



# Weekly Newsletter

**Week ending Friday 1 December 2023**

## **Year 3 Learning Event**

The Year 3 team would like to say a big thank you to all who attended the learning event on Thursday this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed presenting their learning to you and we hope you enjoyed celebrating their achievements.

## **Christmas Lunch**

Christmas lunch for all children will be held on Wednesday, 13th December. Our caterers, Pabulum, have organised a special menu for this day. The full menu can be found at the end of this newsletter.

A form was sent to parents by Parent Mail on Monday asking parents to indicate your child's lunch choice for the day. If you have not had the opportunity to complete the form, please email [adminoffice@hook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@hook-jun.hants.sch.uk) giving your child's lunch preference.

If your child would like a Christmas meal on this day, it will be charged at the normal rate of £2.70, to be paid via ScoPay. If preferred, your child can bring a packed lunch.

## **HSCA Christmas Fair, Saturday 2 December**

This weekend the Hook Schools Community Association (HSCA) Christmas Fair takes place in the Infant and Junior schools. The event is entirely organised and managed by the HSCA and is one of their key fundraising activities during the school year. As with all HSCA fundraising events, the profits are shared between both schools for investment in a variety of purposes that directly benefit children. In order to successfully run every event and achieve their fundraising ambitions, the HSCA rely on volunteers from our community to help setup and run the event. Staff from both schools volunteer and support the HSCA at the Christmas Fair.

**The HSCA are appealing for more volunteers to attend and help at the Christmas Fair this weekend. Volunteering is a fun experience and you won't be required to stay for exceptionally long periods - just an hour of your time enables the HSCA to keep a fundraising stall or game open for visitors to enjoy.**

Signing up is easy - just visit [pta-events.co.uk/hasca](https://pta-events.co.uk/hasca) and register with your email address. If you have already purchased tickets for the Fireworks show then you already have a PTA Events account. Available volunteering slots are listed in the 'Can you help?' section (scroll down beyond the 'Tickets and Products' section where the Grotto tickets are listed).

At the time of writing, the following volunteering opportunities are available:

- Event setup from 8am
- Kitchen Set up from 9am - 11am
- Bouncy Castle Supervisor all slots available
- Infant Chocolate Tombola from 12.30pm-2pm & 2pm-3pm
- Santas helper / Grotto helper 11am - 12.30pm & 12.30pm - 2pm
- Face Painter helper all slots available
- Tokens stall from 12.30pm - 2pm
- Event Clear down 3pm - 5pm

Thank you for supporting the HSCA.

## Applications for Year R in September 2024

Applications for a school place in Year R opened on 1 November. If you have a child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2024, they can start school in September 2024.

The national closing date for applications is 15 January 2024.

For further details, and to make an application, [visit the Hampshire School Admissions website](#).

## Christmas Jumper Day

We shall be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December, when children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school. Children should wear school uniform on the lower part of the body.

We appreciate these times may be hard financially for some and have set up a **Christmas jumper swap** rail in our reception area for you to donate any pre-loved jumpers your child may have outgrown, or swap it for a new jumper that will fit them. Everyone is welcome to come and have a browse and get a jumper if your child does not have one.

## Christmas Post Box



From Friday 1 December our Christmas post box will be available for those children who would like to give Christmas cards to their peers. The post box will be located in the central area of school, our prefects will deliver the cards to class at the end of each day.

Please ensure that each envelope is clearly labelled with the recipient's **first name, first initial of last name and class**. We are not able to guarantee delivery of cards if the recipient name and class is not visible on the envelope.

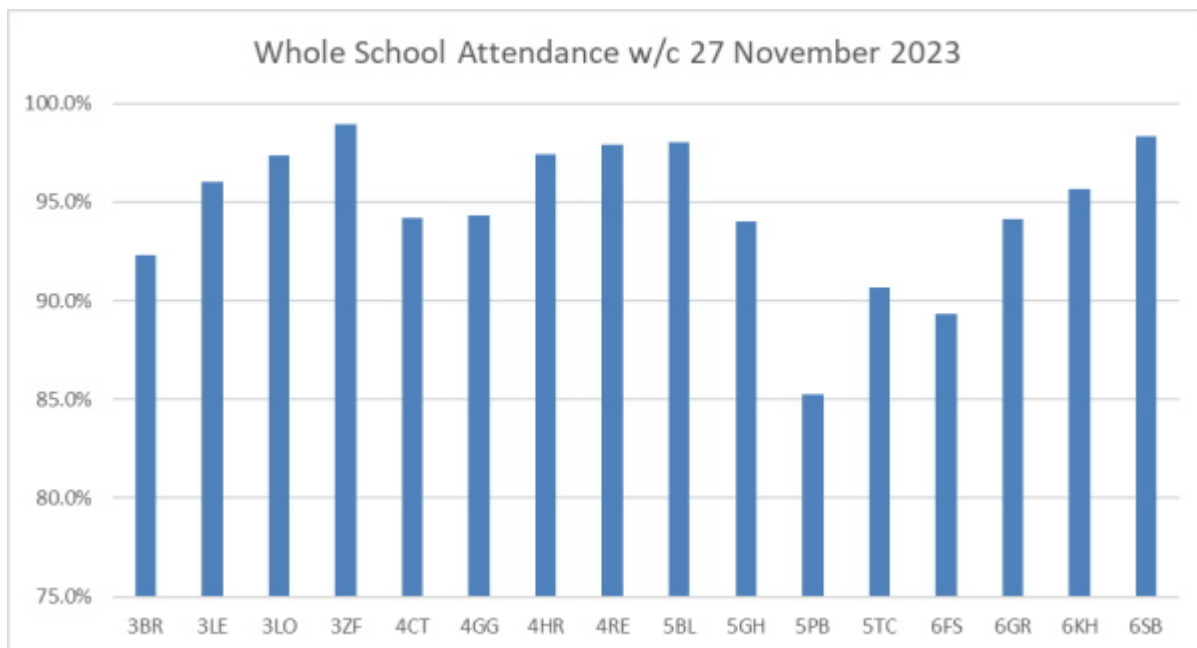
## Robert May's Christmas Production

This year, RMS will be performing The Wind in the Willows at Robert May's School for their Christmas show.

It will run from Monday 4th to Friday 8th December, starting at 7pm Monday - Thursday and 6pm on Friday. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5.50 for concessions.

All pupils are invited to attend with their parents and carers to watch the performance. It is an excellent opportunity for pupils to see inside Robert May's if they haven't been before and they are promised a wonderful and entertaining show. Refreshments and other seasonal goods will be available to purchase on the night.

## Attendance



**Whole School Attendance this week: 94.6%**

## Stars of the Week

Year 3: Eli B, Demi B, Derren C, Dottie P, Imogen M

Year 4: Dilan G-C, Serena F, Toby P, Daniel P

Year 5: Jamil, Oscar, Guy B, Josie C, Eathan m, Sol C-H

Year 6: James C, Eleanor D, Emma C, Edward P, Lewis R, Bethany L

## House Points this week

Austen: 236

Brunel: 141

Nightingale: 229

Wellington: 202

House point winners this week: Austen!

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## Key Dates

New dates added since the last Newsletter appear in green

2023

2 Dec HSCA Christmas Fair

7 Dec Christmas Jumper Day (children can come to school in their favourite Christmas jumper)

8 Dec Year 6 Learning Event – 2pm (parents and carers to attend)

**8 Dec Year 4 African Drumming Workshop (Winchfield Trust)**

12 Dec Christmas Production (4HR and 4GG) – 9.15am, parents to arrive from 8.45am

13 Dec Christmas Lunch for Pupils

13 Dec Carols around the Tree – 4pm

14 Dec Christmas Production (4RE and 4CT) – 9.15am, parents to arrive from 8.45am

15 Dec End of term – 1.20pm finish

18 Dec – 1 Jan Christmas Holiday

2024

2 Jan Inset Day – school closed to children

5 Jan Year 5 Swimming starts (*information sent to parents w/c 6 November*)

8 January Year 3 Iron Age Workshop

9 January Year 3 Iron Age Workshop

16 January Year 6 Natural History Museum Virtual Evolution Workshop (6FS & 6GR)

18 January Year 6 Natural History Museum Virtual Evolution Workshop (6SB & 6KH)

23 Jan Young Shakespeare Company Visit for Year 5 & 6

24 Jan Coffee Morning for all Parents – 8.45am

29 Jan Young Voices Concert (selected Choir members)

5 Feb Learning Consultations – appointments between 3.30pm until 6.30pm

6 Feb Safer Internet Day

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12 Feb – 16 Feb Spring Half Term

19 Feb Inset Day – school closed to children

28 Feb HSCA Bag2School Collection

4 Mar SATs Presentation to Parents – 5pm

7 Mar World Book Day

11 Mar Science Week (all week)

14 Mar Gremlin Dance Challenge

15 Mar Red Nose Day

27 Mar Year 3 (3BR & 3ZF) Easter Service in the Church (Learning Event) – 9.30am

27 Mar Year 3 (3LO & 3LE) Easter Service in the Church (Learning Event) – 2pm

29 Mar – 12 Apr Easter Holiday

23 Apr Year 4 Ufton Court Viking Workshop in school

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29 Apr Open Box Theatre Company visit for Year 5

6 May Spring Bank Holiday

8 May Coffee Morning for Parents of Year 2 Children – 8.45am

13 May SATs Week

27 May – 31 May Summer Half Term

14 Jun Class Allocation Letters to Parents

17 Jun Sports Day

19 Jun Information Evening for Parents of Children in Year 2 - 5pm

21 Jun Non-school Uniform Day (Bring a bottle for the bottle stall at the Summer Fair)

22 Jun HSCA Summer Fair

**24 Jun Robert May's Transition Day for Year 6 pupils**

**25 Jun Robert May's Transition Day for Year 6 pupils**

**25 Jun Whole School Transition Day, including Year 2 pupils**

5 Jul End of Year Reports to Parents

10 Jul Strawberry Tea

24 Jul – 30 Aug Summer Holiday

Safeguarding your children is our priority. Please contact the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads, either Miss L Powell (Headteacher), Mrs N Bailey (Deputy Headteacher), Miss J Carne (Inclusion Leader) or Mrs Boardman (SENDCo) with any concerns. Further Safeguarding information and support can be found via [www.NSPCC.org.uk](http://www.NSPCC.org.uk) or Childline 0800 1111. Any concerns may also be raised directly with Hampshire County Council Children's services phone line (anonymously if you wish) by calling 0300 555 1384. Keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility.



Special Menu

# Christmas

December

Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing  
& Chicken Chipolata Sausage

or

Vegan Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Wellington

Served with Roast Potatoes,  
Sprouts, Peas, Carrots  
& Gravy

Gingerbread Brownie



BM1 & BM2

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD




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# CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL 2023



Can you donate a gift for a local child or pop some cash into our donation tub in-store?

-  **Gift Deadline:** 11th December
-  **Where will the gifts go?** Gifts will be distributed to local schools and Hart Food Bank
-  **Collection Points:** Drop off your new gift to Hook Tesco, The Raven Hotel (reception) or The White Hart (top)

THANK YOU for your support.

*Every little helps*

**Bridges**

Supported by In My Cupboard In Hook  
facebook group, Hart Food Bank & Bridges





# Nearly New Sale



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## BASINGSTOKE

Saturday 2ND DEC 12:00–14:00

Aldworth School MAIN HALL

Basingstoke, Western Way, Basingstoke,

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