 5

A busy two weeks in Year 5. The children have been working hard in maths, as they have been multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 including decimals.

In English, we have been very impressed with their persuasive letters. These were written to the school librarian to convince her that their choice of illustrated book should be displayed in the library. It has been really positive seeing their reactions to the books and our year group's favourite was 'Fox: A circle of life story'.

In history, they have been continuing with studying the Benin Kingdom, looking at the importance of the religion at the time.

In science, the children have looked at how fossils are formed. Finally, in art they have been using tone, line, shape and texture to sketch trees in preparation for crafting wire tree sculptures at the end of term.

Thanks for your continued support.

Have a great weekend.

The Year 5 team

Year 5 recommended read



Edge, Christopher

A thrilling adventure story about a group of children who must solve various puzzles to escape the rooms. However, things take a sinister turn and the challenges become increasingly more difficult as time runs out. Can Ami and her friends find the Answer before it's too late? Gripping and enthralling, with a surprise ending.

Year 6

Yet another two weeks seemed to have flown by and as usual the Year 6s have been very busy with their learning. In English, we have been getting to know more about two of the characters – Auggie and Jack - from the book Wonder. The friendship of the two characters is tested and the children have been writing detailed diaries from Auggie's point of view. This week we have found out more about the situation from Jack's view point. This is leading towards the children writing a formal letter.

In our geography topic we have been focussing on trade between the UK and other countries and we have been considering where our clothes come from and its link to trade.

Last week in science, we had fun using a decibel meter to investigate how distance affects the loudness of sound. This week we have been finding out more about how sounds are made and investigating what actually makes the sound in a selection of instruments – including tuning fork.

Linked to our art work on Pop Art, we have been printing our own designs that we created on sheets of Styrofoam, and then added layers of different colours to give contrasting images.

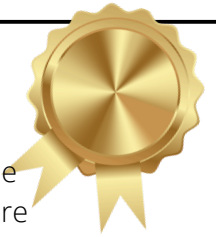
Year 6 recommended read

A fun, quirky science series that tackles the questions other books are afraid to ask! Can you hear sounds in space? Which animal has the best hearing?



And just how fast is a supersonic plane? A Question of Science: Sound answers all these questions and much more. Perfect reading for curious young scientists!

Student Achievements



A huge WELL DONE to Ruby from class 9! Ruby and her teammates came 5th in the NATIONAL Street Dance Championship Finals, a wonderful achievement as they were competing against groups from across the country!



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.

Year 2 Tours for Year 3 Starters September 2026

Do you have or know a child that requires a place in Year 3 starting in September 2026?

Year 3 Junior School Applications opened on 1st November 2025

Apply here:

[Applying for a junior school place \(Year 3\) | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council](#)

Come along to an information session or tour:

Evening Information Session with Tour

·Thursday 4th December 2025 – 6pm

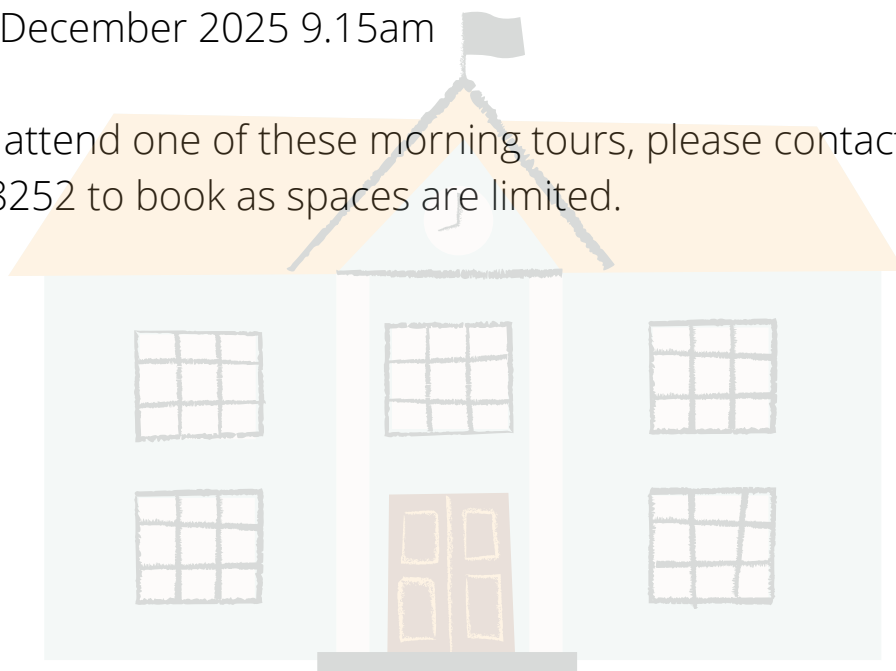
This session will take place in the school hall and entrance is via the school hall doors. Please note that only the front gates of the school will be open for access, all back gates will be closed at this time. There is no need to book simply turn up.

Bookable Morning Tours

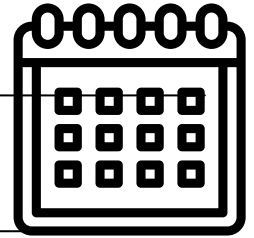
·Tuesday 2nd December 2025 9.30am

·Thursday 4th December 2025 9.15am

If you wish to attend one of these morning tours, please contact the school office on 01256 328252 to book as spaces are limited.



Dates for your Diary



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

- 8th December - Y6 Listen to Me Concerts PM - 1.35pm - 1.55pm – Class 10, 2.15pm - 2.35pm – Class 11, 2.50pm - 3.10pm – Class 12
- 8th December - Christmas Post Box Opens - more info to follow
- 9th December - Y3 Portals to the Past in school
- 10th December - Y4 Listen to Me Concerts PM - 2.40pm - 3.10pm – Class 4, 5, 6 together
- 12th December - FHWJS Festive Workshop
- 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 - 1.35pm - 1.55pm – Class 7, 2.15pm - 2.35pm – Class 9, 2.50pm - 3.10pm – Class 8
- 17th December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th December - Y3 Listen to Me Concerts PM - 1.35pm - 1.55pm – Class 3, 2.15pm - 2.35pm – Class 2, 2.50pm - 3.10pm – Class 1
- 19th December - End of Term - finish time 2.30pm