

Newsletter HWIS 13th March 2026



Message from Mrs Boorman

What another busy week in school.

Safeguarding issue

Thank you for the kind words and emails we have received regarding the enforced partial lockdown we undertook following advice from the police. The staff ensured this was done calmly and the children were amazing!! They were simply told that the police had told us it was unsafe for them to be outside at the time, which they accepted. The children enjoyed an extended assembly with some singing and drama input from Kenn from Openbox. The Year 1 and 2 children may have seen the armed police but were again told that they were there to keep everyone safe.

Today, we have re-practised our whistle procedure for getting the children off the playground and into the school as quickly as possible. In this instance a whistle is continuously blown and children enter through the nearest door and then return to their classroom to be registered. Again, this has been explained to the children. This is a skill that will be practiced on a regular basis throughout the school day at different points in the term.

Confidentiality

Please remember that any correspondence from school should not be shared on social media.

Choir

Members of our choir went to the Basingstoke School's singing festival on Wednesday morning with Mrs Weston, Mrs Lambell and Mrs Stephens. They sang their hearts out throughout the morning with three other school choirs and singing ambassadors from HWJS. They then returned to school via a bus, which they filled. Their behaviour was impeccable. We are very proud of them all and grateful to the staff for enabling the event to be enjoyed.

Openbox

Openbox theatre company spent the day with Year R. As always, they had a fun filled experience with Kenn, exploring the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk through drama. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their workshop.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the lovely Spring weather.

Year R

Another week, another traditional tale! This week we have been reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Our drawing club words this week are slumber, destroy, perfect, guzzle and cramped. See if the children can retell you the story using their story actions and language. We had great fun making our own porridge and adding in different ingredients to change the flavor. Our dear friend Kenn from Openbox arrived this week with another spectacular tale to tell. We acted out the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and had a great time pretending to be all of the different characters however; none of us could beat the way that Kenn created the old lady! A reminder about sending over your stories, rhymes or poems to the new homework email so we can watch each other's wonderful creations. The email is:

YR-Homework@hwis.hants.sch.uk¹

Year 1

The children have had great fun this week visiting the pond, wildlife area, playground and field hunting for minibeasts and plants. In English this week the children have finished retelling the story of George and the Dragon and should be very proud of the results. In maths this week we have been looking at one more and one less than numbers up to 50 and missing numbers on a number line up to 50. Have a relaxing weekend.

¹<mailto:YR-Homework@hwis.hants.sch.uk>

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been using our imaginations to create our very own stick puppets of a character we designed. We then brought them to life by embellishing them with various different art materials. In English, we created WANTED posters for the Wolf so that the police could capture him and find Little Red Riding Hood. We used some excellent adjectives, conjunctions and similes to describe the wolf. In maths we have been learning all about fractions; halves, quarters and thirds. Maybe share a pizza this weekend and ask your child to share it into equal fractions!

Easter Egg Hunt



Letters home

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

Whole School:

Comic Relief Letter

Big Walk and Wheel info

Magna Camp Easter 2026 flyer

Magna Netball Camp Easter 2026

Local SEND Events flyer

Year R:

No specific mailing

Year 1:

No specific mailing

Year 2:

No specific mailing

Diary Dates

24.3.26 Parents/Carers Evening

26.3.26 Parents/Carers Evening

27.3.26 Easter Egg Hunt - in school

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

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.uk². We would need to initiate a DBS (safeguarding check).

²<mailto:parent.mail@hwis.hants.sch.uk>