

# Newsletter HWIS 30th January 2026



## Message from Mrs Boorman

### **Visitor to school**

We had a visit from our Lead Learning Partner from the Local Authority last Friday. Alongside myself and Mrs Padfield, he attended all the classrooms to see lessons being taught. He was very complimentary of the quality of teaching being delivered and highlighted that the children's behaviour in class had been 'exemplary'. We are incredibly proud of our staff and children.

### **Mobile phones**

Following advice from the Local Authority, we are asking parents and carers not to use their mobile phones or other devices whilst on the school site. This is a potential safeguarding concern as most phones have a camera facility. I know that you will want to help us protect our most vulnerable children whilst at school.

### **Punctuality**

A reminder that the classroom doors open between 8.45 – 9am to enable a staggered drop off. We have noticed an increase in lateness in some children. This impacts hugely on their learning so please ensure your child is in school on time.

Have a lovely weekend.

## Year R

We have had another busy week looking at people who help us and their special jobs. Ladybirds spent the week finding out about vets, Bumblebees looked at the role of a doctor and Butterflies looked at pilots. Each class have created a fact file for their jobs and have it ready to share on our 'when I grow up day'. A reminder that this is taking place on Friday 6th February so please ensure your child's costume is ready. We looked at the numbers 6,7 and 8 this week and made our own mini number walls using lots of different resources. Ladybirds had the best time cooking hotdogs on the fire today and have made sure that Bumblebee and Butterfly class are very excited for their turn in the next couple of weeks.

## Year 1

What a busy week! The children have designed their own toy aliens and we are looking forward to seeing you on Monday to help them sew them together. In maths we have been looking at number lines and comparing numbers to 20. The children have had a go at solving number problems using a variety of strategies. In English we have shared the story Welcome to Alien School and looked at describing the setting. In science this week we have learnt about the five different types of animals-mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and birds. We have also studied snails this week. The children have science homework instead of maths this week and please can it be back by Monday morning as we will be using it in our lesson. Thank you

## Year 2

The children wrote an amazing fact file on the Great Fire of London this week. We were very impressed. In maths, the children have been using arrays to problem solve. We have been testing materials in science to see if they change shape. Ask your child what they found out! In DT, the children are going to be making their own fire engines next week. Please ensure they have brought in a named cardboard box.

## Letters home

**Letters Home** (<https://www.hwis.hants.sch.uk/letters-home/>):

### **Whole School:**

No specific mailing

**Year R:**

No specific mailing

**Year 1:**

Year 1 Phonics letter

**Year 2:**

Hedgehog Class Charter Treat letter

**Diary Dates**



2.2.26 - 9:05-10:30am Year 1 parent event - sewing aliens

5.2.26 - QMC Science Trip - Squirrel Class AM & Otter Class PM

6.2.26 - QMC Science Trip - Fox Class AM

11.2.26 Great Fire of London Parent event - Year 2 (more details to follow)

11.2.26 -2:45pm approx Great Fire of London - burning houses - parents invited to watch (weather dependent)

12.12.26 Valentines Day Disco (paid event after school - please go to Arbor to pay)

13.2.26 Inset Day - school closed to all children

12.3.26 Year R Openbox - A Day of Fairytale Adventure (payment open on Arbor and more details to follow)

24.3.26 Parents/Carers Evening - more details to follow nearer the time

26.3.26 Parents/Carers Evening - more details to follow nearer the time

17.6.26 Year 1 Farm Trip (payment open on Arbor and more details to follow)

8.7.26 Year 2 Beach Trip (payment open on Arbor and more details to follow nearer the time)

### *Inset Days*



### **Inset Days for 2025-2026**

13th February 2026

22nd May 2026

6th July 2026

## General Reminders



- **Allergies - Please remember we are a nut and shellfish free school. Please ensure items containing these are not sent in to school in your child's lunchbox.**
- **Punctuality** - A reminder that the classroom doors open between 8.45 – 9am to enable a staggered drop off. We have noticed an increase in lateness in some children. This impacts hugely on their learning so please ensure your child is in school on time. If punctuality continues to be a concern, schools have a responsibility to follow this up with possible legal action.
- Please do not play or kick balls or ride scooters on the playground during school drop off or pick up.
- *If your child has a medical appointment and is going to be late in to school you will need to order their lunch in advance. Please let the office know which lunch option they would like at the same time you advise of the appointment (or check with the office the lunch options that day if you need to).*
- *The play equipment **must not** be used before or after school – our insurance is not valid. **Children have been told that if they are caught using the play equipment before or after school, they will lose dojo points.***
- We are looking for some volunteers that may be able to commit to helping in school on a regular basis. This may be to get experience of working in school before completing childcare training or just because you have some spare time on your hands and would like to be involved in school life. You could help with the library, gardening, run small groups or help hear those children that don't read at home. If you are interested in this,

please email [parent.mail@hwis.hants.sch.uk](mailto:parent.mail@hwis.hants.sch.uk)<sup>1</sup>. We would need to initiate a DBS (safeguarding check).

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