

Newsletter HWIS 12th February 2026



Message from Mrs Boorman

Visitors to school

Thank you so much to all the parents/cares and grandparents that volunteered their time to help at the Year 2 house building event. The children and staff all really appreciated and valued your support. A lot of fun was had watching the buildings burn at the end of the day too. It really bought the children's learning to life.

Earlier in the week, Pilot Tyler, an ex-HWIS pupil, came to talk to the Year R children about his job. We are immensely proud of his achievements since leaving our school all those years ago!! His mum was able to find his old school photo for him to share with the children. Some of us (myself included) were able to remember teaching him, that's how long we have been at HWIS!!

Today we have been visited by the hearing dogs in Year 1 as part of our disability awareness day. Through your generous donations for non-uniform day we raised £260 for the Hearing Dogs. We had a whole school assembly to introduce the focus of our day. It was a really thought provoking day.

This week, we have been pleased to welcome back Mrs. Way from her maternity leave. She will be teaching part time in Bumblebee Class at the start of the week and also in Squirrel Class on Wednesday mornings. After half term, Mrs. Padfield will be returning. She will be teaching in Badger Class on Monday and Tuesday's and will be non-class based on Wednesday's.

Parent/carer survey

A link to complete this was sent out on by Governors on Wednesday afternoon. Please complete by Sunday 15th March.

Hatch Warren Infant School – Parent/Carer Survey – Fill out form¹

Scooter found

A scooter was found this morning in the bush between the two schools. It can be collected from HWJS reception.

Travel safety

The Road Safety Team are responsible for educating young people and their families on the importance of keeping safe when travelling in a vehicle. Part of this education includes ensuring young people are travelling with correct restraints. Are you aware that 37% of children are in the wrong type of seat for their age and/or height? The Road Safety Team would like to share this car restraint leaflet with you to ensure you know how to always keep your child(ren) safe – in the correct restraint. There are also hints and tips about choosing the right seat, transporting other people's children and how to fit different types of car seat. To read this informative leaflet, please visit –in car safety guide²

Please remember we are closed tomorrow Friday 13th February for an INSET day (staff training).

Have a lovely half term.

Year R

The children have had one final week of finding out all about special people and their job role and what better way to end the topic by having a real life pilot come to school. Tyler attended Hatch Warren as a child so it was great for the children to meet such an amazing role model. The children have been showing off their phonics skills and have moved onto learning phase 3 sounds! We looked at doubling numbers to ten and filling in the missing ladybird spots to make sure that they all had the same number on each side. Please have a look at the extra dojo

¹<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hzJaFkW4y0CwsTpJRDnpLvYVVIQPEFtRBuJvlfIIB1W1UOE1XVk9PNjgzTVM0V1hCSExKVTvKNFc5WC4u>

²https://issuu.com/firstcar/docs/fc_parents_guide_v4_16pp_issuu_27baad3d346c52

handwriting and phonics challenge that has been added to your child's talk book. Have a lovely half term.

Year 1

What a busy and exciting week we have had to end this half term! The children have wowed us with their skills in maths by doubling numbers up to 20. Their maths challenge over half term is to practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. For Science, we carried out an experiment to see what sort of habitats woodlice like to live in. The children had enormous fun trying to track some woodlice down in our woodland area, and once we had carried out the study they respectfully and carefully returned them. We were very lucky to have Marian and her assistance dog Opal come and see us today for Disability Awareness Day. Marian spoke to all three classes about what Opal does to help her on a day to day basis. We were very proud when she complimented how well behaved our children were when listening to her. Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you all in a weeks time!

Year 2

What a great few days in Year 2! The children loved building their Tudor houses and reenacting Pudding Lane and the Great fire of London. Thank you to all of you that were able to come in and support the children with this. Today the children have taken part in Disability Awareness Day and learnt all about wheelchair users and even had a go in a wheelchair. The children found out about a man called Wheelz from America, perhaps they could show you him on YouTube.

Mother's Day gift sale 13th March



Mothers' Day Sale

Friday 13th March

Children (during the school day) will be invited to select a brand new special gift for their mum, mums or other special ladies in their lives.

£3.50 per gift (multiples can be ordered)
Payment via the Arbor school shop
By **Wednesday 11th March**

Lets Glow - free light trail in Basingstoke 19th-21st February



let's glow!
LIGHT TRAIL

Thursday 19 to Saturday 21 February 2026

6pm to 9pm

Follow a fantastic free light trail through War Memorial Park and the Top of the Town to see spectacular installations.

www.LoveBasingstoke.co.uk/lets-glow

Instagram Facebook TikTok

Letters home

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

Whole School:

Book Week Letter 2026

Mother's Day Sale Poster

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Year R:

Year R Phonics Mailing

Year 1:

No specific mailing

Year 2:

No specific mailing

Diary Dates



13.2.26 Inset Day - school closed to all children

3.3.26 Book fair 3.25 - 4pm in the school hall

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5.3.26 Book Fair 3.25 - 4pm in the school hall

5.3.26 World Book Day - children can come to school dressed as their favorite book character

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

13.3.26 Mother's Day gift sale (children pick gift in school)

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

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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.uk³. We would need to initiate a DBS (safeguarding check).

³<mailto:parent.mail@hwis.hants.sch.uk>