



HOOK JUNIOR
SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21 March 2025

Gremlin Dance Challenge



Last week, 22 talented children from Years 3-6 took to the Princess Hall stage to perform their much-anticipated dance routine, Rockin' Through Time! Performing in front of an eager audience, they dazzled with their energy, precision, and incredible timing – earning the well-deserved award for Best Musicality! Miss Orchard and Mrs Foxwell could not be prouder of their hard work and dedication in the lead-up to the final performance, and Miss Stewart was delighted to be there, supporting the team backstage too. A huge **well done** to all involved – you truly put on a roaring performance!

Parents who attended also expressed their enjoyment:

Thank you so much for giving Annie the opportunity to be a part of the Gremlin Dance Challenge. She has so enjoyed the whole experience and I know will miss rehearsals on a Monday.

The dance was brilliant and I loved the introduction too that Lexie read out. I really appreciate all your time and effort putting the dance together and the time given to preparing them - we are very appreciative.

We just wanted to share how impressed we were with the HJS team who competed in the Gremlin Dance Challenge last night. They were an absolute credit to the school - their routine was fabulous and they all had such amazing beaming smiles and showed such enthusiasm as they performed. It is amazing that they managed to put together such a great act in just a few weeks - one of the other schools said they'd been rehearsing for 5 months! Massive thanks must go to Miss Orchard and Mrs Foxwell for all their hard work in getting the routine ready, and to Miss Stewart for her help on the evening. What an amazing evening we had!

Netball

What an incredible day for our Year 5/6 netball team! We competed in a tournament against seven other schools and gave it our all. After a series of intense and exciting matches, we finished in an impressive second place, narrowly missing out on the top spot by just 1 point!

I couldn't be prouder of the entire team. Every single player has shown amazing dedication, training consistently every week since September. The progress you've all made is remarkable, and it was fantastic to see your hard work pay off on the court.

There were some truly memorable moments throughout the tournament. A special mention must go to Toby for his spectacular long-range shot — the furthest it could possibly be — which soared straight through the net! It was a moment that had the whole crowd on their feet. And of course, J-Jay impressed us all with his outstanding defending and excellent movement onto the ball, making sure our team stayed strong under pressure.

Well done to every single player for their determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship. You represented our school brilliantly, and I know this is only the beginning of many more netball successes to come.

Miss Hill, Netball Coach

Do you have any unwanted outdoor games we could use?

This week children have been allowed to use the field at lunchtimes and with this comes the opportunity for them to enjoy many different outdoor activities and games. We have some already – wobble boards, skipping ropes and space hoppers. If you happen to have any garden sized games that you no longer use, please consider donating them to school. Children will be particularly grateful and will put them to very good use! Anything you donate must be in good, fully usable condition and include all required parts. Appropriate items might be: hula hoops; skipping ropes; walking stilts with ropes; Velcro toss and catch ball sets; skip ankle ball hoopers; portable volleyball nets; jumbo garden games.

Thank you!

Fixtures, Tournaments, Competitions and Festivals

We regularly invite children to participate in different fixtures, tournaments, competitions and festivals. When we do, it is often the case that limited places are available and children have been selected with particular consideration to their abilities, talent or benefit they may gain from participating. To help us organise these events and where necessary offer places to other pupils, please respond to any ParentMail form as quickly as possible, whether your child will be able to participate or not. This not only benefits the school (we can coordinate our participation with certainty), but also the hosting school or organisation in receiving our

commitment well in advance. If you have any questions in relation to a fixture, tournament, competition or festival invitation, please contact the school office and we will be pleased to assist.

HSCA News

HSCA Gift Sale

Our Gift Sale for Mother's Day and other V.I.P.s will be next Thursday, 27th March. During the school day, the children will have the opportunity to purchase pre-wrapped gifts for their Very Important People. All gifts are £2.50 and there will be a variety available to help prevent sibling duplicates. If your child wishes to participate, please send £2.50 per gift required into class with your child on the day of the sale. For ease and safe keeping please send the money in an envelope or purse. For more details [please see our website](#).

Hart Lottery Winners

Congratulations to our recent winners in the Hart Lottery weekly draw! Four of our supporters have won three extra tickets each - improving their chances for a future win and helping to raise money for Hook Schools. If you're not yet playing, have a look at [our profile page on the Hart Lottery website](#). Tickets are only £1 per week (paid via monthly direct debit) and 50p of every ticket purchased comes back to the HSCA.

Winter Ball Interest & Ideas

The HSCA has been asked about reviving a much-loved Winter Ball event and we would be very grateful for your help in [answering a few short questions](#) about whether this is of interest across the school community. From speaking with parents, we think a Winter Ball could be a fabulous way to raise money while having a fun night out with friends, but we also recognise that this would be more expensive than our other events and would need a team of volunteers to make the event a success. Please help us to better decide how to take this forward by [answering just a few short questions here](#). Thank you for your help!

Basingstoke Music and Art Festival



Congratulations to Abigail and Fiia who last weekend won their class at the Basingstoke Music and Arts Festival. They performed a duet on their flutes in the up to Grade 1 woodwind ensemble class. They also both performed yesterday in another flute ensemble (and also won), and as soloists on Saturday - Abigail came joint 2nd in the Grade 1 woodwind class and Fiia came 3rd.

Koosa Holiday Club

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating an Easter Holiday Club at Hook Infant School from Monday 7th to Thursday 17th April. Join them for two weeks of Easter Holiday Fun. The activity programme is jam-packed full of Out of this World adventures (7th to 11th April) and cracking Easter activities with an Eggstra-Special Easter (14th to 17th April) activity programme! Children will take part in up to 9 activities each day, always a mixture of sporty and team games, arts & crafts, drama, imagination, squad rallies and of course the popular go karts. All from just £30.00 per child, per session (Standard day 10.00am to 4.00pm; longer days available) and your third child goes FREE (siblings only)! Visit <http://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club> for more information or call 01276 21884. Bookings are open. All children aged 4 – 13 are invited.

Fleet Phoenix

Fleet Phoenix, working with [Hook Parish Council](#) will be starting a new junior youth club over in Hook from September this year. It will be for ages 8 up to and including year 7 and based at The Base, Hook Community Centre. We would love to hear from you what days and times works best and we will do our best to make this work for as many people as possible. We would be grateful if you would [please complete a short survey](#) to help us deliver the club - the closing date is Friday 28th March.

The Fleet Phoenix Team

Spotlight UK Raffle

Spotlight UK celebrates its 16th birthday on 15th April and to celebrate have launched an Easter Raffle. Tickets are £3 per ticket and the money raised will go to support activities for children in care, children affected by domestic abuse, children affected by loss and young carers and discounted family fun. The prize draw will be held at the end of April. Tickets are available to buy until 25th April.

Prizes you could win include:

- 2 x weekend breaks for 2 families for up to 6 people per getaway to Sandy Beach Holiday Park in North Devon
- 5 x family tickets of up to 5 people per pass to 4 Kingdoms in Newbury
- 5 x Family pass to High Score Arcade (up to 6 people)
- 2 x family pass to Ninja Warrior either Guildford or Southampton for up to 6 people

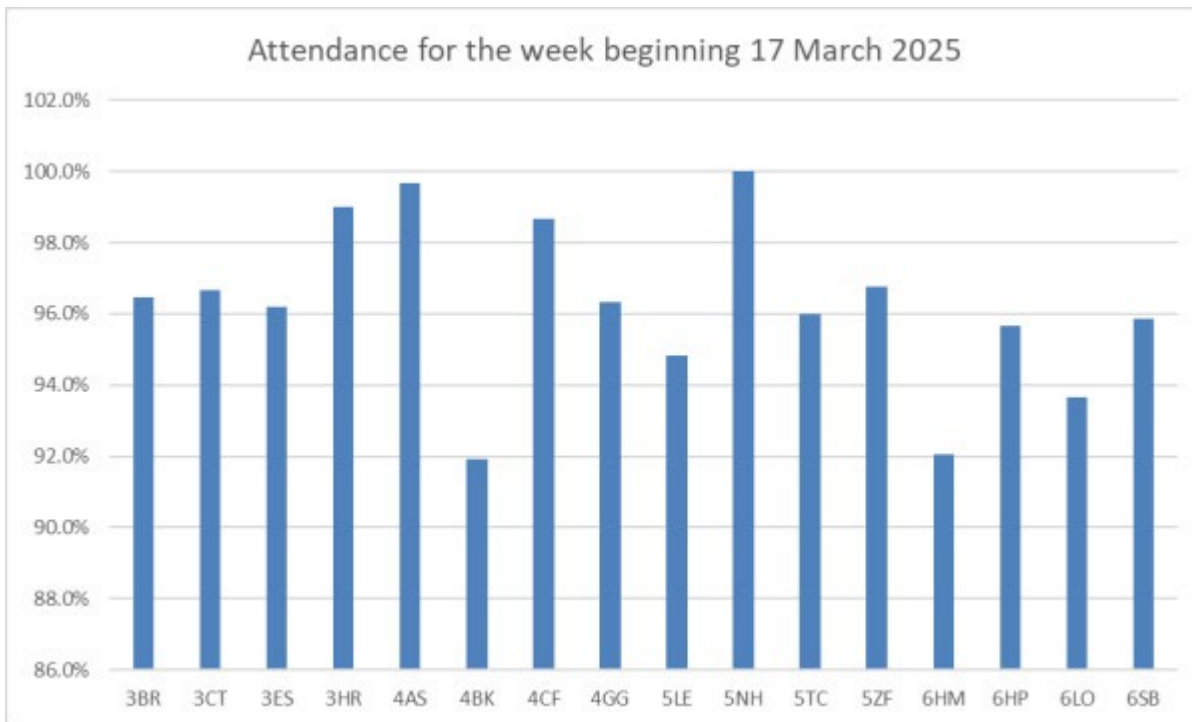
To enter the raffle please [complete a short online form below and then click on the link at the end of the form to purchase your raffle tickets](#) (tickets will only be entered into the prize draw if you complete payment).

Local Groups and Organisations

There are multiple flyers attached to our newsletter this week from local groups, organisations and clubs, including:

- Judo Club (before school club)
- Shots Foundation (Easter Soccer camp)
- Avenue Dance (Easter Dance camp)
- Koosa Kids (Easter Club / Holiday Activities and Food Programme)
- Hook Beavers and Scouts groups
- LT Dance (North Warnborough based dance club)
- Junior Soccer Skills (Girls football development centre)
- Dynamos and All Stars Cricket (Hook and Newnham junior Cricket club)

Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: 96.2%

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Karunish N, Joshua N, Jessica P, River C

Year 4: Liyana D, Clarissa J, Rowan W, Lacey P

Year 5: Fabian A, Max U, Lilia A, Aisha H

Year 6: Oscar P, Lucy R, Ava J, Mya S, Amelia H, Lexie C

House Points this week

Austen: 258

Brunel: 212

Nightingale: 202

Wellington: 241

House point winners this week: Austen!

Find out more...

Follow us online to see much more about what's happening in school.

[Twitter.com/hookjunior](https://twitter.com/hookjunior)

[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 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.




SHOTS
FOUNDATION

Easter Half-Term Football Camp



Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th April

Hook Junior School, Ravenscroft, Hook, RG27 9NN
From 10:00 - 16:00

Boys and Girls from Reception through to Year 6

Every child will receive high quality coaching from FA/UEFA qualified coaches, and take part in fun, age-appropriate games and drills!

Head to <https://www.abler.io/shop/theshots/shotsfoundation> and select 'Hook Easter Camp' to sign up.

Email jamie.macallister@shotsfoundation.org for any questions.

£
1 Day - £30.00
Both days -
£55.00

HOOK INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL JUDO CLUB



Welcome back to a new academic year of Judo! I hope you and your family have had a lovely Easter holiday and you are feeling refreshed and ready for the new summer term ahead.

My name is Martin Rance, I represent ProCoach Judo, delivering judo tuition within your school. I am a full-time professional school Judo teacher with over 21 years of experience and a strong reputation for motivating pupils to learn all about judo in a fun and exciting way, gaining enjoyment from the sport.

If you are new to Judo this term I cannot wait to share your Judo experience with you, and you can be rest assured of a very warm welcome!

Martin Rance
British Judo Association 5th Dan
British Judo Association Level 3 Coach

What is judo? It is many things to different people. It is a fun sport, an art, a discipline, a recreational or social activity, a fitness program, a means of self-defence or combat, and a way of life. It is all of these and more.



Professor Jigoro Kano founded Judo in 1882 as a structure for mental and physical education, deriving from the ancient forms of Japanese martial arts, Kano created a safe, yet effective form of self-defence.

It was introduced into the Olympic Games in 1964 and is practised by 40 million people in over 200 countries. People practice to excel

in competition, to stay in shape, to develop self-confidence, and for many other reasons. But most of all, people do Judo just for the fun of it.

Judo has the power to help educate, shape, and teach people.



By including Judo as part your educational development, it will help instil values such as honesty, respect, and friendship as well as:

- Building physical fitness, flexibility, and co-ordination,
- Improving focus and concentration,
- Developing positive attitudes about sports in general,
- Increasing self-esteem, self-discipline, self-respect, and courtesy toward others,
- Building character and developing social and problem-solving skills.

Judo is a popular activity open exclusively to pupils at your school.

Lesson Times: Mondays 7:45 – 8:30am



SIGN UP

Years 1-6 – Junior School Hall

To experience Judo, you need to have a go, so why not come along to your school Judo club for a no-obligation trial lesson and join in with your school friends

To sign up and book your place enter the following url code: <https://shorturl.at/igDFn> or email procoachjudo@yahoo.co.uk

Term Fees

Tuition only £ 73.00
Tuition with kit Hire £ 79.00
per pupil per term

Fees are due at the start of each term (3 terms per year)



ePayment to ProCoach may be made with the following bank details:

Account Name: Pro Coach Judo
Account Number: 81413856
Sort Code: 401846

Please include the payment reference: HOOK <Pupil name>

Pupils must provide half-terms notice in writing to withdraw from the Judo Club or pay half-term fees.

A Judo kit must be worn for each lesson, pupils may either hire kit from ProCoach or provide their own



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DANCE CAMP



AGES 5 - 11

- Street Dance Workshops
- Musical Theatre Dance Workshops
- Easter Arts & Crafts
- Games
- Goody Bag

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EVENT DATES

**14TH-
17TH APRIL**

**HOOK
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10AM-3PM



**£110.00
FOR ALL 4
DAYS**





DYNAMOS & ALL STARS CRICKET

AT HOOK & NEWNHAM BASICS CC

JOIN THE **3,668** 5-11 YEAR OLDS WHO TOOK PART IN DYNAMOS & ALL STARS CRICKET IN HAMPSHIRE IN 2024.



WHAT IS ALL STARS CRICKET?

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development.

The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so.



WHAT IS DYNAMOS CRICKET?

Dynamos Cricket is an ECB initiative that provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport.

Dynamos is all about fun and provides children with a more social offer, focusing on developing the fundamental skills required to play cricket.



May 9th, 16th, and 23rd,
June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, July 4th

All Stars (Boys & Girls 5-8 years) 5:30 - 6:15pm
Dynamos (Girls 9-11 years) 6:30 - 7:30pm

**For more information and to sign up,
scan the QR code.**

GIRLS ONLY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

FREE TRIAL

WEDNESDAYS @ HART LEISURE CENTRE 4-5PM

SCHOOL YEARS 3-6



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Beavers – 6 to 8 years

Try new things. Make new friends. Joining Beavers is just the beginning of your big adventure.



Become an expert in something you love, or try something shiny and new. There's a badge to suit each and every Beaver.



Enquires to
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or 01256 469236
Paul Hedges : Group Scout
Volunteer



All of our leaders are trained volunteers, working to make sure Scouts is safe and open to all. Some volunteer at the Colony week in and week out. Others visit occasionally to help run a session or drop in to share their skills. No matter how much time you have to spare, find out about volunteering on your own terms.

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