



HOOK JUNIOR  
SCHOOL

# Weekly Newsletter

Week ending Friday 27 September 2024



## MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27 September

Thank you for showing such huge support for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We were amazed that so many of you came along to enjoy the morning with your children. Your donations during the coffee morning raised almost £600 and we have sold more cakes after school today. We still have cash donations to count and add to the final amount – we'll let you know how much we raised in total in our newsletter next week.

## Happy's Circus is visiting Hook Junior School in half term week



Happy's Circus is visiting Hook Junior School during half term week.

There are two shows, one on Monday 28 October and one on Tuesday 29 October. The big top opens at 1:30 on the day of the show and the show itself begins at 2:00. The show finishes at approximately 4pm and there's an interval midway through. Tickets will be available to purchase very soon and we'll send full details with a Parentmail message and via this newsletter.

### **Year 3 Collection arrangements**

We have been pleased with the collection arrangements for children leaving year 3 this term and the current arrangement will continue for the foreseeable future. We know that this has presented logistical challenges for some, however please be assured that the arrangement is intended to provide benefit for as many parents and carers as possible.

If you have more than one child to collect, please collect them from year 3 first. Teachers will not allow children to leave until they can see their parent / carer / childminder, so if you need to visit year 3 first, children will be safe until you return to the playground.

### **Congratulations to Mrs Foxwell**

Mrs Foxwell and her husband will be welcoming their first child at Easter in 2025; huge congratulations to them and we look forward to meeting the new arrival. For parents of 5ZF we will of course inform you as soon as possible about teaching arrangements for Mrs Foxwell's class to cover her period of maternity leave for the remainder of the year.

## **Whole School Photograph**

We have arranged for a whole school photograph to be taken on Monday 7 October.

The photograph be taken during the school day and there will be an opportunity to purchase a copy from Cardwell and Simons.

A whole school photograph is an important opportunity to capture the school for our historic records and was last taken approximately ten years ago. We want everyone to look their very best and all children must arrive in full school uniform. If your child has PE on Monday 7 October, please ensure they bring their PE kit in a bag with them to school so they can change into their PE kit after the photograph has been taken.

## **INSET Day - 30 September 2024**

Please remember that Monday 30 September is an INSET day. School is closed for teaching and children should not attend.

## **Favorites Day, Thursday 3 October**

There's a change to the menu on Thursday 3 October. The following Favorites day menu will be served:

Boston BBQ Chicken Wrap served with potato wedges and baked beans or peas

**or**

Margherita Pitta Pizza service with potato wedges and baked beans or peas

**or**

Baked Potato served with beans

Dessert is chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce.

Children can order their meal on the day. Remember to pay for your child's meal via Scopay.

## Year 3 Walk Around Hook



This week, the Year 3's have enjoyed their outing to their local area of Hook. They began their trip by spotting the physical features and human features they could see by the skate park. Then, the children conducted a traffic survey along London Road counting all the vehicles which passed by for a duration of 10 minutes. We continued our walk to the centre of Hook and used the 4 compass points to describe the location of different buildings. On the way home, the children visited Wellworth Park where they drew a map of their route. The children will analyse the data they are collecting in their following geography lessons. The children were very excited to be out of school and enjoyed their outdoor learning experience.

Miss Rutherford

## Myhappymind

Dear Parents,

We have introduced a program to all year groups at school called myHappymind. myHappymind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

myHappymind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day.

To further embed this learning, myHappyMind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappyMind Games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is **116045**

Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.

If you have any questions about myHappyMind, please contact your class teacher.

If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact [hello@myhappymind.org](mailto:hello@myhappymind.org)

Many thanks,

Miss Evans, PSHE Leader

## **Staying hydrated while at school**

Staying hydrated while at school helps children maintain their energy and focus in class. All children should arrive at school each day with a plastic water bottle containing water that they can refill during the school day from the drinking water tap in each classroom or the water coolers in shared areas. Please only send your child to school with a plastic bottle – glass bottles can sometimes break and then become hazardous to pupils. Please also only send bottles to school. While 'Stanley' style mugs can contain a similar amount of water, they are not suitable for school use, particularly when children move around school during the school day.

## HSCA News



### A Very Special Request...

The HSCA needs a volunteer to be the Big Guy Himself in our Christmas Fair Santa's Grotto. This is one of our most popular events and never fails to light up the kid's faces. If you or someone you know is interested in helping create this special experience please get in touch by [email](#) or [Facebook](#). The fair will be on Saturday, 7th December. The volunteer will need to complete a DBS check (if not held already) which will be organised by the infant school.

### Twilight Runway Challenge Raises £370!

Well done to Ben, Daniel, Emily, Lucas, Penelope and Walter who took part in the Twilight Runway Challenge last weekend! They did an amazing job riding, running and scooting through the course and raised £370 for Hook Schools!

## Asda Cashpot for Schools Program

There's still time to download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to the Cashpot for Schools program! Asda will donate 0.5% of every purchase to your chosen school from now until the end of November. See [asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://asda.com/cashpotforschools) for more details.

## Bag2School Collection 18 October

The next Bag2School collection organised by the HSCA will be on Friday, 18 October by 9am.

Bag2School is part of a textile collection company that provides a free fundraising service to schools by paying them for unwanted, second-hand clothing. The amount of money paid to our school is based on the weight of the donations - on the collection day, all donations get weighed on the van and payment is handed over. Good quality second-hand clothes, accessories and linens are accepted. Please see below for a full list of items accepted or go to [bag2school.com](https://bag2school.com) to learn more.

Please bring your donations in bin bags (not bags distributed by other charities) and leave under the tarpaulin provided outside the Junior School vehicle gate in Hartletts Park or by the Infants vehicle gate in Church View before 9am on the day.

Bag2School **DO** collect:

Clothes; paired shoes; handbags; hats; bags; scarves and ties; bras; jewellery; socks; belts; soft toys; household linen; curtains; towels; bedding.

Bag2School **DO NOT** collect:

Duvets and blankets; pillows and cushions; carpets, rugs and mats; school uniform (including non-logo); corporate clothing and workwear; soiled, painted, damaged or wet items; textile off-cuts, yarn or threaded material; furniture or large items; batteries.

## Help Us Find Our Missing Reading Books!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We need your help to locate some missing reading books.

Over the summer, Mrs Adsley carried out a book audit in our school library. As a school, we are currently missing nearly **150 schemed reading books. This would cost around £1,200 to replace.**

There are also around **200 other books** missing, this again would cost around **a further £1,000 to replace.** These books are vital resources that support your children's learning and development both at home and in school.

How You Can Help

**Check at Home:** Please take a moment to check at home for any school reading books that may have been overlooked.

**Return to School:** If you find any, kindly return them to school as soon as possible.

Every book counts and your cooperation in this matter will help us maintain a rich and engaging reading environment for all our pupils.

Thank you for your support!

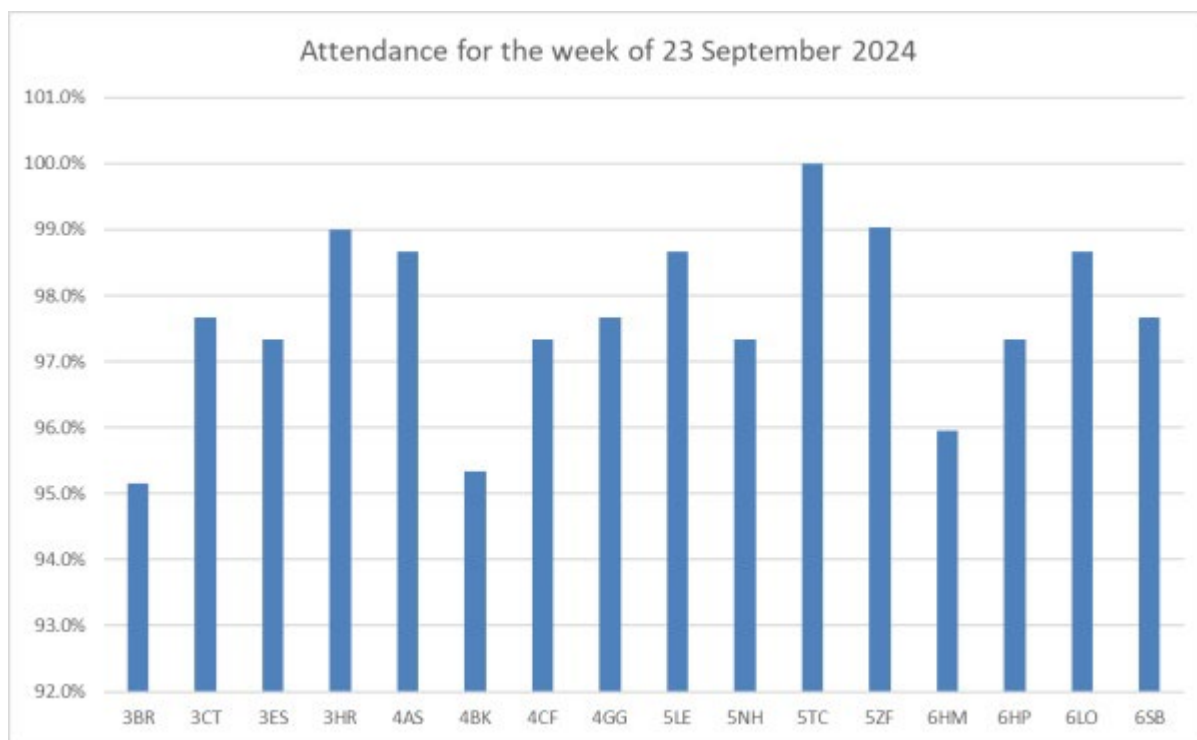
Mr McLaren, Assistant Headteacher

## Shots Foundation Summer Football Camp

The Shots Foundation will be running a half term football camp at Hook Junior School this autumn on Thursday 31 October and Friday 1 November. More details, including how to book are included in the flyer at the end of this newsletter. [Book your child's place online.](#)

## Attendance

### Attendance this week



Whole school attendance this week: 97.7%

## Stars of the Week

Year 3: Ben T, Lily, Harley T, Sophia Z

Year 4: Emily S, Alma B, Harry A, Aleezeh Q

Year 5: Laura A, Molly H, Oscar H, Sidney M, Jack P

Year 6: Claire, William S, Ben S, Ellie S



## House Points this week

Austen: 145

Brunel: 136

Nightingale: 183

Wellington: 139

House point winners this week: Nightingale

## Find out more...

Follow us online to see much more about what's happening in school.

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[Facebook.com/hookjuniorschool](https://facebook.com/hookjuniorschool)

[Instagram.com/hookjunsch](https://instagram.com/hookjunsch)

## Key Dates

30 Sep INSET Day – school closed

2 Oct 8:45am Parent Coffee morning for all year groups

7 Oct Whole school photo

7 Oct Harvest assembly and foodbank donation

10 Oct World Mental Health day

10 Oct Year 4 dance workshop with Kala the Arts (session 3)

16 Oct Governor Day

16 Oct 3:30 to 6:30 Learning consultations

16 Oct 3:25 to 6:30 Book Fair

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17 Oct Year 4 dance workshop with Kala the Arts (session 4)

17 Oct Book Fair 3:25 to 4:00

21 Oct Year 6 Residential to Marchants Hill

24 Oct Year 4 dance workshop with Kala the Arts (session 5)

25 Oct HSCA Bake Sale

31 Oct Bikeability

1 Nov Bikeability

7 Nov Year 2 parents information morning and tour

8 Nov Diwali Light It Up festival

11 Nov Anti Bullying Week

11 Nov Remembrance Day

11 Nov Year 5 Stargazing

12 Nov Odd socks day (for Anti-Bullying Week)

15 Nov Children in Need

17 to 23 Nov Road safety week

18 Nov INSET Day – school closed

20 Nov Christmas jumper swap rail opens

26 Nov 9:00am Year 5 Learning event

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3 Dec International Day for People with Disabilities

4 Dec 2:00pm Year 3 Learning event

7 Dec HSCA Christmas Fair

12 Dec Flu Vaccinations

12 Dec Christmas Jumper Day

13 Dec 1:45pm Year 4 Christmas Production to community (4GG and 4CF)

16 Dec Year 4 Christmas Production to school (4KB and 4AS)

17 Dec 9:15am Year 4 Christmas Production to parents (4CF and 4GG)

18 Dec Pupil Christmas lunch

18 Dec 9:15am Year 4 Christmas Production (4BK and 4AS)

19 Dec 4:00pm Carols around the Tree

20 Dec End of Term, 1:20 finish

## **2025**

6 Jan INSET day – school closed

22 Jan 8:45am Parent Coffee morning for all year groups

22 Jan Young Voices O2 (choir only)

23 Jan Robert Burns Assembly

25 Jan Burns night (school assembly / activity to celebrate)

27 Jan Holocaust Memorial Day

3 Feb Children's Mental Health Week

11 Feb Safer Internet Day

11 Feb 3:30 to 6:30 Learning consultations

12 Feb 3:30 to 6:30 Learning consultations

12 - 13 Feb Travelling books book fair

20 Feb Bikeability

21 Feb Bikeability

6 Mar World Book Day

6 Mar Young Shakespeare Co. perform Hamlet to Year 5 and Year 6

7 Mar 3:30pm HSCA Uniform Sale on the playground

8 Mar International Womens Day

10 Mar Science week

10 Mar STEM fair

12 Mar Governor Day

15 Mar Red nose day

21 Mar International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

24 Mar Year 5 River Trip, Gilbert White, Selborne

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27 Mar 2:00pm Year 6 Learning Event

2 Apr World Autism Day

2 Apr 5:00pm Year 6 SATS and RSE presentation

3 Apr Easter service at St Johns Church

4 Apr End of Term, 1:20 finish

30 Apr Year 5 Ancient Greek Olympics Workshop

7 May 8:45am Year 2 parent coffee morning

12 May SATS week

29 May Bikeability

30 May Bikeability

2 Jun INSET Day – school closed

18 Jun Sports Day

4 Jul 2:00pm Year 6 performance to Year 2 and community (6SH and 6LO)

7 Jul Year 6 performance to school (6SB and 6HP)

10 Jul Year 6 play to parents (6SH and 6LO)

11 Jul Year 6 play to parents (6SB and 6HP)

11 Jul Reports circulated to parents

17 Jul Strawberry Tea

22 Jul End of term, 1:20 finish

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.

Special Menu

# Favourites Day

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Boston BBQ Chicken Wrap (G)

Margherita Pitka Pizza (G,MK)

Baked Wedges

Baked Beans & Peas

Chocolate Sponge (G,E)  
with Chocolate Sauce (MK)

Alternative Available  
Baked Jackets with Baked Beans

**BM1, BM2 & BM3**

Allergen Key -

CAPITAL LETTERS = contains, lower case = may contain

Celery and Celeriac (C), Crustaceans/Shellfish (CR), Eggs (E), Fish (F), Gluten (G), Lupin (L), Milk (MK), Molluscs (MO), Mustard (MU), Nuts (N), Peanuts (P), Sesame Seeds (SE), Soya and Soya products (SO), Sulphites (SU)

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD



# October Half-Term Football Camp



**Thursday 31st October and Friday 1st November**

Hook Junior School

From 10:00 - 16:00

Boys and Girls from Reception through to Year 6  
Maximum 25 children per day

Every child will receive:

- High quality coaching from FA qualified coaches.
- Complimentary family ticket to an Aldershot Town FC home fixture in the 2024-25 season.



To sign up:

1. Head to <https://www.abler.io/shop/theshots/shotsfoundation>
2. Click 'Hook Junior School Half-Term Camp'

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



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