



# HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

Week ending Friday 21 June 2024

Sports Day, Monday 17 June



*Thank you to everyone who attended our sports day this week – we hope you enjoyed the experience and will have some happy memories of spending the morning with your child as they participated.*

*Some of you have shared some wonderful feedback with us:*

*“Coming from an ex primary school teacher, the day was extremely well organised – well done.”*

*“Thank you so much – what a super day for all! Please pass on my congratulations to everyone involved in the organisation.”*

*“What a fun day! Well done to all the staff involved – you’ve all done a grand job.”*

*“It gets better and better!”*

*“Emma was buzzing afterwards and the atmosphere (and commentary of course) was wonderful. Thank you so much.”*

*“Congratulations to everyone, a job well done”*

"[Sports Day] was fabulous, thanks to all involved!"

"Huge thanks to all the teachers, staff, and volunteers who contributed to the success of this sports day."

"The meticulous planning and effort that went into ensuring a smooth and enjoyable day for all participants did not go unnoticed. Also a chance to share a picnic with our children at their everyday, abode, sharing food and the best emotions - created unforgettable and very special moment"

"The organisation was amazing this year! Well done to all the staff and helpers! Run super smoothly and mad it less stressful for the children and parents! So thank you!"

"I would like to extend my grateful thanks to all HJS staff for the joyous sports day yesterday. There were a few highlights; it was wonderful to see all children taking part so enthusiastically and with beaming smiles, it was really well organised and we knew exactly what was happening as a result of Ms Carne's humorous loudspeaker announcements and the staff egg and spoon race was a brilliant idea (Mr. Bower needs practice!). Throughout the event, I particularly noticed the friendships, the comradery and the humour between your staff - It was wonderful to witness, collectively, they are quite a team - you must be proud of them! All your efforts are very much appreciated."

## **Basingstoke Primary Schools' Music Concerts - The Elements**

Over 500 talented young performers from Basingstoke and surrounding villages came together this week to celebrate "The Elements" with a fantastic fusion of music, dance, and narration. The concert featured a primary school choir of 300 voices and an orchestra of over 150 musicians, complemented by expressive narrators and vibrant dancers. The theme of "The Elements" was beautifully explored through music that reflected Earth, Air, Water, and Fire.

The audience was treated to a variety of musical genres, showcasing the versatility and talent of the young performers. The concert opened with classical extracts such as Tchaikovsky's Echo Theme, setting a serene and majestic tone. This was followed by modern classics like Toto's Africa and Vangelis' Chariots of Fire, which added an epic and inspirational feel to the event. Traditional pieces like Blow the Man Down and Down by the Riverside brought a touch of timeless charm, while a contemporary pop mash-up of Rihanna's Umbrella and Singing in the Rain added a fun and lively twist.

The grand finale was a rousing performance of Katy Perry's Firework, which had the entire audience tapping their feet. The enthusiasm and energy of the children were truly contagious, making for a wonderfully uplifting experience enjoyed by everyone in the packed theatre.

Special congratulations go to the soloists and all the talented children from Hook Junior School who took part. Both the choir and orchestra were incredible ambassadors for their school, and we are very, very proud of you!

If you're inspired by this concert and want to play in the orchestra or be part of the BPSM concerts next year, we encourage you to join us. It's a fantastic opportunity to be part of something special and showcase your musical talents!

If you're interested in learning to play an orchestral instrument next term, contact our instrumental teachers for more detail. You can find all the contact details [on the Clubs page of our website](#).

## **We have received some wonderful feedback from parents who attended:**

*"I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation for the amazing performances you organised at The Anvil. Your hard work and dedication shine through every event, creating unforgettable experiences for everyone involved.*

*Your influence has extended far beyond the notes on the page; you have taught the children valuable life lessons in teamwork, perseverance, and the pursuit of excellence. It is clear that your passion for music and education has inspired them to strive for their best, and this has made a profound impact on their personal growth.*

*We all had an incredible time, and for many, performing at The Anvil for the first time was a particularly memorable experience. Watching the children take the stage with confidence and joy was truly heartwarming. You have added another wonderful chapter to our collection of memories at Hook Junior School, and these experiences will be cherished for years to come.*

*Thank you once again for your outstanding efforts. Your commitment to fostering a love for music and your dedication to our children's development do not go unnoticed. We are incredibly fortunate to have someone like you guiding and inspiring our children."*

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*"It was a privilege to see and hear Hook Junior School children perform at The Anvil at the annual BPSM. They did us proud as they displayed their instrumental and vocal prowess in rousing performances. Performing before a large audience in such a venue is an experience they and the audience will cherish - it was outstanding.*

*The children were led and supported by a number of specialist music teachers across the BPSM schools to build their collective performance. Huge thanks and congratulations to Mrs Raimbaux and Mrs Francis for their expertise and efforts to make this event another successful event for our children."*

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*"I just wanted to drop a note to say how wonderful the Elements concert at the Anvil was over the last 2 nights. The standard was fantastic. I think they're getting better every year and this year was particularly polished - I was blown away! Evie came out of the concert last night absolutely buzzing - once again a brilliant experience for her.*

*A huge thank you to you all for all your hard work and effort. Evie loves orchestra and is really quite sad to be leaving HJS orchestra. She even commented last night that she'd like to come back and join in with the BPS orchestra as one of the extra helpers in a few years time - a real testament to how much she loved it and an indication of what a good grounding the whole experience has given her in playing as part of an ensemble.*

*Please do pass on my thanks to all who made this possible and a particularly big thank you to Nicky - in Evie's words "she's just great!"*

## **The HSCA Summer Fair is, Saturday 22 June**

It's nearly here! We are so excited to welcome you to the Summer Fair tomorrow from 11am-3pm. The team have been working flat out to make sure all the events, activities, performances, games, food, prizes

and everything else are all ready to go. Thank you for all your amazing Jolly Jar creations and generous bottle donations for the Tombola - we hope your kids had fun putting these together! There's still time to buy a raffle ticket online at [pta-events.co.uk/hsca](http://pta-events.co.uk/hsca) or in person on the day. See you there!



## Year 3 Food Tasting



In Design Technology, the children have had the exciting opportunity to dive into the world of healthy eating by tasting their own salads. The enthusiasm was palpable as the children explored a variety of fresh

ingredients, from crunchy cucumbers to sweet cherry tomatoes. The excitement in the room was contagious as they shared their feedback with their friends.

### Highlights:

**Positive Feedback:** The feedback from the children was overwhelmingly positive. Many of them were surprised at how much they enjoyed the salads tasted. One child exclaimed, "I didn't know I liked carrots until today!". Another stated, "I didn't think I would like any of them but I thought 3 were really nice."

**Healthy Habits:** This hands-on experience has sparked a newfound interest in healthy eating habits. Several children have already asked if they can help prepare salads at home. We currently know of 2 children who have gone and bought the salads as they enjoyed them so much.

We're thrilled to see our pupils enjoying nutritious foods and learning about the importance of a balanced diet.

## Book Fair



This Year's book fair will be from Travelling Books which will run from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024. It will open daily from 3.20PM to 4PM.

For any children that can't come to the book fair, they can take home a 'Wish List' form. Completed forms must be returned to Mrs Adsley by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July for any books to be ordered. Payments need to be made at the time of purchase or order and can be done either online or cash. We will also be able to take payment by card or cash.

Any commission raised from the book sale goes back into purchasing books for the school library and reading raffle prizes.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Adsley, Library Manager

## Uniform for September 2024

If you require any new, branded school uniform for September 2024, you can [order this via Earth Uniform](#). Uniform requirements are set out clearly [on the Uniform page in the Parents section of the school website](#). An overview of the Earth Uniform uniform offer is included at the end of this newsletter.

The HSCA also have a pre-loved uniform sale at the Summer Fair this weekend.

## Shots Foundation Summer Football Camp

The Shots Foundation will be running a half term football camp at Hook Junior School this summer between Monday 29 July and Friday 2 August. More details, including how to book are included in the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Book your child's place via <https://www.letsreg.co.uk/register/SFHook24>

## Summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Hampshire County Council are inviting eligible families to sign up to free school holiday clubs over the summer holidays, as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) scheme.

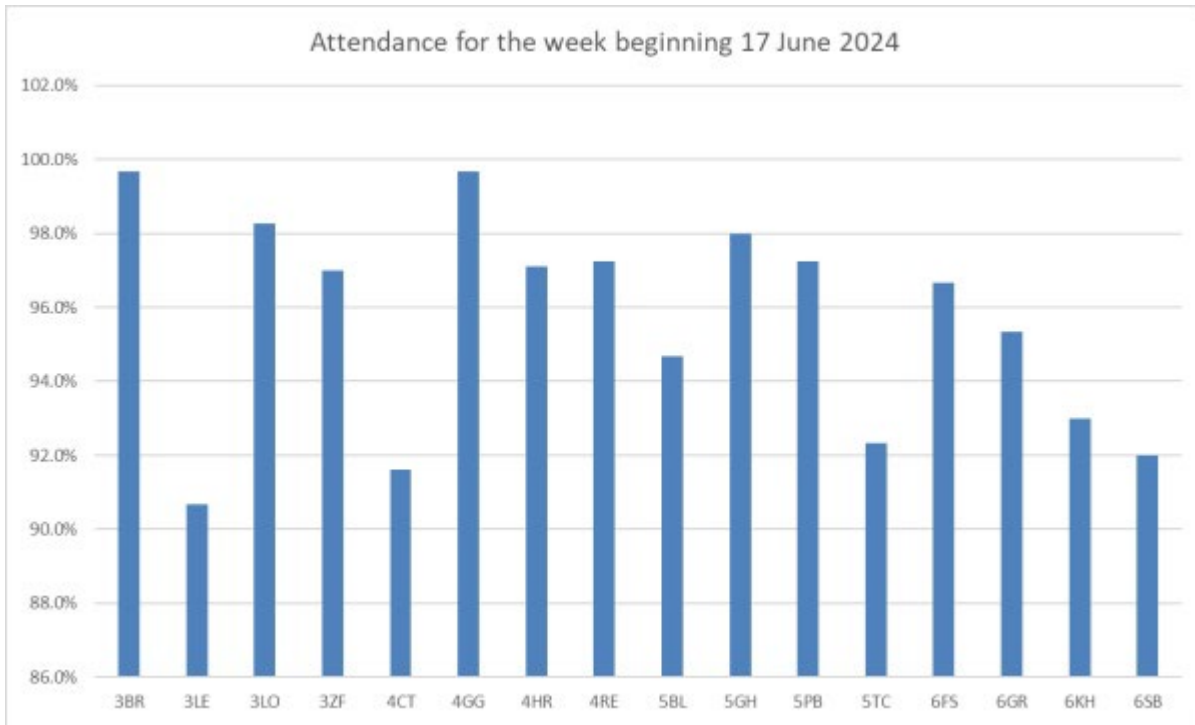
Register to receive a unique code that can be used to book places with any of the activity providers:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities/register>

The HAF programme is funded by the Department for Education so that local authorities can offer healthy food and enriching activities in the school holidays to children who receive income-based free school meals. A small number of discretionary places are also available on HAF schemes for other families who may benefit from a funded HAF place.

At the foot of this message is a flyer from Koosa Kids who are running summer activities club at Hook Infant School. Paid and funded places may still be available. Use the HAF resources link shared above, or contact Koosa Kids directly for more information.

## Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: %

## Stars of the Week

Year 3: Olivia T, Hayden G, Walter G, Theia F, Maia S

Year 4: Ethan C, Sofia J, India H, Daniel P

Year 5: Ben S, Ben S, Thea W, William S

Year 6: Mary-Anne V, Mickey T, Amelia E, Hope B, Ella H

## House Points this week

Austen: 198

Brunel: 208

Nightingale: 183

Wellington: 202

House point winners this week: Brunel

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## Key Dates

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

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

25 Jun Whole School Transition Day, including Year 2 pupils

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

2 Jul Year 5 Primary Prom

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 Hampshire Fire Service visiting Year 5

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

30 Sep INSET Day – school closed

18 Nov INSET Day – school closed



6 Jan INSET Day – school closed

2 Jun INSET Day – school closed

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.

## **Boxing fitness - Youth classes 7 - 15yrs**

**Wednesdays & Saturdays - £9.00 x1 hour**

Indoor/Outdoor Class. Junior and Senior School ages. No termly sign up - bookable weekly.

Boxing fitness & fundamentals class for all levels and abilities. Building self-confidence, improve mental health and develop boxing skills.

Gloves Supplied. Own hand wraps needed (also available to purchase at the studio £8). Please bring water and wear comfortable layers. We are located behind Santander Bank off Fleet High Street. Parking is via Branksomewood Road or Sainsburys.

Find out more at <https://www.hurricanetraining.co.uk/>

Darren Harrison has been boxing / kickboxing for over 22 years at the highest level alongside professional boxers all over the World. He has represented England numerous times, winning a World title in Croatia.

"I offer personal training sessions for fitness, weight loss and 'event ready' tailored training. I have been coaching both adults and children the sweet science of boxing for a number of years."



# Summer Football Camp



**Monday 29th July until Friday 2nd August**

Hook Junior School

Every day from 10:00 - 16:00

Boys and Girls from Reception through to Year 6

Maximum 30 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.
- FUN!



1 Day - £30.00

2 Days - £55.00

3 Days - £77.50

4 Days - £97.50

Full Week - £115.00

To sign up - <https://www.letsreg.co/uk/register/SFHook24>

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

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-  Check out and pay - you can use any major debit or credit cards, and orders can be delivered to any UK address

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