

# Newsletter HWIS 6th 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 1 sewing event. The children and staff all really appreciated and valued your support.

Year R thoroughly enjoyed their 'who I want to be when I grow up day'. There was a huge variety of different jobs chosen by the children. Also thank you to Callum, Kirk, Savanna and Carl the paramedics from Elite Ambulance Service and Nurse Emily who came in to speak to the Year R children about the jobs they do. I joined the fun and ended up having both arms bandaged up by the children in Ladybird Class.

### **Burglary outcome**

I have received confirmation that two suspects were arrested following the burglary in September last year. They have been bailed and are now working with the Youth Offending Team for support.

### **Update following the case of Meningococcal disease**

I am pleased to inform you that the person who was admitted to hospital due to having the Meningococcal disease has responded well to treatment and is now at home resting to get fully well. I appreciate that this was a distressing situation for parents/carers but I appreciate the supportive messages I received to share about the wellbeing of the person.

## Visits

This week, Year 1 classes visited QMC with staff and volunteers. All adults commented on the amazing levels of engagement and behaviour of the children.

## Reminders

We have been talking with the children about their use of technology and a lot of children have access to age appropriate Apps and games which is great. They were all keen to share what they play and how often. Please remember that if your child is using headphones there is a risk that you cannot monitor who they are talking online to. Some children spoke about playing games which are rated for older children. The age rating for Fortnite is 12 years old and Grand Theft Auto is 18 years old. These games are not appropriate for primary children due to their violent content.

One more week left before we have a half term break. Please remember that we are closed on Friday 13th February for an INSET day (staff training) before a well-deserved rest for everyone.

Have a lovely weekend.

## Year R

We have had such an exciting week this week continuing to learn about people who help us and their special jobs. Each class looked at a different story for drawing club linked to their chosen job to focus on this week. Ladybird class looked at David's Bin day. Their drawing club words were recycle, dispose, crumple, rumble and wandered. Bumblebee's read Hairy Mcclareys rumpus at the vets. Their drawing club words were rumpus, snuffle, rage, veterinarian and tweak. Butterfly class read dear zoo and their drawing club words were fierce, grumpy, perfect and zoo. We had some super visitors this week! Thank you to the paramedics at Elite and Nurse Emily for kindly coming into school to tell us all about their extremely important jobs. We finished our week off with an amazing day of showing off what we would like to be when we are older (even some of the adults joined in to). We cannot wait to see if any of the children's aspirations come true in the future.

## Year 1

Thank you to all who joined us for our sewing event on Monday morning, the children had a wonderful time and created some truly fabulous aliens! We have carried on thinking about aliens in our English sessions this week, and learnt all about exclamation marks whilst thinking about the book 'Welcome to Alien School. Throughout the week, we have been thinking about number bonds to 20, and how our knowledge of number bonds to 10 can help us with these. Perhaps your child can amaze you with some of the number facts they have been learning about in maths. Our science sessions in school have been all about what animals eat and what a carnivore, herbivore and omnivore are. We had an exciting conclusion to our week, with each class visiting the QMC Science Centre. All of the children had tremendous fun and certainly learnt a lot about all five of our senses. They made us very proud with their brilliant behaviour and enthusiasm with the activities they took part in. Have a great weekend!

## Year 2

The children made their own moving fire engines in DT this week and they look fantastic! We hope they enjoy playing with them at home. We have been consolidating our learning in writing and maths and the children have done a super job at practicing some of the skills they have already been taught. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at our parent event on Wednesday and the children a very exciting to see the houses they make burn in our own fire of London on the field.

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



## Letters home

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

### **Whole School:**

Disability Awareness letter

Banked Lunchtime and Teaching assistant vacancy letter

### **Year R:**

No specific mailing

### **Year 1:**

Year 1 Phonics Parent Newsletter

### **Year 2:**

No specific mailing

## Diary Dates



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)

12.2.26 Disability Awareness Day - no uniform day for a small donation (cash on the day)

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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