

Weekly Newsletter

Week ending Friday 13 September 2024



Attendance

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

That's why school attendance is so important and why the Government is committed to tackling the issues that might cause some children to miss school unnecessarily.

Parents or carers of a child have a legal responsibility to ensure their child receives a suitable education. This is usually achieved through regular attendance at school.

At Hook Junior School, we believe that good attendance is secured by developing a partnership between home and school. The children have settled brilliantly during the first two weeks of the new school year and we understand that the transition to new classes might take more time for some than others. We therefore ask that you:

- Keep bringing your children to school on time and every day
- Keep the lines of communication between home and school open

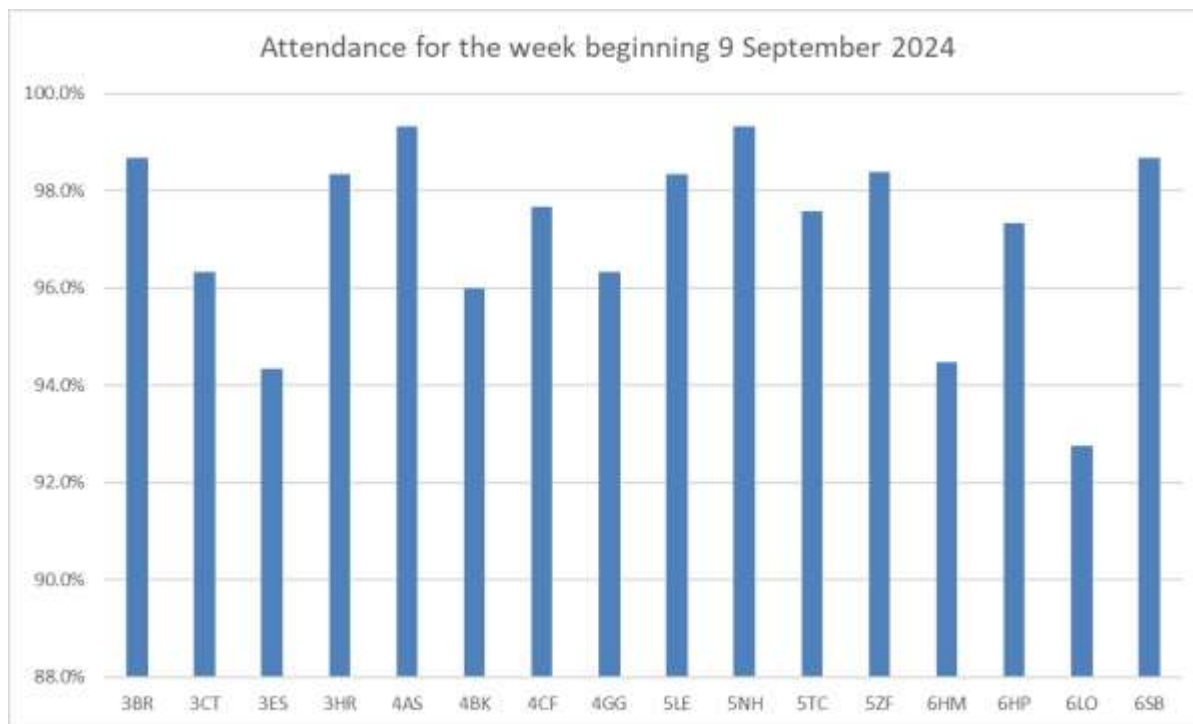
Should you have any concerns about your child that could potentially affect their future attendance, please get in touch now. The sooner we address it the better and we really do want to help.

Kay Doughty

Attendance Officer and Pastoral Support Worker

Attendance this week

Whole school attendance this week: 97.1%



Measles

We are advised by Hampshire County Council on behalf of the UK Health and Security Agency that there may be an increase in cases of measles as children return to school after the summer break. Detailed advice regarding Measles, including symptoms and actions you must take [are explained on the NHS website](#). If your child has not already received their MMR vaccinations, we strongly encourage you to speak to your GP for further advice.

Tesco Stronger Starts – please vote for us!

This summer Hook Junior School is one of three local organisations you can vote for in the Tesco Stronger Starts initiative. We are already doing extremely well – thank you for the tokens you have already placed in the Hook Junior School voting box. Voting is open until 30 September and we will be very grateful for your continued support. If you receive a blue token when shopping at Tesco, please consider dropping it into the Hook Junior School voting box! If we win the customer vote, up to £1500 will be donated to the school and this will be used to purchase new picnic benches for all children to enjoy when outside in our grounds.

HSCA News

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about any of the below you can message us on [Facebook](#) or [email](#).

Annual General Meeting

Please join us for our AGM on Thursday, 19 September in the Infant School Hall. Drinks and nibbles will be available from 6.30pm with the meeting starting at 7pm. The AGM is your opportunity to meet your trustees and hear how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our schools.

Volunteer Social

If you're interested in helping out with the HSCA this year please join us at The Raven on Thursday, 19 September from 8pm (straight after the AGM) to learn about our upcoming programme of events. We'd love to have a drink and share with you all that we have planned and how you could help.

Twilight Runway Challenge

The Twilight Runway Challenge is a fun, family-friendly event which takes place at Blackbushe Airport on Saturday, 21 September and this year students from Infants and Juniors are taking part! You can run, walk, cycle, scoot or skateboard your way round the airstrip (3km, 5km or 10km routes) and raise money for the HSCA.

Want to take part?

1. Book your place on [Twilight Runway Challenge](#). The entry fee goes to The Community Matters Partnership, a charity who provides support to schools and other community groups by organising corporate volunteering days.
2. Tell us you've signed up, which route you intend to do and how you're going to do it (3K, 5K, 10K - walk/run/cycle/scoot - email hscaevents@gmail.com)
3. Share our [JustGiving page](#) with your friends and family and ask them to sponsor you.

Asda Cashpot for Schools Program

Asda has partnered with Parentkind (a charity that supports PTAs) to donate to primary schools all across the UK and the HSCA has signed up! Asda will donate 0.5% of every purchase to your chosen school from now until the end of November. All you have to do is download the Asda Rewards app, opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and then get shopping! See [Asda Cashpot for Schools](#) for more details.

School Uniform

Couldn't make it to our pre-loved sale? We can help throughout term time with any needs for logo uniform items, just send us a message with the item and size you need and, if we have it in stock, we are happy to arrange an individual purchase. Remember also that any logo uniform you no longer need can be donated to the HSCA for re-sale to other families - just drop it in the donation bins at the school office, but please do take care to ensure any items donated are logo items only (i.e. no grey trousers, etc.), clean and damage-free!

Pabulum Caterers achieve 5* Food Hygiene Rating

School caterers Pabulum were inspected by Hart District Council this week to assess the food hygiene standards in the school kitchen where lunches for children are produced. They have been awarded a 5* rating – the highest rating for hygiene standards – and we congratulate them on maintaining a standard which they have achieved for the duration of their contract to provide school lunches at Hook Junior School and Hook Infant School.

Thames Water Maintenance to Sewers on A30

We are advised by Thames Water that the road closure currently affecting the A30 is likely to continue for a further one or two weeks. Please take account of the additional journey time that may be required to reach school. Thames Water are [publishing updates via a dedicated website](#).

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Beaux J, Dylan D, Joseph H, Lara B

Year 4: Beatrice M, Esther C, Aliyah B, Sebby M, Joshua M

Year 5: Millie H, Kieran F, Marcus P, Lewis S, Sienna D

Year 6: Nandita M, Caitlin D, Brody H, Oliver L, Lexie C

House Points this week

Austen: 114

Brunel: 137

Nightingale: 105

Wellington: 101

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)

Key Dates

18 Sep Portrait photos

19 Sep Year 4 dance workshop with Kala The Arts (session 1)

23 Sep 3HR walk around Hook

24 Sep 3BR walk around Hook

25 Sep 3ES walk around Hook

26 Sep 3CT walk around Hook

26 Sep Year 4 dance workshop with Kala The Arts (session 2)
26 Sep Read Write Inc. workshop with parents of selected children
27 Sep MacMillan Coffee Morning
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
17 Oct 3:30 to 6:30 Learning consultations
17 Oct Year 4 dance workshop with Kala the Arts (session 4)
21 Oct Year 6 Residential to Marchants Hill
24 Oct Year 4 dance workshop with Kala the Arts (session 5)
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
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
19 Sep 7:00pm HSCA Annual General Meeting
20 Nov Christmas jumper swap rail opens
26 Nov 9:00am Year 5 Learning event
27 Nov 9:00am Year 5 Learning event
3 Dec International Day for People with Disabilities
4 Dec 2:00pm Year 3 Learning event
7 Dec HSCA Christmas Fair
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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
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

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
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 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.

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: Hook Junior School

Date: Friday 27 September 2024

Further information will
follow by Parentmail



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (262907), Scotland (SC039967) and the Isle of Man (954). Also operating in Northern Ireland: MAC19952, charitynumber



TWILIGHT RUNWAY CHALLENGE

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2024



We all want to encourage our kids to be active. What better way than a sponsored run / walk / ride / scoot in a truly fantastic setting - on an airport runway!

This September, children from Hook Schools are taking part - do you want to join them?

How to Take Part

1. 📺 Book your place on [Twilight Runway Challenge](http://www.twilightchallenge.co.uk) at www.twilightchallenge.co.uk. The entry fee goes to [The Community Matters Partnership](http://www.communitymatterspartnership.org), a charity who provide support to schools and other community groups by organising corporate volunteering days.
2. 📧 Tell us you've signed up, which route you intend to do (3K, 5K, 10K), and how you're going to do it. Walk/Run/Cycle/Scoot (email hscovevents@gmail.com)
3. Share our JustGiving page (www.justgiving.com/campaign/hscovevents-24) with your friends and family and ask them to sponsor you.
4. Get practicing! 🏃🏃🏃🚴🚴🚴

If you can't take part, please support us by sponsoring our team of participants!



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12:30 - 2:30pm
4 - 4:30pm
(last optional session for
reflection and support if needed)**



Can't afford to buy a place of your own?

Come along and see what low-cost home ownership homes are for sale in Hart

Talk to staff from the Council's Housing team, solicitors, and representatives from low-cost home ownership providers to find out more about getting on, and moving up, the housing ladder.

Speak to an independent financial adviser to find out what mortgage you can get, what you can expect to pay each month and how much deposit you will need.

There will also be specialist providers offering options and advice about Older Persons Shared Ownership (OPSO) and Home Ownership for People with Long-Term Disabilities (HOLD).

Tuesday 8th October

Drop in between 4pm - 8pm

**The Harlington -
236 Fleet Road, Fleet, GU51 4BY**
(Next to the Hart District Council offices)

www.hart.gov.uk