

Newsletter HWIS 23rd January 2026



Message from Mrs Boorman

Well, what a blustery week it has been!! The children have coped well and I am pleased to say that it hasn't impacted on their learning.

Valentine's Disco

12th February - £3.50. Payment closes Monday 9th February at 9am.

- 3.15-4pm – Year R – they can bring their outfits in and we will help change them and take them to the hall. Please collect from their classroom.
- 4.15 – 5pm – Year 1 and 2 – please bring them to the door at the end of the lower playground and collect from their classrooms.

Phonics presentation

Thank you to all parents/carers that attended the meeting last night, we were thrilled to see so many of you. The staff appreciated your sense of fun whilst joining in with the session. Thank you Mrs Flodman for delivering the session with Mrs Weston and Mrs Page. The presentation has been included in the mailing for those that were unable to attend. If you have any questions about the content, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Scooters and bikes

A reminder please that children should not be scooting or riding on the playground as we have had several near misses. Please ask your child to dismount when arriving at the playground gate. Thank you for your understanding.

Volunteers

We are looking for some regular volunteers to help support our learners. The volunteers would need to have a current DBS. If you are interested in helping, please email parent.mail@hwis.hants.sch.uk

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

The children have been detectives this week and have come up with their own ways of finding out about people who help us. We used the computers to ask questions, took a trip to the school library and even went to visit some different children and grown-ups around the school. From police officers, to hairdressers we investigated them all! We will use our ideas and findings to help plan our own learning for the next couple of weeks. At the end of the term, the classes will share their work with each other. A reminder if there are any parents that would like to come in and help us with this project then we would love to hear from you. We continued to work on our number bond knowledge to 5 and used a 5 frame to work systematically.

Year 1

The children have been very creative this week. They have explored mixing colours and used their new knowledge to create their own planets for their shading and tinting background. They have also looked at line drawings and adding movement to their pictures of rockets, we found out all about Boccioni. In maths we have been exploring numbers to 20. The children have written their own letters to QPootle5 to invite him to a place of their choice. Please can you ensure your children have everything they need for PE and that earrings are removed or ears taped. Many thanks.

Year 2

The children have been learning about materials in Science. They have remembered many of the names of different materials from Year 1 and are now learning about suitability of materials for different purposes. We did an experiment this week and the children had to decide what the best materials would be to make a protective egg carrier. They had many interesting ideas and it

was lots of fun to test! In English, the children have been learning about fact files and what features a fact file would need, including Subtitles and Proper Nouns. They will be writing their own fact files about The Great Fire of London next week. The children have been using arrays in maths to solve multiplication number sentences. Ask them to show you how!

Letters home

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

Whole School:

Phonics Parent Workshop information (whole school)

WOW Badge competition - All Years

Mini Mash Parent Guide - All Years

Purple Mash Letter - All

Magna February Half Term Camp

Year R:

No specific mailing

Year 1:

Year 1 Trip to QMC

Year one Phonics letter

Year 2:

Badger Class Charter Treat letter

Owl Class Charter Treat letter

Diary Dates



- 2.2.26 - 9:05-10:30am Year 1 parent event - sewing aliens
- 11.2.26 Great Fire of London Parent event - Year 2 (more details to follow)
- 5.2.26 - QMC Science Trip - Squirrel Class AM & Otter Class PM
- 6.2.26 - QMC Science Trip - Fox Class AM
- 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.uk¹. We would need to initiate a DBS (safeguarding check).

¹<mailto:parent.mail@hwis.hants.sch.uk>