



HOOK JUNIOR
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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4 April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the spring term, I wish to thank you all for your continued support and involvement in school life. It was wonderful to have so many parents attending learning events, Y3 children's Easter Service at the church, Dance Challenge, Young Voices, learning consultations, sporting tournaments and school trips. The children and staff delight in having you there showing your support and we are always grateful for the important part you play in the life of the school.

Our highly effective Governors have worked closely with senior leaders and subject leaders taking a deep dive approach looking at teaching, learning, curriculum, safeguarding and pastoral provision across the school. Together, we ensure we are meeting our school strategic plan and driving school improvement to provide high quality education for all of our children. All staff are dedicated to this aim and I wish to thank them for the huge part they play, navigating challenges but placing the children and their needs first.

As we look ahead to the summer term, the children have one more term to attend well and make the most of every learning opportunity to benefit from their hard work and efforts; they are incredible and I have no doubt they'll continue to be inspired, enjoy their learning and achieve well as a result. Y6 will be involved in final preparations for SATs in reading, maths, grammar and spelling, taking place the week of May 12th then continuing with the Y6 curriculum after that until the end of the summer term. It'll be a busy term for everyone!

The Easter holiday is a well-deserved break for everyone, to recharge and enjoy family time. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break. **We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday April 22nd.**

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Powell

Headteacher

New outdoor shelter



We are pleased to let you know about an exciting new development at our school. We will be redeveloping the underused area at the edge of our playground to create a new all-weather shelter. This shelter will be large enough to accommodate an entire class, along with adjacent outdoor space for children to enjoy.

The shelter will provide a safe and comfortable space for outdoor learning and activities, regardless of the weather. It will be large enough to host a whole class, ensuring that all students can participate in outdoor lessons and activities together. Surrounding the shelter, there will be additional space for children to engage with nature, play, and learn in an open environment. The shelter will enable us to conduct more outdoor lessons, fostering a connection with nature and enhancing the learning experience. The outdoor areas will encourage physical activity and play, promoting health and well-being. The new space will provide opportunities for students to interact and collaborate in a different setting, strengthening social skills and teamwork.

This outdoor space is being funded by your contributions to the HSCA in their many fundraising efforts – we are extremely grateful to the HSCA for making this project possible. The redevelopment of this area is part of our long-term landscape strategy – you can read more about our landscape objectives on the school website.

We believe this redevelopment will greatly benefit our students by providing them with a versatile and engaging outdoor space. Work is scheduled to begin on Tuesday 22 April, and we anticipate completion within two weeks. While construction is taking place, a small area of the playground will be unavailable. For after school collections, we will be asking that parents and carers remain well away from the construction area to allow sufficient space for year 3 classes to be safely dispatched.

Upper KS2 – A Celebration of Learning and Achievement

As we come to the end of another fantastic term, we want to say a heartfelt thank you to all our children for their continued hard work and for living out our school values each day. It's been a busy and productive term, and we're incredibly proud of all they've achieved.

Year 5 – Making a Splash, Exploring Rivers and A Musical Highlight

Our Year 5 children have made great progress in their swimming lessons this term. Many have been working hard to achieve the 25-metre distance and have shown real determination to improve their skills. Swimming is such an important life skill, and we encourage families to keep practising whenever possible.

In Geography, Year 5 also enjoyed a river study trip as part of their topic work. They represented the school brilliantly and learned lots about our local environment. A big thank you to the staff and volunteers who helped make the trip such a success.

One of this term's highlights was the ukulele learning events. Our talented pupils performed for families and even became teachers themselves—showing parents and carers how to play! It was a joy to see the enthusiasm and confidence of the children, and the wonderful support from everyone who came along.

Year 6 – A Term Full of Focus and Creativity

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs. Their focus and effort have been outstanding. We encourage them to continue revising over the Easter break but to also take time to rest and recharge before May.

This term, Year 6 also got creative with their Design and Technology projects, designing and building wildlife shelters. The finished work was fantastic, and it was lovely to see so many parents get involved in the process.

In English, our Year 6 children have been developing their writing skills and showing great creativity. They are becoming more confident in expressing ideas, using a wide range of techniques, and writing in different genres. We're very proud of their progress and enthusiasm for learning.

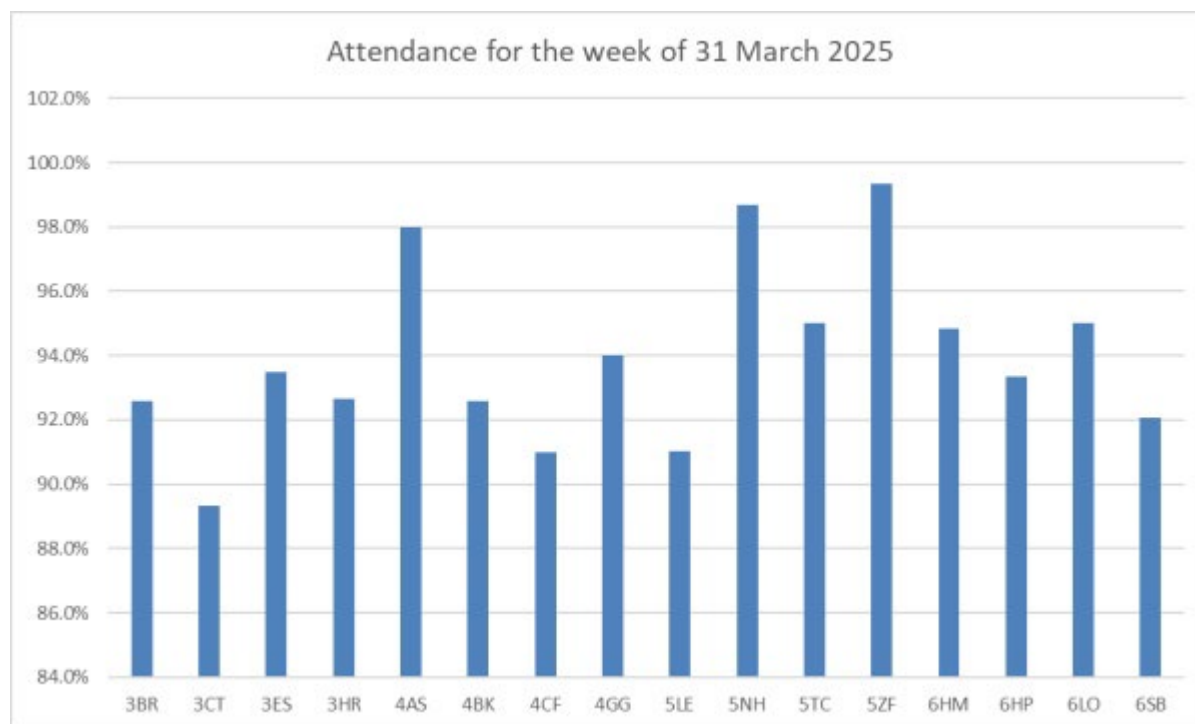
Looking Ahead

It's been a wonderful term full of learning, creativity, and memorable moments. Thank you once again to all our children, families, and staff for making it so special. We wish you a safe and relaxing Easter break and look forward to welcoming everyone back next term.

HSCA News

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped to support the HSCA this term - it's been a busy one with the launch of our [Pre-Loved Uniform Online Shop](#) and our Gift Sales, as well as lots of planning for events yet to come such as our [Summer Fair](#). We are also constantly on the lookout for ideas for new or revived events such as a Winter Ball - if you haven't yet let us know your thoughts on this event please feel free to [complete this short survey](#), with our thanks. We wish everyone a lovely and restful Easter break.

Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: 94%

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Sisi H, Tommy B, Albie P, Jessica S, Aria H, Harry H

Year 4: Esther C, Theo P, Roman S, Rowan M

Year 5: Yassine G, Dilan G, Isaac B, Amani P, Elliot H

Year 6: Lily S, Amelie Y, Josie C, Anya K

House Points this week

Austen: 241

Brunel: 215

Nightingale: 273

Wellington: 236

House point winners this week: Nightingale!

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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.



HOOK FUN RUN AND ROAD RACES SUNDAY 18th MAY 2025

10 Mile - 10K - Fun Run

Courses remain the same, starting and finishing in Hartletts Park with plenty of space for people to support the runners. Sports massage services for tired legs plus refreshments and children's entertainment will be available.

Bring the family and enjoy the day.

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Enjoy the outdoors but 'be tick aware'

Ticks can transmit microbes that cause infections such as Lyme disease or tick borne encephalitis.

Being tick aware by using the following information can help to reduce the chance of tick bites and of being infected:

- you could be exposed to ticks whenever you spend time outdoors, including when in your garden or the local park
- ticks mainly attach to animals, but sometimes they may bite you, your family or your pets
- you can reduce the chance of tick bites by walking on clearly defined paths, using insect repellent and performing **regular tick checks**
- ticks can bite anywhere on the body, including in your hair. More than one tick can be attached to you at a time
- some tick bites can result in infection, so it is important to remove ticks safely and as quickly as possible
- the safest way to remove a tick is by using a pair of **fine-tipped** tweezers or a tick removal tool
- if you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms, persistent headache, confusion or develop a spreading circular red rash (which usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks after being bitten), **contact your GP or NHS 111 promptly.** Mention if you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors

Tick sizes compared to a one penny coin



Tick in the environment



Tick attached to skin



Lyme disease bullseye rash



Tick found under hair



For more information, search for the phrases 'ticks' and 'Lyme disease' on these websites:

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