



## Weekly Newsletter

**Week ending Friday 10 May 2024**

### **Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests Next Week**

Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) are taking place between Monday 13 May and Thursday 16 May.

Please ensure your child/ren gets an early night throughout SATs week so that they feel as refreshed as possible. It is important that the children understand that we are all extremely proud of their achievements and as long as they try their best, we cannot ask any more of them. Please try and encourage your child not to worry about the tests, but if they are, encourage them to talk about it. Lots of adults will be on hand before the tests begin on each morning in case any children need someone to talk to.

Children will receive an apple and some squash to help them settle in each morning. If your child has any allergies to fruit or squash that you think we are unaware of, then please inform the school office. Please ensure your child/ren have a good, healthy breakfast too. Fruit and squash are optional but it has been a great way of helping the children to relax in previous years. In addition to this, please make sure children have a water bottle in school as it is important to stay hydrated.

If your child is in year 6 and you believe they are not well enough to attend school on any given day you must let us know at the earliest opportunity by calling the school office and speaking to one of our staff.

If you are visiting school in the morning, please be mindful that tests will be taking place nearby and the noise levels must be kept to a minimum.

If you are visiting the school office after registration (i.e., from 8.45am), please follow any instructions provided by our staff and signage.

### **Change to PE days**

Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) are taking place between Monday 13 May and Thursday 16 May. To accommodate these important tests, some classes in Year 6 and Year 4 will be changing their PE days.

**4GG and 4HR** - Tuesday and Friday

**6FS** - Monday and Thursday

**6GR** - Wednesday and Thursday

## HSCA News

### Summer Fair

We need volunteers for the HSCA Summer Fair. If you're planning on coming, then why not volunteer for an hour to help run a stall or game, or to help with the build up or pack down? All volunteers are entered into a draw for a bottle of champagne (or box of chocolates for under 18s). You can run a stall or game with your child too! Sign up to volunteer at [www.pta-events.co.uk/hsca](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hsca).

### Uniform Donations

If your child has outgrown their school jumper, cardigan, or polo please consider donating to the HSCA for re-sale at our pre-loved uniform sales. Your kind donations help us to provide low cost uniform to the school community, help reduce textile waste and help us to raise a little extra funds for our schools. Good-quality, logo uniform items can be placed in the green donation bin located next to the school office. The next uniform sale will be held at the Summer Fair. Hook Village Litter Pick.

HOOK SCHOOLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
**SUMMER FAIR**  
& GREENER COMMUNITY DAY

**SAT 22 JUNE**  
**1100 – 1500**  
**JUNIOR FIELD**

**VOLUNTEER!**

**1 HOUR, 1 GAME OR STALL**

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## Use of School Grounds



The sun has finally graced the sky this week and the children have enjoyed the warm weather during break and lunchtime.

Our outside area has been utilised to promote both mental and physical health. We are fortunate to have such extensive grounds that offer a fantastic area for children to play and learn.

Over the past few years we have worked hard to develop our lunchtime offering – ensuring children have the opportunity to participate in a range of sporting play and well-being activities.

Mrs Bone and Mr Cotton lead and coordinate staff and sports leaders to ensure lunchtimes are as stimulating and enjoyable as possible. All children have a choice of what activity they would like to engage with, such as: basketball, mindfulness colouring, use of the trim-trail, gym and free play equipment.

Fitness Thursdays, led by Miss Temple, involves HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) style workouts to invigorate the children, ready for their learning in the afternoon.

The children have also been able to enjoy picnic lunches outside. Eating outdoors not only allows the children to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine but also promotes social interaction and a sense of community within the school.

During the Summer term, we are hoping to maximise the use of our beautiful grounds not only at break and lunchtimes, but also through our Outdoor Learning curriculum.

## **Primary Football Cup Final**

The Hook Junior School boys football team have made it to the Primary Final on Wednesday 15 May at the [EBB Stadium in Aldershot](#) (GU11 1TW). The team would value support from parents, peers and friends! If your child is currently in year 5, maybe they will be inspired to try out for next season's teams.

Date: Wednesday 15th May

Venue: EBB Stadium in Aldershot

Girls final - Velmead v Church Crookham KO 4.30

Boys final - Elvetham Heath v Hook KO 5.30

Tickets: Adults £6 U-16 £4 (ash and card payment available on the gate).

Parking: Strictly minibus parking only at the ground. All parents and supporters need to park in local car parks - please do not drive up to the stadium.

## Volleyball Festival



Yesterday, children from Year 5 attended a Volleyball Festival hosted by Calthorpe Park School. During the afternoon, the children learnt various skills before playing in a small tournament. The children played matches against other schools, South Farnborough Junior School and Velmead Junior School. The children displayed excellent sportsmanship and proudly represented the school. A parent who attended commented that 'all of the Hook Students did very well, and behaved impeccably, it was a pleasure to have watched'.



## Walk to School Week



Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (20-24 May). The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended minimum 60 minutes of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life.

This year's challenge, The Magic of Walking, encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting various magical beings along the way, they'll learn about the important reasons to walk and the difference it can make for individuals, communities and the planet! Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using the wallchart and stickers to log their journeys. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.

What do I need to do as a parent/carer? We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on week commencing 20th May, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. In return, your child will earn special stickers! Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Roberts

## Celebrating Children's Achievements

We are always delighted to hear about pupil achievements and we know that children are always keen to share their successes, achievements and milestones with others in the school community.

Every Friday, all children gather in the Hall for a celebration assembly – an opportunity for pupil achievements to be recognised and celebrated by school staff and fellow pupils. During this assembly, we focus on academic and sporting achievements that are closely related to school and the curriculum.

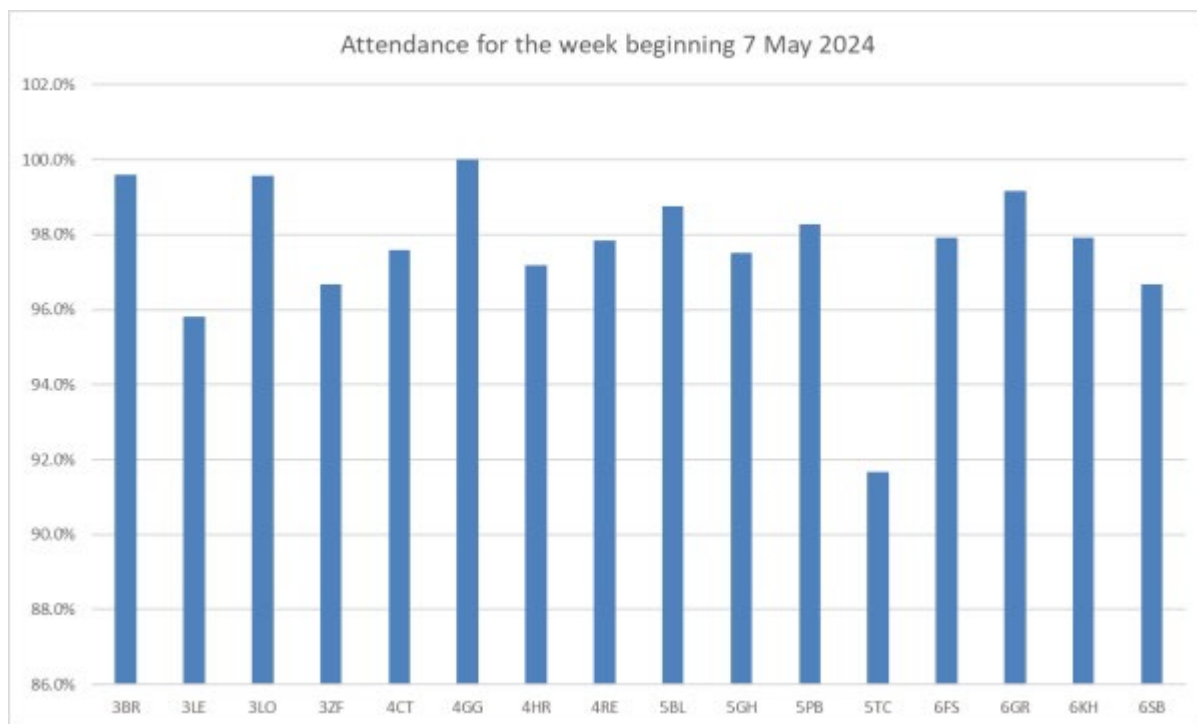
For other pupil achievements that have taken place outside of school, these will be celebrated in class only. For example, an achievement at a third-party club or organisation, a hobby or interest, participating in or attending a specific event.

For all achievements, in the first instance, your child should mention this directly to their class teacher. You can also send a message to your child's class teacher via Seesaw. The class teacher will then decide the most appropriate method for sharing and celebrating this.

## Shots Foundation Half Term Soccer Camp

The Shots Foundation will be running a half term football camp at Hook Junior School on Thursday 30th May and Friday 31st May. More details, including how to book are included in the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

## Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: 97.6%

## Stars of the Week

Year 3: Kamila R, Alicia P, Roman W, Scarlett A

Year 4: Fabian A, Oscar H, Dylan S, Sophie J

Year 5: Grace R, Lila S, Thea W, Caleb L

Year 6: Eleanor D, Albie R, Harry S, Ethan P

## House Points this week

Austen: 186

Brunel: 176

Nightingale:167

Wellington: 200

House point winners this week: Wellington

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## Key Dates

13 May Year 6 SATs Week

19 May Hook Fun Run

20 May – 24 May Walk to School Week

22 May Year 5 RSHE Parent Information Evening

24 May Class Photos

24 May End of half term – 3:20 finish

27 May - 31 May Summer Half Term

3 Jun Back to School

3 Jun – 14 Jun Year 4 Times Tables Assessments

13 Jun HSCA Father's Day Sale

14 Jun Class Allocation Letters to Parents

17 Jun Sports Day

19 Jun Information Evening for Parents of Children in Year 2 - 5pm

21 Jun HSCA Non-school Uniform Day

22 Jun HSCA Summer Fair

24 Jun Robert May's Transition Day for Year 6 pupils

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25 Jun Whole School Transition Day, including Year 2 pupils

26 Jun – 1 Jul Book Fair in the Library after school



2 Jul Year 3 Learning Event  
9 Jul Lepe Beach 4HR and 4CT  
9 Jul Year 6 trip to Matilda the Musical in London, 4:15 departure, 11:30 return  
10 Jul Lepe Beach 4RE and 4GG  
10 Jul Strawberry Tea  
11 Jul Year 5 Learning Event  
12 Jul End of Year Reports to Parents  
15 Jul Year 3 Samba Workshop  
15 Jul Year 4 Learning Event  
16 Jul 9:15 Year 6 Production - 6GR and 6SB  
17 Jul 9:15 Year 6 Production - 6SF and 6KH  
22 Jul Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
22 Jul Year 6 Leavers Lunch  
22 Jul Year 6 Leavers Festival  
23 Jul End of Summer Term – 1:20 finish  
24 Jul - 30 Aug Summer Holiday  
2 Sep INSET Day – school closed  
3 Sep Back to School – Autumn term  
9 Nov HSCA Firework Show

Safeguarding your children is our priority. Please contact the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads, either Miss L Powell (Headteacher), Mrs N Bailey (Deputy Headteacher), Miss J Carne (Inclusion Leader) or Mrs Boardman (SENDCo) with any concerns. Further Safeguarding information and support can be found via [www.NSPCC.org.uk](http://www.NSPCC.org.uk) or Childline 0800 1111. Any concerns may also be raised directly with Hampshire County Council Children's services phone line (anonymously if you wish) by calling 0300 555 1384. Keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility.



Shots Foundation  
May Football Camp

**Thursday 30th May and Friday 31st May**  
10:00 - 16:00

Boys and Girls from Reception up to Year 6  
Maximum 35 children per day

£30 for 1 day  
£55 for both days

To sign up - <https://www.participant.co.uk/register/HookJrMay>

Email [jamie.macallister@shotsfoundation.org](mailto:jamie.macallister@shotsfoundation.org) for any questions.



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