



HOOK JUNIOR  
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# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 10 January 2025

### Maths Parent Workshop

Do you ever try to help with your child's home learning but find that their written method is different from the one you learnt at school (or that your long division has been long forgotten)?

When your child explains how they can add 499 and 428 in their head, does it sound like they're speaking a foreign language?

Are you curious about when and how we teach children the written and mental methods for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing, especially with them being such essential skills for life?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, then you are not alone. These are some of the most common things we hear from parents and carers when discussing their children's maths learning and we want to help. You are invited to join us on Thursday 6th February from 9:00am to 10:00am when we will be running a maths parent workshop. During the first part of the workshop, we will briefly summarise how we teach the written methods for multiplication and division as well as sharing a few of the more useful tricks that we teach the children to help them to mentally add and subtract numbers with ease.

After this, you will have the chance to join your child in their class for the second part of the workshop and to work directly alongside them. This interactive maths session will focus on using the written and mental strategies that we encourage children to use to support with calculations both at school and in everyday life. This will give you the opportunity to see how what has been shared in the first part of the workshop applies in practice.

If you haven't already done so, please complete the form on Parentmail (shared with you on Friday 20 December), or [email the school office](#) so we are able to prepare for the correct number of parents / carers attending on the morning.

Mr Colebrooke, Maths Leader

### Staying Warm During Cold Weather

This week has been particularly cold and children have been able to stay warm while inside, however it has been very cold outside during playtime and lunch break. When the weather is cold, we encourage you to send your child(ren) to school wearing suitable clothing for the conditions.

- Clothing must be in keeping with our uniform expectations
- All children should arrive at school with a coat; they can also bring a wooly hat and gloves
- Additional layers and / or heavier layers can be worn (such as leggings rather than tights)

- Trousers are recommended in preference to shorts
- Children can bring a pair of wellington boots to keep at school (stored on a 'welly rack' outside their classroom) and wear these during morning play and lunch break, allow them to use the field without their school shoes becoming dirty or wet

## Languages Club – Places Available

Elizabeth Hole has a limited number of places in her languages club. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth directly via [elizabeth\\_hole@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabeth_hole@hotmail.com).

## Healthy Steps

Hampshire Healthy Steps offers families with 2- to 12-year-olds, support through a 6-session group programme. The programme offers families support and advice on eating well, getting active, sleeping well, healthy teeth, my community, and more. All groups are designed to be fun and interactive and to encourage children to get involved. Families can start the journey at any session, and we will ensure they are offered the 6 sessions.

Places are still available - [find a family programme near you](#)

Families can book a ticket via this link: [Hampshire Healthy Steps Events - 21 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

Hampshire Healthy Steps Family Programme - January 2025

**New Forest**

Mondays at 9:30 AM  
Starting on 6th

**Hart & Rushmoor**

Mondays at 10:15 AM  
Starting on 6th

**Fareham & Gosport**

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM  
Starting on 7th

**Winchester & Eastleigh**

Tuesdays at 1:00 PM  
Starting on 7th

**Basingstoke & Dean**

Wednesdays at 12:30 AM  
Starting on 8th

**Havant & Waterlooville**

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM  
Starting on 15th

**Test Valley**

Thursdays at 12:00 PM  
Starting on 9th

**East Hants**

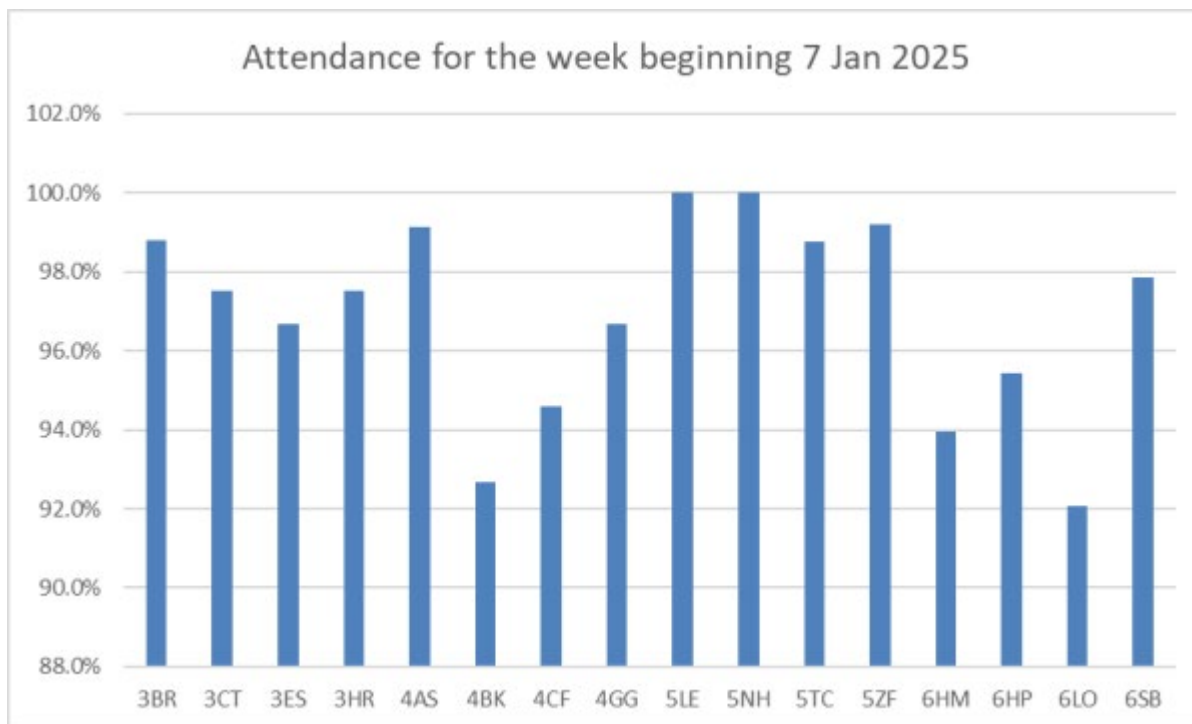
Fridays at 10:00 AM  
Starting on 17th

**Online**

Saturdays at 10:30 AM  
Starting on 11th

# Attendance

## Attendance this week



Whole school attendance this week: 96.9%

## Stars of the Week

Year 3: George W, Dylan D, Ashvin P, Leo R

Year 4: Patrick V, Alantis G, Kian K, Megan L

Year 5: Orla B, Elliot M, India H, Avinash P

Year 6: Chloe B, William S, Hannah C, Henry S

## House Points this week

Austen: 125

Brunel: 132

Nightingale: 96

Wellington: 112

House point winners this week: Brunel

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## School Events

Recently Added events:

03 Feb: [Year 3 Trip to Buster Ancient Farm](#)

23 May: [HSCA Bake Sale](#)

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

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

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

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.