



HOOK JUNIOR  
SCHOOL

# Weekly Newsletter

**Week ending Friday 20 December 2024**



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is finally the end of a very long autumn term and the festive season is in full swing. I am incredibly proud of everything that our children and staff have achieved together, they truly deserve a well-earned holiday.

The last few months have been filled with many memorable moments. From our Year 4's inspiring and confidently delivered, Christmas play 'Primary school Musical' and participating in Diwali celebrations in Basingstoke; Y3's visit around Hook and trip to the church; Y5's study of Space culminating in an evening of star gazing and our Y6 residential at Marchant's Hill, it has been wonderful to see our children embrace challenges, demonstrate teamwork, and show such enthusiasm in everything they do. With this, a fitting way to end the term is as a community participating at our festive Carols Around the Tree celebrating our children's musical talents and enjoying the best that Hook Junior School children have to offer.

We have also had some wonderful events, including our **HSCA Christmas Fair**, which was a huge success **raising a massive £6,770**. It was fantastic to see so many families and members of our community come together in the spirit of giving and celebration. A huge thank you to the HSCA and all the volunteers for their hard work in organising the event and making it such a success.

As we look ahead to the new term, we have much to look forward to, new learning opportunities, and the continuation of our focus on improving outcomes for all children. We will also be providing some exciting school trips, parent Maths workshops, and events to enhance children's experiences and learning. Alongside this our focus also remains on children's wellbeing, mental health and resilience. We believe this to be incredibly important, to helping our children know themselves, develop strategies to manage stress, build confidence, and thrive both academically and personally.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all of our **amazing staff**, who have faced many challenges this term. Their unwavering commitment, enthusiasm, and dedication to our children's growth and well-being, whether in the classroom, on the playground, or in the office, has all contributed to making this term a success. Their hard work and care create an environment where our children feel safe and cared for in order to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Thank you to our **Governors** for continued support, guidance and commitment to our school's vision to always strive for the best outcomes for our children, our school and our community. They are volunteers and we are grateful for the time and energy they invest.

We are always humbled and delighted by the overwhelming support from parents and carers at all of our events and with your engagement with us as partners; your continued support matters, is valued and makes a difference, thank you all.

As we approach the Christmas holidays, I hope you are able to take some well-deserved time to rest and recharge with family and friends. I look forward to another successful term ahead and welcoming the children back on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

On behalf of everyone at Hook Junior School, I would like to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Powell

Headteacher

## Carols Around the Tree!

Our budding musicians took part in a fantastic evening of festive frivolities last night and gave us all a good dose of Christmas spirit! Each and every one of them performed fantastically and their hard work and determination to be the best they can be shone through every song. A huge thank you has to go to all of our wonderful peripatetic teachers who have worked tirelessly all term to help create such a wonderful event. We hope all of you who joined us had a fantastic time and we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Year 4 Christmas Production – Primary School Christmas Musical

Over the past week, the children in Year 4 have blown audiences away with their talents on stage as they delivered their production of 'Primary School Christmas Musical.' It was wonderful to witness the excitement and energy that radiated from our performers, who truly embraced the opportunity. From learning an array of lines, songs and choreography, every aspect of the show highlighted the creativity and enthusiasm of each child. The smiles on their faces as they took their final bows were a testament to the pride and accomplishment they felt.

The Year 4 Team are delighted with the efforts of all children involved, where they not only demonstrated their artistic abilities, but also their confidence and teamwork skills. All their hard work and efforts over the last half term paid off in abundance!

We would also like to extend a thank you to all parents and carers for their support and encouragement. Your involvement, whether through attending performances, helping with costumes, or cheering on our children in the audience, made a significant difference and contributed to the success of each performance. Thank you again for your continued support.

## Flu Vaccinations

The Southern Health NHS nursing team visited Hook Junior School on Thursday 12 December to administer annual flu vaccinations.

If your child did not receive a vaccination on 12 December, they can still receive one at a local clinic.

Booking an appointment at a local clinic is via the NHS Southern Health website using the link and school code below.

Book an appointment here: <https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School Code: SH116045

If there are any questions or issues with your consent process, please contact the immunisation team directly via 02382 318318 or [northeasthantsimmunisationteam@southernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:northeasthantsimmunisationteam@southernhealth.nhs.uk)

The pupil nasal flu vaccination program took place in school last week last week. The NHS nursing team would be grateful if you would [share your feedback via a quick survey](#).

Mrs Mizen, Pupil Medical and Welfare Officer, Hook Junior School

## NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential

delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<b>Common condition</b>	<b>Patient eligibility</b>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

There is also a wealth of information and support available for family health on the NHS Healthier Together website <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/>

You will find a link to download the app, where you can set up profiles for each family member to enable you to source support for specific health conditions including access to appointments with your GP.

Helen Mizen, Pupil Welfare and Medical Assistant

## **School Christmas Lunch**

This Wednesday, our school came together to celebrate the festive season with our annual Whole School Christmas Lunch! The atmosphere was filled with joy and holiday cheer, as many of our children enjoyed a delicious traditional roast dinner. Christmas tunes played merrily in the background, adding to the festive mood.

One of the highlights of the day was the tradition of pulling Christmas crackers, which brought plenty of laughter and excitement to the dining hall. It was clear that every child had a great time as they shared the fun of sharing a festive meal with their friends.

After lunch, the fun continued outside, where our resident DJ, Mrs Bone, played a selection of festive songs. The playground turned into an outdoor Christmas disco as many children danced, sang, and joined in the pre-holiday fun.

The energy throughout lunchtime was infectious, and it was clear that the Christmas spirit was alive and well across the school.

## HSCA News

Thanks very much to everyone who took part in the Asda Cashpot for Schools programme which finished at the end of November. We're pleased to share that our participation has raised just over £200 for Hook Schools!

Coming up in the spring term we'll have our pop-up gift shop for Mother's Day and other VIPs in the week of 24th March. We welcome volunteers to help at these sales so if you're interested in getting involved watch out for details from us in February. Our next pre-loved uniform sale at the school will be on 7th March after school. We're also making some exciting changes to how you can purchase pre-loved uniform year round - more to be announced in the new year!

Follow our [Facebook page](#) or [Instagram](#) for updates on these and other events.

As always if you have any questions, feedback, or would like to get more involved in the HSCA you can reach out at [team@hsc.org.uk](mailto:team@hsc.org.uk).

In the meantime, we hope everyone has a joyous and restful Christmas break!

The HSCA Team

## Franklin's Fundraising for the Little Princess Trust

So Saturday was haircut day and Franklin took the challenge on with gusto – he had his hair bungied up ready for donation and the barber made light work getting his hair cut.

As of today, Franklin has raised a whopping **£749** which is enough for the Little Princess Trust to make a wig for a child in need.

Franklin is absolutely blown away by all your generosity and sends on his thanks to you all.

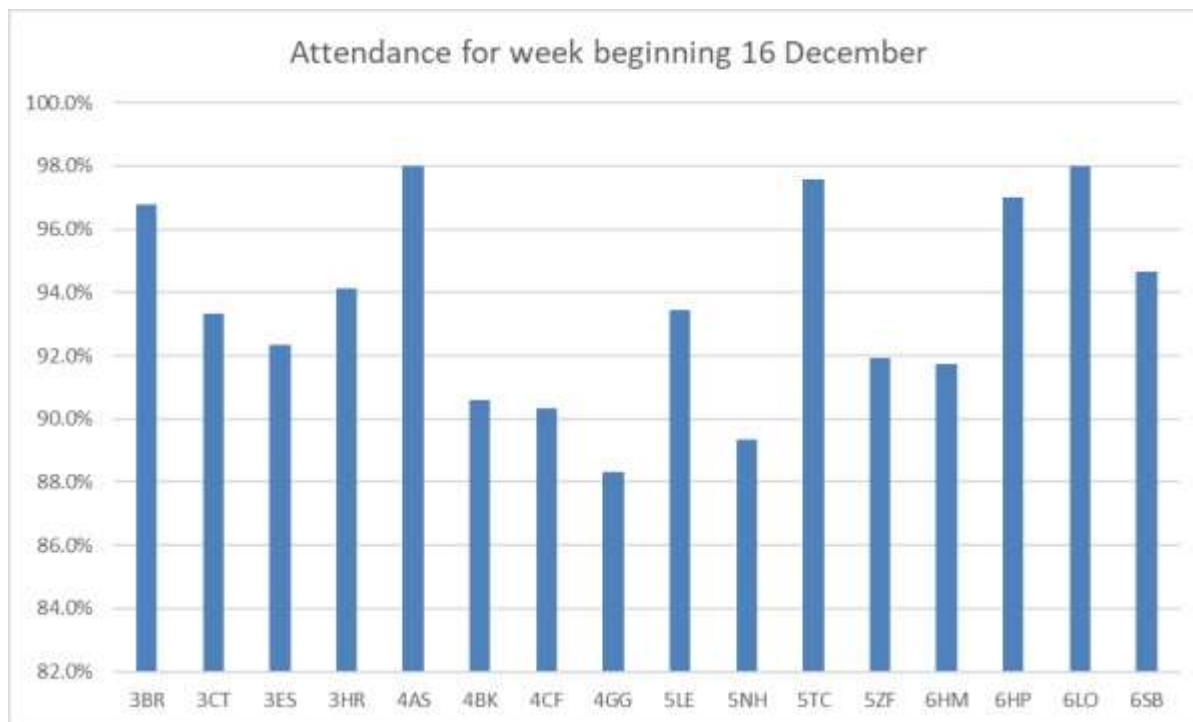
If you haven't donated and would still like to the link is still open and every penny goes towards this amazing charity.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/natasha-alderton-1732466782773?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fnatasha-alderton-](https://www.justgiving.com/page/natasha-alderton-1732466782773?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fnatasha-alderton-)



# Attendance

## Attendance this week



Whole school attendance this week: 93.6%

## Stars of the Week

Year 3: Leah H, Lacie, Albie P, Anna B

Year 4: Emma T, Jake R, Alicia, Rory H

Year 5: Reggie H, Sophia C, Hattie S, Marcey G

Year 6: Olivia T, Freya C, James B, Rosanna B

## House Points this week

Austen: 195

Brunel: 208

Nightingale178:

Wellington: 157

House point winners this week: Brunel

## Find out more...

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## School Events

Recently Added events:

18 Jul: [Year 4 Learning Event - 4BK and 4CF](#)

15 Jul: [Year 4 Learning Event - 4GG and 4AS](#)

09 Jul: [Year 3 Learning Event](#)

01 Apr: [Year 4 Learning Event](#)

03 Apr: [Year 3 Learning Event - Easter Service - 3HR and 3BR](#)

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), 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.

**TIMES TABLES  
ROCK STARS  
CHRISTMAS  
BATTLE  
OF THE  
BANDS**

**FEATURING**

**EVERY CLASS**

**15:20 20 December 2024 - 20:00 6 January 2025**  
(BETWEEN 06:00 AND 20:00 DAILY)

**\* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE \*  
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE \* THE WINNING CLASS  
WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT  
ANSWERS PER PUPIL \* ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR  
FULL DETAILS AND RULES \***