



# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 28 February 2025

### World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day as a school. The theme for this year is 'Read Your Own Way' which encourages children to let go of reading pressures and expectations and empowers children and young people to have fun discovering reading on their own terms.

World Book Day's work is based on the evidence of what encourages children to read for pleasure. This tells us there are 6 elements which support a child to read for pleasure.

- Being read to regularly
- Access to books at home
- The ability for children to choose what they want to read
- Having trusted adults and peers sharing and recommending books
- The reading experience being enjoyable
- Designated time to read

As part of the World Book Day celebrations, children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book or any character linked to a book. Please note, sporting kits (e.g., football kits) are not part of the theme. Instead of football kits, children could dress up as characters from sports-related books or stories, such as a famous athlete from a biography. We are always impressed by the amazing and inventive ways the children dress on the day and we would like to thank you in advance for your support with this. If possible please bring the book that relates to your book / character to share with your class.

- Throughout the day, children will enjoy a range of activities including:
- Clue solving activities to work out our 'theme'
- Discussing texts
- Writing a 'lost section' of the text
- Performing the text (Oracy-based outcome)

Opportunities for them to 'Read Their Own Way'. During the day everyone will be encouraged to read in any way they like; this could be at a desk, under a table, with friends, laying on the floor or under a door! Reading wherever they feel comfortable. Where would you choose?

In addition to this, Year 5 and Year 6 will be taking part in a Shakespeare workshop by the Young Shakespeare company.

All children will receive a £1 **book** token as part of the World Book Day event. These will be sent home with children next week. This can then be used as part payment for a more expensive book, or they can be exchanged for the specially published £1 books. You can view the books available to buy on the website and also find a list of booksellers who stock the books. <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

We look forward to seeing the creative costumes and celebrating the love of reading together!

## **Movie Night – Raising Funds for our Library Refurbishment Project**

To raise funds for our Library Refurbishment Project, the children are invited to Movie Night in the school hall!

The children voted for the film and the results are in:

Year 3 and Year 4 - Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (PG)

Year 5 and Year 6 - Despicable Me 4 (U)

Tickets are available to buy now at £3 per child which includes popcorn and a drink.

[Buy tickets for Y3 / Y4 Movie Night – 18<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm – 5.30pm](#)

[Buy tickets for Y5 / Y6 Movie Night – 11<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm – 5pm](#)

If your child is not attending the movie night but you would still like to donate to the library project, [you can do so here](#).

Movie Night will be a fun experience for the children and it will raise valuable funds for the Library Refurbishment Project. Thank you to everyone for their contributions.

You can find more information on the library project [on our website](#).

## **HSCA News**

### **Pre-Loved Uniform Sale 7th March**

Our next Pre-Loved Uniform Sale will be next Friday, 7th March after school on the Junior school playground. We will have lots of good quality, logo uniform for sale and all proceeds go to Hook schools!

*Please note our online shop will temporarily close on Wednesday 5th March to allow us to prepare for the sale and will re-open the following Tuesday.*

### **Volunteer for the HSCA Gift Sale**

Our Gift Sale for Mother's Day and other V.I.P.s will be on 25 March (for Infants) and 27 March (for Juniors). This is a really fun and popular event where the children have an opportunity to purchase gifts for their favourite grown-ups, and we have 2-3 volunteer slots available at each sale. We welcome any parents and carers who wish to come along and help! Volunteering involves setting up tables and gifts, helping the children choose their gift, and clearing away at the end of the event. Timings are below and you're welcome to come along for just part of the sale if your schedule doesn't allow the full morning. If you're interested please let us know at [team@hscs.org.uk](mailto:team@hscs.org.uk).

Infants - Tuesday, 25 March, 8:35 - 11:30

Juniors - Thursday, 27 March, 8:40 - 12:00

### **Boost Your Giving**

Many companies have employee policies and programmes to encourage volunteering or charitable giving - some companies offer time off and others offer matched funding for events at which you give your time. Come along to help at one of our events and boost your efforts by taking advantage of your company's programme!

## Judo Promotions

Congratulations to the following pupils, who have been successful in their recent judo grading and have been promoted to their next school judo grade. Belts are earned and not given, and the following pupils have consistently worked hard and developed their judo over the last 6months.

To 1st Mon (Red Belt): Dylan D, Oscar D, Aurelia G, Hugo J, Tudor M, Amber S, Thomas B, Ben S

To 4th Mon (Yellow Belt): Sebastian G, Archie H

Well done all!

Martin Rance

ProCoach Judo

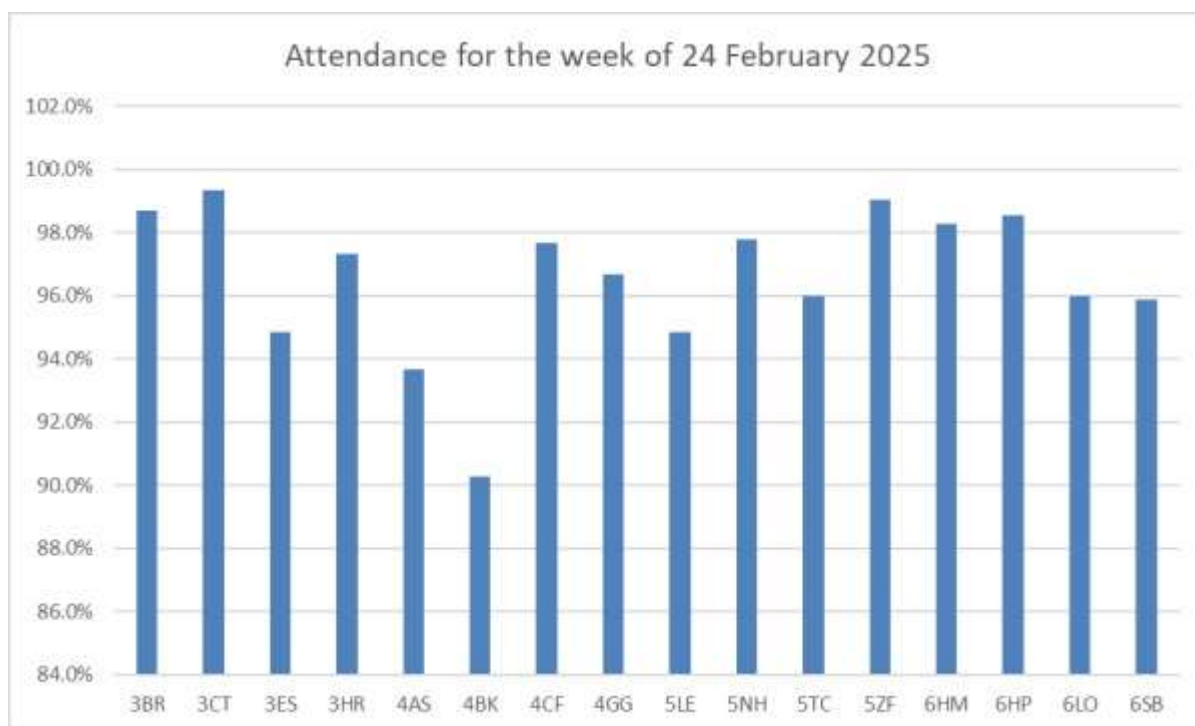
## Hartletts Park Skate Park

Many children enjoy using the Hartletts Park Skate Park before and after school, along with others in the community - younger and older. If your child is using the skate park regularly, please remember that you are responsible for their behaviour outside of the school grounds and outside of school hours, whether they are accompanied or not. Children are reminded in school of the behaviour expectations we have of them in school during the day, and also of how to be responsible ambassadors for the school when they are not attending, particularly just before and just after school day. Users of the skate park are expected to do so in accordance with the usage expectations clearly displayed at the entrance to the skate park, including the recommendation that children under the age of 11 are accompanied by a responsible adult.

## November 2024 Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion has finished counting donations for the November 2024 Poppy Appeal. Your contributions raised a commendable £322. The district total was £24,517.

## Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: 96.5%

## HSCA News

The HSCA is excited to have joined Hart Lottery as a good cause you can support! The Hart Lottery is a weekly lottery that boosts the fundraising of local charities. Each ticket is only £1 per week, with 50p of each ticket donated back to the HSCA. You have a 1 in 5 chance of winning a prize, and the top prize is £25,000! To buy tickets, go to the HSCA Profile page of the Hart Lottery website (or search for Hook Schools Community Association in their causes) and select Buy Tickets. Good luck!

Please note tickets are purchased via monthly direct debit; full details of how the lottery works can be found on the Hart Lottery website. Please play responsibly - see BeGambleAware.org for more info.

## Stars of the Week

Year 3: Toby E, Oliver T, Albie P, Evelyn B

Year 4: Mia S, Jake R, Demi-Lea B, Deniz K, Avi S

Year 5: Poppy M, Jake A, Molly M, Swanik B, Lilia A, Aarohi K

Year 6: Thomas D, Nate L, Molly F, Cooper O

## House Points this week

Austen: 249

Brunel: 240

Nightingale: 217

Wellington: 145

House point winners this week: Austen

## Find out more...

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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](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.



## OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT



### Year 6 Parent Open Evening Presentation

Hall | Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025

An evening for Parents/Carers only. A presentation from the Headteacher and members of the Senior Leadership Team on the school's vision and values with an overview of what you can expect if you choose Robert May's School.

Talk 1: 5.15 - 6.00pm      Talk 2: 6.30 - 7.15pm

See our website to book (Bookings open from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025)

### Year 6 Parent / Student Open Evening Tours

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025

An evening for Parents/Carers and students to visit and discover all that Robert May's School offers. Students will act as tour guides to show you round the school and staff / the Senior Leadership Team will be available to answer any questions.

Tours depart at: | 5.00pm | 5.30pm | 6.15pm | 6.45pm |  
(Last tour ends at 7.45pm)

See our website to book (Bookings open from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025)

### Year 6 Parent School in Action Tours:

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (Arrival from 9.05am, tours start at 9.15am)

An opportunity for Parents/Carers only to visit the school during a normal school day to see lessons taking place. You will be toured by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

See our website to book (Bookings open from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025)

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