



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23 May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past five weeks have flown by since the Easter break but we have achieved so much in that short space of time!

Year 3 had an exciting day trip to London with a river boat trip down the Thames to capture the splendour of key buildings and absorb themselves in the sites and history of our capital city. Year 4 children spent their first residential night away at the Gordon Brown Centre participating in lots of outdoor activities and benefitting hugely from their experience away from home, building their confidence and resilience in the process. Year 6 completed their statutory SATs tests, a week of anticipation and pressure for them dealing with exam conditions and applying all they have learned over their four years at Hook Junior School, they all truly deserve great results as they conducted themselves impeccably. On 8th May the whole school engaged in celebrating VE Day, dressing up in 1940s attire, singing songs and enjoying an afternoon tea in style; the children looked the part and learned so much about Hook during WW2 from the Hook Historical Society during our assembly. Thank you to all the staff and supportive parents who have made these learning opportunities special and memorable for the children.

Yesterday, our fantastic boys and girls football teams, with the support of Mr Bower and Mr Cotton, participated at the Aldershot Stadium in the Bridges Community Football Cup. I am delighted and proud to report that with their excellent team spirit and technical skills the Girls' team came through to second place overall on penalties and the Boys' team came first winning 6-5 on penalties, an outstanding effort and dominant performance from both teams. The children so enjoyed the opportunity to play at the stadium and is thanks also to parents who attended and supported to make their experience a special one. Congratulations!

Finally, Rev Marion joined us for her last assembly this week when we bid her farewell and thanked her for many years of involvement, support and friendship with our school. Rev Marion leaves her role for retirement but leaves a lasting legacy, the children enjoyed her assemblies always delivered with self-deprecating fun, humility and grace. We wish Rev Marion all the very best for her retirement and thank her for her enormous contribution to Hook Junior School over many years.

So, with seven weeks and two days remaining after half term, there is still lot of the curriculum for children to enjoy, many events (see key dates) and transition preparation for the coming year, we won't be bored! Have a lovely half term break and we welcome the children back on Tuesday June 3rd.

Yours sincerely,

Farewell to Reverend Marion



This week, we sadly bid farewell to Reverend Marion de Quidt, Rector of Whitewater Benefice, who has been part of our school community for the past ten years. Her unwavering commitment and dedication to our children, staff, and families has been endless. Reverend Marion has not only enriched our school's spiritual life but also fostered a sense of belonging and support within our community.

On Wednesday, Reverend Marion joined us for one final assembly, where she took the opportunity to say goodbye to the children before she retires. Her warm presence and inspiring words resonated with the children and staff, reminding us of the importance of kindness, empathy, and community spirit. The children expressed their gratitude through cards and messages, affirming the positive influence Reverend Marion has had over the years.

As she embarks on this exciting new chapter in her life, we wish her a very happy and fulfilling retirement. Thank you, Reverend Marion, for your years of service and for being such a cherished part of our school community.

Football Result



What a brilliant day we have had at the Bridges Cup today, played on the main pitch at the EBB Stadium, Aldershot. A massive well done to both the boys' and girls' teams who represented the school.

Our girls managed to qualify 2nd in their group after winning 2 games and losing 1. From there, they proceeded into a semi-final in which they managed to win! In the final, they faced a tough St Michael's team, who they had lost too earlier on in the day. However, the girls gave it their all and they battled exceptionally, playing some excellent football in a hard fought 0-0 draw. The girls were edged out on penalties, but they should be so proud of finishing 2nd place overall!!!

Our boys managed to qualify 1st in their group after winning 2 games and drawing 1. From there, they proceeded into a semi-final in which they drew 1-1 before proceeding to win on penalties. In the final, all was not plain sailing. After starting well, the boys quickly found themselves 2-0 down. However, they managed to fight back to make it 2-1 before another quick reply left us on the back foot- 3-1 down. Nevertheless, and not to be defeated, the boys battled excellently, with some lovely football on show throughout, to get the game back to 3-3 with the last goal going in with seconds remaining. The boys kept their cool from the penalty spot managing to win 4-3 on penalties. A massive well done for winning the cup and becoming Champions boys!

The school are so proud of all children involved with a Headteacher's award sticker and round of applause on arrival back!

One parent wanted to offer special thanks to Mr Bower and Mr Cotton:

"Please can you pass on a huge thank you to Mr Cotton and Mr Bower for all of the time and work that they've put in to the school football teams. You have given them all such great opportunities that they'll never forget. A huge congratulations to the boys, the level they were playing against was immense and

their achievement is massive and very well deserved. Super well done to the girls too, a brilliant second, they played so well and it was bad luck for them in those pesky penalties. To make it that far was a huge achievement but to take the second so well was a massive win! You two have coached them to become great team players but most importantly very nice humans too!"



Online Safety - Whatsapp

WhatsApp is a popular messaging app that many children may be curious about, but it is **not suitable for primary school-aged children**. The minimum age requirement to use WhatsApp is **13**. While it offers features like group chats and media sharing, these can expose younger users to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, or contact from strangers. However, as many older siblings or adults may use WhatsApp, it's important for parents to be **aware of how it works** and to talk openly with their children about online safety, setting clear boundaries, and encouraging responsible digital habits from an early age.

WhatsApp – What Parents Need to Know

Minimum Age Requirement

- WhatsApp requires users to be at least 13 years old.
- Children below the age limit **should not be using WhatsApp** according to its terms of service.

How Parents Can Monitor & Support Safe Use

Open Communication:

- Talk to your child about how they use WhatsApp.
- Discuss what's appropriate to share and how to handle inappropriate content.

Phone Settings & Access:

- Set up **parental controls** on their device.
- Agree on times when WhatsApp can be used (e.g., no phones at night).

Privacy Settings to Check:

- **Profile photo, status, and last seen** can be restricted to contacts or hidden.
- Encourage use of **two-step verification** (PIN code) for account security.

Group Chats:

- Talk about being cautious in **group chats**—they can expose users to strangers.
- Explain that admins can add members without permission.

Watch for Red Flags:

- Sudden changes in behavior, secrecy, or upset feelings after messaging.
- Encourage your child to speak up about anything uncomfortable.

Report & Block:

- Teach your child how to **block contacts** and **report abuse or spam**.

You can [download a useful infographic to learn more](#).

Join Our Team

We are looking to appoint an experienced, confident, flexible and highly-motivated Learning Support Assistant to join our dedicated school team. The successful applicant will be required to join our strong, supportive team of support staff to support teaching and learning of all children of all abilities in Key Stage 2. The role will involve you teaching whole classes on occasions and supporting pupils' learning in a range of subjects also working with individual pupils and small groups. Your support will extend into lunchtimes covering lunchtime duties.

[Find out more and apply via the Hampshire Education Jobs website.](#)

Year 5 and 6

A huge **congratulations** to our incredible Year 6 pupils for all their hard work and dedication in the lead-up to their SATs tests this half term. You've shown great resilience and determination, and we are so proud of each and every one of you!

With the tests behind us, Year 6 are now looking forward to an exciting new challenge—starting rehearsals and learning parts for **Shrek the Musical Jr**. It's going to be a fantastic production, and we can't wait to get started!

Meanwhile, Year 5 have been diving deep into the world of **Ancient Greece**. From creating beautifully crafted Greek pots to taking part in an engaging workshop, and producing some truly impressive written work, you've shown creativity and enthusiasm throughout the term. Well done!

Mr McLaren, Assistant Headteacher, Year 5 and 6

Shots Foundation Half Term Football Camp

The Shots Foundation will be running a half term football camp at Hook Junior School this summer on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 May. More details, including how to book are included in the flyer at the end of this newsletter. [Book your child's place online.](#)

HSCA News

Thank you to everyone who came along to our bake sale this afternoon, we hope you enjoyed your treats and we wish you a fun and relaxing half term break!

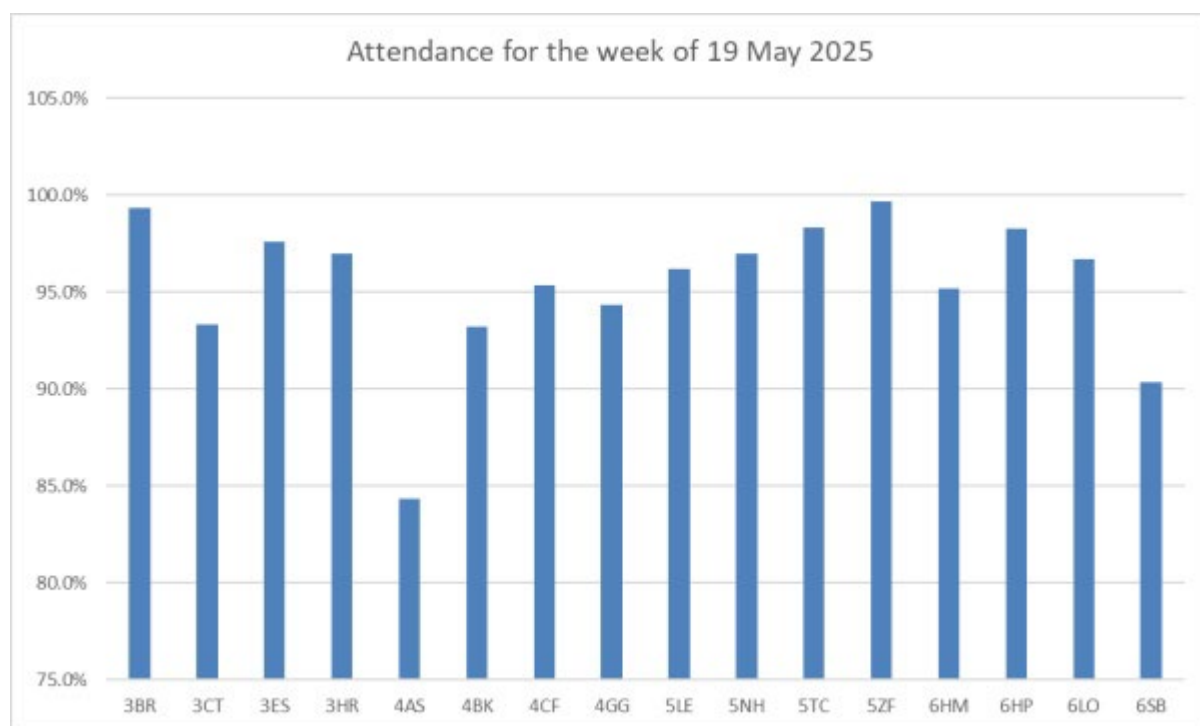
Volunteer for Summer Fair

Plenty of volunteer slots for the Summer Fair on 28 June are still available! Help us transform the school field into a fair ground in Event Set-Up, sell Tokens, or help serve drinks and pre-packaged snacks at our Bar & Tuck Shop - there are dozens of ways to donate your time and get involved. Kids can help too by running a Games Stall (Year 6+ can run a stall by themselves, younger children can run one with a grown up). See the [HSCA website](#) for all volunteer roles and to sign up.

Supporting Families

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Hart and Rushmoor Supporting Families newsletter – a large collection of supportive community groups, resources and contacts for families in our area.

Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: 95.4%

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Adriel W, Ethan C, Olivia R, Immi T

Year 4: Olivia R, Oakley S, Harriet F, Adam A

Year 5: Argheen S, Bella A, Willow D, Lucy P, Jenson N, Quinn H

Year 6: Chloe B, Sol C, Austin R, Anya K

House Points this week

Austen: 177

Brunel: 195

Nightingale: 162

Wellington: 164

House point winners this week: Brunel!

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)

School Events

A full list of key dates is published [on our website](#).

Safeguarding

Safeguarding your children is our priority. Please contact the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads, either Miss L Powell (Headteacher), Mrs N Bailey (Deputy Headteacher) or Miss J Carne (Inclusion Leader) with any concerns. Further Safeguarding information and support can be found via 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.

HOOK SCHOOLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SUMMER FAIR

& GREENER COMMUNITY DAY



SAT 28 JUNE 1100 - 1500



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have a new website & signup system for this year. All Infant and Junior staff can sign up to volunteer directly on the website.

There are a variety of slots available to help set up, pack down, and during the event including:

TOMBOLAS BAR & FOOD RAFFLE TOKENS

**BOUNCY CASTLES WILL BE SUPERVISED BY STAFF FROM
THE INFLATABLES PROVIDER THIS YEAR**

School staff have early access, volunteer slots open to parents and the community after Easter.

Please could you scan the QR code above, or use the link below to select a slot from our online 'shop'.

You'll get a confirmation email once you've done it.

If you have issues, contact Andy: events@hsca.org.uk

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

From the HSCA Event Team

WWW.HSCA.ORG.UK/SHOP/VOLUNTEER

JAMCO COACHING



After School Clubs @ Hook Junior School



**HALF TERMLY
COURSES
SIGN UP TODAY**

jamco-coaching.pembee.app/



Please contact us here:



07778-398-098



jamcocoaching@outlook.com



TUE

Year 5&6 Football

Wed

Year 3&4 Football

Thu

Year 3 to 6 Basketball

FRI

Year 3 to 6 Football

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Clubs are held on
the school field or
playground

**Hook Junior School,
Ravenscroft Road,
Hook
RG27 9NN**



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Excellence



🌱 Mindfulness & Wellbeing Workshop for Parent Carers and Young People (16+) with Special Needs 🌱

Take a moment to pause, breathe, and reconnect in a gentle, inclusive mindfulness session designed especially for parent carers and young people aged 16+ with special educational needs or disabilities.

🧠 Led by a qualified Mental Health & Wellbeing Practitioner, this calming session will include:

- ✨ Guided Breathwork to ease tension
- 🌍 Grounding Techniques to help you feel steady and supported
- 🌈 Spoken Visualization to relax the mind and encourage inner peace

All Online sessions 7-8pm



15th May
5th June
12th June
3rd July
10th July



Please book your **free** tickets here
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn>





Understanding Self-Harm in Neurodivergent Individuals: A Presentation for Parent carers

With guest speaker Ellie - Lived Experience Trainer | Autism & ADHD

Join For a **free** online session on: 5th June 1-2pm

'A Safe Space for Parents'



Ellie's Journey: Overcoming Mental Health Challenges

Ellie, who received her diagnosis of autism and ADHD in adulthood, will share her personal story of triumph over years of mental health struggles, including self-harm and hospitalization.

What the Session Will Cover:

- The prevalence of self-harm among neurodivergent individuals
- The emotional realities behind this behaviour—approached without judgment
- Emphasizing understanding and support rather than "fixing" or "curing"
- Creating a safe, welcoming space for parent caregivers to engage, listen, and feel a sense of community



To book onto this session please use our Ticket tailor
link : <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn>