



HOOK JUNIOR
SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

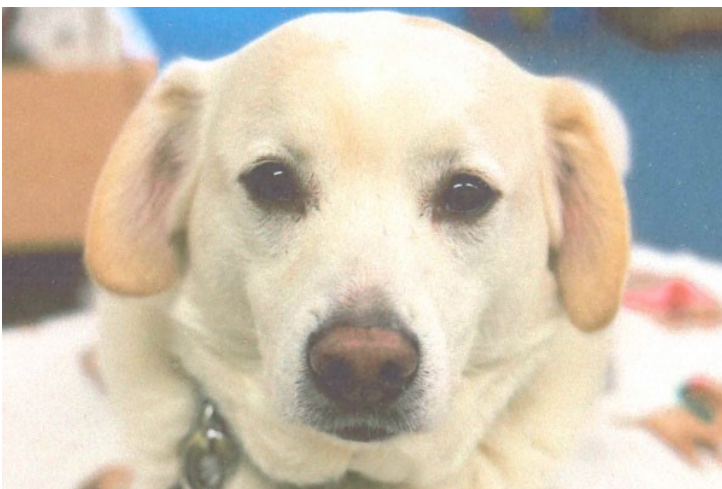
Week ending Friday 29 November 2024

Farewell to Clare and Dennis

This week, we said goodbye to Clare and Dennis, from Canine Assisted Learning, who have worked with us for the past five years, providing invaluable pastoral support to our pupils. We been able to offer this pastoral support, thanks to funding from Hook Parish Council. Dennis, our much-loved canine therapy dog, has reached the age of 10 and is retiring to enjoy a well-earned rest. He will be fondly remembered for his calming presence and the joy he brought to so many children during his time with us.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Clare and Dennis for their dedication and care, which have made such a positive impact on our school community. We wish Clare every success in her new role and hope Dennis enjoys a happy and relaxing retirement.

Next week, we are delighted to welcome Lisa and Frosty, who will be continuing this important work. We look forward to the new chapter ahead and to seeing Frosty settle into life at Hook Junior School.



Year 5 Learning Event

What an out-of-this-world performance from our Year 5 students this week! They truly rocketed through their Learning Event, delivering stellar presentations all about space! From launching into scientific concepts to orbiting around creative ideas, the kids showed us just how astronomical their

talents are. Huge congratulations to all the students for their cosmic effort – you’ve really eclipsed our expectations! Keep reaching for the stars!

Thank you for the kind words and feedback from parents and carers:

"You have no idea how massive this morning was. You are truly bringing the best out in ### this year! Thank you. It was wonderful to leave her happy and singing!"

"Brilliant show, was so good to see ### enjoying it!"

Christmas Card Delivery

From Monday 2 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 and 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's name and class is not visible on the envelope.



Children in Need 2024

We would like to express our gratitude for supporting Children in Need on Friday 15th November. Together, we raised an impressive £755. Thank you to everyone who contributed. The funds raised will be used to support various local children's charities across the U.K.

From the Governors

The Governors wanted to take an opportunity to highlight the commitment of School staff who invest significant time and energy to support the school and the children. Firstly, we wanted to add to the recent tributes paid to the much-loved Mrs Vivier who has been at Hook Junior School since 2007. Mrs Vivier has been an important part of the fabric of the school and, as she departs from her role as Lead Lunchtime Supervisor, leaves a considerable hole always filled by her spirit and character. We wish her every success in her new life in the South West.

We also wanted to echo Miss Powell (Headteacher) praise of the staff for their selfless efforts supporting Marchant's Hill again this year. Much to their relief the weather was significantly drier this year, which only served to ensure a superb week culminated with the safe return of a very happy and tired Year 6. Of course, events such as the Marchants Hill Residential could not happen without the considerable additional commitment undertaken by the staff. We wish to pass on our collective thanks and support as a Governing body for the Staff's efforts to create the space for children to thrive and achieve high standards academically, socially and personally.

Supporting former pupil Bethany Lynch

Very sadly, former pupil Bethany Lynch has been diagnosed with cancer and after an operation, is now currently undergoing chemotherapy. It's very likely Bethany will lose her (beautiful long) hair, and so it's Bethany's wish to raise money for The Little Princess foundation.

We know many readers will be sad and shocked to hear the news and perhaps will want to support Bethany and the Little Princess Foundation. If you would like to donate, you can do so [via a dedicated JustGiving page](#).

1 WEEK TO GO!

FREE ENTRY

HOOK CHRISTMAS FAIR

11:00 TO 15:00
@HOOK SCHOOLS

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

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Christmas Fair - 7th December - 11am to 3pm

One week to go until we open the doors for the Christmas Fair and we've everything you need for a fantastic family day out!

Bring a bottle for the Junior School bottle tombola in exchange for a non-uniform day on Friday 6th December. Any bottle will do: wine, shampoo, ketchup...! Just make sure it's in date please!

Join us for lunch! The Candy Cane Kitchen will have delicious hot food and drinks available, including Festive Loaded Fries and Kids Christmas Lunchboxes which include a sausage roll, crisps, fruit, gingerbread biscuit and a juice. Gluten free and vegan options will be available.

Take in a show at the Performance Snowcase in the Infants Hall. Special guest The Snow Queen will be dazzling Fair visitors with song, or catch the fantastic dance performances from our sponsor Karen Blackburn Dance Academy.

Don't forget to pick up Raffle tickets for your chance to win one of over 60 amazing prizes. Tickets are only £1 and are available on our [website](#) or will be available to purchase at the Fair. The Raffle draw will take place at 2.45 at the Fair but you don't have to be present to win!

Advance sales for Santa's Grotto are sold out but more tickets will be available on the day! Head to the Raffle Sales table in the Juniors Hall to purchase.

We are very proud to be a donation point for this year's Christmas Toy Appeal, sponsored by [In My Cupboard in Hook](#) and Tesco, and for [Hart Foodbank](#). Bring a new, unwrapped toy donation to be distributed to local families this Christmas, or a non-perishable food item for the foodbank.

We can't pull any of this off without your help! We still have some volunteer slots left - please go to [PTA Events](#) to see which roles need filling and to sign up. Just 1hr of volunteering makes a huge difference to the day!

See you at the Fair!



GANDY CANE KITCHEN

HOT DOG	£3.00
+ CHEESE & ONIONS FOR 50p	
LOADED FRIES	£3.00
TOPPED WITH CHEESE, GRAVY, STUFFING & CRANBERRY	
LUNCH BOXES	£4.00
INCLUDES: SAUSAGE ROLL, CRISPS, APPLE, GINGERBREAD PERSON & DRINK	
VEGAN SAUSAGE ROLL	£2.00
MINCE PIES	50p

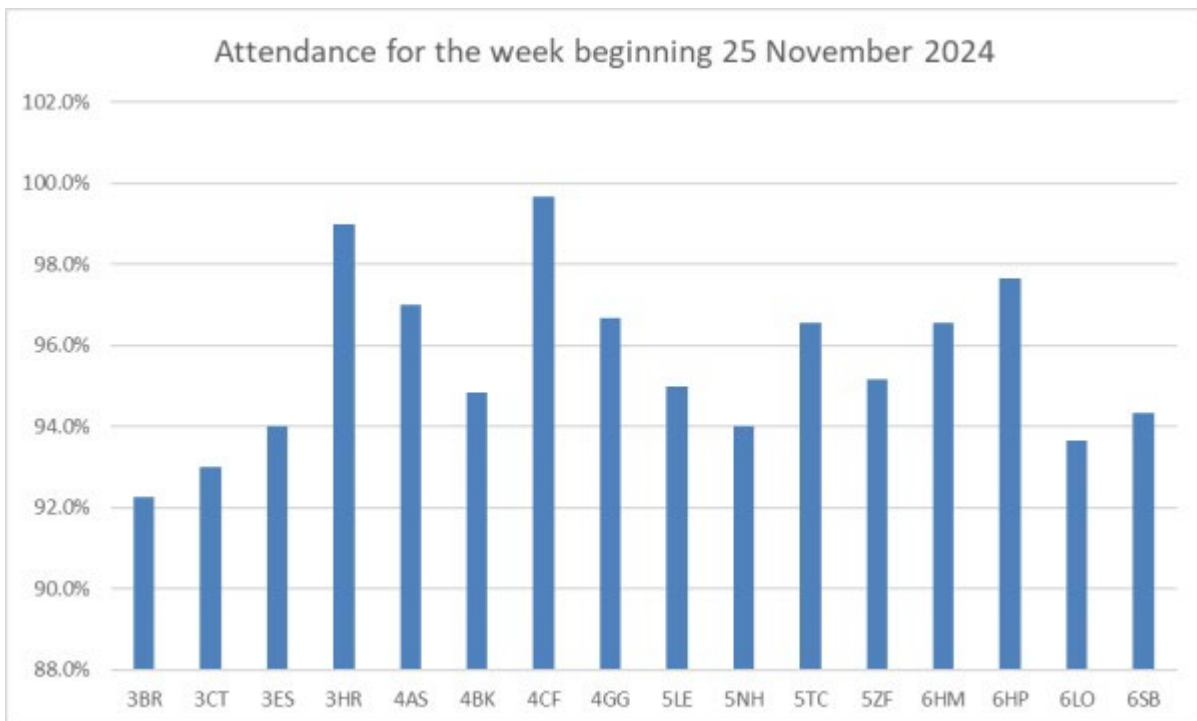


 **FOOD ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES:**
Please speak to us about the ingredients when ordering.



Attendance

Attendance this week



Whole school attendance this week: 95.6%

Stars of the Week

Year 3: April H, Kiara, Finley H, Albert P, Alice R

Year 4: Evie H, Reggie C, Rowan W, Elizabeth H

Year 5: Archie B, Zach D, Willow D, Joey, Sophie J

Year 6: Chloe B, Jakey S, Evie H, Anya K

House Points this week

Austen: 189

Brunel: 180

Nightingale: 178

Wellington: 154

House point winners this week: Austen

Find out more...

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[Facebook.com/hookjuniorschool](https://facebook.com/hookjuniorschool)

[Instagram.com/hookjunsch](https://instagram.com/hookjunsch)

Key Dates

Key Dates are also published [on our website](#).

Event	Start Date	End Date	Time	End Time
Year 3 Learning Event	Wednesday 04 December 2024	Wednesday 04 December 2024	14:00	
Non-Uniform Day for HSCA Bottle Tombola	Friday 06 December 2024	Friday 06 December 2024		
Year 6 Learning Event	Friday 06 December 2024	Friday 06 December 2024	09:00	10:00

<u>HSCA Christmas Fair</u>	Saturday 07 December 2024	Saturday 07 December 2024	11:00	15:00
<u>Christmas Jumper Day</u>	Thursday 12 December 2024	Thursday 12 December 2024		
<u>NHS Flu Vaccinations</u>	Thursday 12 December 2024	Thursday 12 December 2024		
<u>Year 4 Christmas Production - 4CF and 4GG</u>	Tuesday 17 December 2024	Tuesday 17 December 2024	09:15	
<u>Pupil Christmas Lunch</u>	Wednesday 18 December 2024	Wednesday 18 December 2024		
<u>Year 4 Christmas Production - 4BK and 4AS</u>	Wednesday 18 December 2024	Wednesday 18 December 2024	09:15	
<u>Carols Around The Tree</u>	Thursday 19 December 2024	Thursday 19 December 2024	16:00	17:00
<u>End of Term - 1:20 Finish</u>	Friday 20 December 2024	Friday 20 December 2024		
<u>Christmas Holiday</u>	Monday 23 December 2024	Friday 03 January 2025		
<u>INSET Day - school closed</u>	Monday 06 January 2025	Monday 06 January 2025		
<u>Year 5 Swimming - 5ZF and 5LE</u>	Wednesday 15 January 2025	Wednesday 12 February 2025		
<u>Coffee Morning for all Parents and Carers</u>	Wednesday 22 January 2025	Wednesday 22 January 2025	08:45	17:00
<u>Children's Mental Health Week</u>	Monday 03 February 2025	Friday 07 February 2025		
<u>Safer Internet Day</u>	Tuesday 11 February 2025	Tuesday 11 February 2025		
<u>Learning Consultations</u>	Wednesday 12 February 2025	Wednesday 12 February 2025	15:30	18:30
<u>Learning Consultations</u>	Thursday 13 February 2025	Thursday 13 February 2025	15:30	18:30
<u>HSCA Bake Sale</u>	Friday 14 February 2025	Friday 14 February 2025		
<u>Spring Half Term</u>	Monday 17 February 2025	Friday 21 February 2025		
<u>Year 6 Bikeability</u>	Thursday 20 February 2025	Friday 21 February 2025		
<u>Year 5 Swimming - 5NH and 5TC</u>	Wednesday 26 February 2025	Wednesday 26 March 2025		

<u>World Book Day</u>	Thursday 06 March 2025	Thursday 06 March 2025		
<u>Year 5 Young Shakespeare Company perform Hamlet</u>	Thursday 06 March 2025	Thursday 06 March 2025		
<u>Year 6 Young Shakespeare Company perform Hamlet</u>	Thursday 06 March 2025	Thursday 06 March 2025		
<u>HSCA Uniform Sale</u>	Friday 07 March 2025	Friday 07 March 2025	15:20	
<u>STEM Fair</u>	Monday 10 March 2025	Monday 10 March 2025		
<u>Science Week</u>	Monday 10 March 2025	Friday 14 March 2025		
<u>Governor Day</u>	Wednesday 12 March 2025	Wednesday 12 March 2025		
<u>Red Nose Day</u>	Friday 21 March 2025	Friday 21 March 2025		
<u>HSCA Mother's Day Sale</u>	Thursday 27 March 2025	Thursday 27 March 2025		
<u>Year 6 Learning Event</u>	Thursday 27 March 2025	Thursday 27 March 2025	14:00	
<u>Year 6 SATS and RSE Presentations</u>	Wednesday 02 April 2025	Wednesday 02 April 2025	17:00	
<u>Easter Service</u>	Thursday 03 April 2025	Thursday 03 April 2025		
<u>End of Term - 1:20 Finish</u>	Friday 04 April 2025	Friday 04 April 2025		
<u>Easter Holiday</u>	Monday 07 April 2025	Monday 21 April 2025		
<u>Year 4 Residential Trip to Gordon Brown Centre</u>	Monday 28 April 2025	Tuesday 29 April 2025		
<u>Year 2 Parent Coffee Morning</u>	Wednesday 07 May 2025	Wednesday 07 May 2025	08:45	
<u>Year 6 SATS Week</u>	Monday 12 May 2025	Friday 16 May 2025		
<u>Summer Half Term</u>	Monday 26 May 2025	Friday 30 May 2025		
<u>Year 6 Bikeability</u>	Thursday 29 May 2025	Friday 30 May 2025		
<u>INSET Day - school closed</u>	Monday 02 June 2025	Monday 02 June 2025		
<u>HSCA Father's Day Sale</u>	Thursday 12 June 2025	Thursday 12 June 2025		

<u>Sports Day</u>	Wednesday 18 June 2025	Wednesday 18 June 2025	09:00	13:00
<u>HSCA Summer Fair</u>	Saturday 28 June 2025	Saturday 28 June 2025	11:00	15:00
<u>HSCA Uniform Sale</u>	Saturday 28 June 2025	Saturday 28 June 2025	11:00	15:00
<u>Year 6 Production - 6SH and 6LO</u>	Thursday 10 July 2025	Thursday 10 July 2025		
<u>End Of Year Reports Circulated To Parents</u>	Friday 11 July 2025	Friday 11 July 2025		
<u>Year 6 Production - 6SB and 6HP</u>	Friday 11 July 2025	Friday 11 July 2025		
<u>Strawberry Tea</u>	Thursday 17 July 2025	Thursday 17 July 2025		
<u>HSCA Year 6 Leaver Festival</u>	Monday 21 July 2025	Monday 21 July 2025		
<u>End of Term - 1:20 Finish</u>	Tuesday 22 July 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025		
<u>Summer Holiday</u>	Wednesday 23 July 2025	Tuesday 02 September 2025		

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 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.



CHRISTMAS
Market

5th DEC 2024

HARTLEY WINTNEY HIGH STREET

4-8 pm

Gifts, Crafts, Father Christmas and more on the High Street
Hot Food and Drinks in the Monachus Lane Car Park
(free parking all day!)

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