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**NEWSLETTER: Friday 19th June 2026**





What a week it has been! The extreme heat has posed lots of challenges this week but the children have been fantastic and we are really proud of how the community has come together to support each other and prioritise the children's safety. We will adapt the children's lessons over the next few weeks to help them catch up with any missed learning – this is easier to do when whole classes have been affected. We are looking forward to being back to normal next week!

We been able to find two new dates for our sports days which do not fall on any transition days, these will be as follows:

**Sports Day 2026**

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sports Days on **Friday 10th July** and **Monday 13th July**.
The format of the day will follow the same structure as last year. Each house will spend either the morning or afternoon on the field, taking part in a range of activities. Throughout the session, children will earn points for their house, which will be totalled at the end of the event.
The house with the highest overall score will be awarded the **House Cup**, which will be presented during a whole-school assembly.

| Friday 10th July | | Monday 13th July | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hayling House (RED) | Prinsted House (GREEN) | Thorney House (BLUE) | Fowley House (YELLOW) |
| 9:15 – 11:00 | 13:05 -14:50 | 9:15 – 11:00 | 13:05 – 14:50 |

Please keep your fingers crossed that the weather on these days plays ball!

**Online Safety for Parents - Layering Up for Online safety**

We know how difficult it is to ensure the children are safe online and so we often try to include safeguarding guidance for parents. This guidance again comes from the Andrew Mackenzie Online Safety Weekly Update:

*Protecting children and mitigating risk at home doesn't just mean applying a filter and changing a few app settings, it needs a layered approach, and this is where the Internet Matters 'Layering Up for Online Safety' comes in. This helps and guides parents on how to set up devices safely across networks, the devices themselves and the apps alongside regular conversations. There is a downloadable guide which will show you how to layer up in a simple, manageable way.*
Link: Internet Matters - **Layering Up for Online Safety.**

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**Peace/Reflection Garden**

In other news this week, the work started on the reflection garden today. Thank you to Mrs Baldwin, who has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to get this project over the line. And a big thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who have also helped with the preparations and work. Preparing the site today was Mr Parker, a dad from Year 3, thank you Mr Parker for all you have done today (and in the lead up to today) – we are looking forward to seeing the finished result!

The Children' Commissioner (Dame Rachel de Souza) has written to the school to ask for support in helping children to take part in their new survey, The Big Future.

**Your child(ren) can take part here: http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture.**

This could be a great opportunity for the children to reflect on their time at primary school and share their hopes and ideas for the future in their own words.

The Children's Commissioner wants to hear from children aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country, and your support will help make that possible. They are asking children about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they want to see in their communities, and what they think a good childhood should look like today.

The findings will be published next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures at the highest levels - so this is the children's chance to have a say!

**Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme – a reminder!**

There are over **25 HAF schemes** running across Havant and the surrounding areas during the summer holidays, offering:

- Fun activities
- Nutritious meals

These are available for children receiving **benefit-related free school meals (FSM)**.

**What's new for Summer 2026:**

- A **new central booking system** to make it easier to find and book activities
- Built-in eligibility checking (no HAF codes required)

Families can:

- Visit the **Havant HAF Booking Site**
  Eequ · After school. In place of school. Beyond school.
- Register their interest in local schemes - Bookings opened at **9:00am on Monday 22nd June 2026** so book your sessions now.

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's newsletter. We hope to see everyone tomorrow for the summer fair!

Best wishes,
Rebecca
Headteacher


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**Celebrating the Children**

Due to the heat this week, there was no celebration assembly today so Stars of the Week will return next week.








**Early Years (EYFS)**

This week, we continued our **"Under the Sea"** theme and couldn't help wishing we were in the real sea to cool off in the heat! During Explore Time, the children had a fantastic time trying out a variety of new activities. They painted beautiful designs for tropical fish, made delicious tuna pitta pockets, created imaginative under-the-sea junk models, and enjoyed many more creative experiences.
A big well done to **Hedgehogs and Badgers** for staying calm and positive despite the warm weather — we are very proud of you all!



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**Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)**

This week in Year 1, the children have worked incredibly hard despite the hot weather! They created some fantastic information pages about different animal homes and did a brilliant job recognising and finding half of a shape in Maths. We are so proud of how well the children have coped with the heat. They have enjoyed lots of fun arts and crafts activities while finding plenty of ways to stay cool throughout the day.
Have a lovely weekend, stay cool, and we look forward to seeing everyone next week!

This week in Year 4, the children have coped extremely well with the hot weather and have continued to work hard in all areas of their learning.
In maths, we have been revising multiplication and division, practising a range of strategies to solve problems and strengthen our understanding of number facts. The children have shown increasing confidence when explaining their methods and reasoning.
In English, the children have been creating persuasive posters to encourage people to keep Emsworth Beach clean. They have used powerful vocabulary and imperative verbs to persuade their audience. We have also focused on making readers think, feel and imagine the effects of pollution on our oceans, helping the children to write with purpose and impact.
In art, the children have been inspired by beautiful underwater images. They explored blending different shades of blue using pastels to create their own ocean-themed artwork. The results have been stunning, with the children showing great creativity and care in their work.








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**Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)**

Despite the hot weather this week, Year 3 have remained incredibly positive, enthusiastic and resilient, making the most of every learning opportunity. We have been so impressed with their fantastic attitude and determination to keep working hard despite the challenging temperatures.
In Science, we have been learning all about the human skeleton. The children enjoyed working together to draw around each other before labelling the different bones they had learnt about. It was a fun and practical way to reinforce their knowledge, and they did a brilliant job remembering the names of so many bones.
The highlight of the week was undoubtedly Tuesday afternoon's art workshop with Lou. The children learnt how to use a decoupage technique to transform shells into beautiful works of art. They listened carefully to Lou's instructions, showed great patience and creativity, and produced some truly stunning final pieces. Lou commented on how impressed she was with the children's excellent listening skills, enthusiasm and the high quality of their artwork.
Well done, Year 3, for another wonderful week of learning!

Well done to our wonderful Kangaroos and Koalas - we survived the heatwave!
It has been lovely to take a more relaxed approach to our learning this week, making sure we kept cool, enjoyed each other's company and had lots of fun. A huge well done to all the children who have been in school all day, every day - your resilience has been fantastic! It has been a pleasure embracing this sizzling hot weather with you all.
We have enjoyed cooling foot spas, making homemade fans, reviving the 90s classic origami fortune tellers, eating ice pops and playing games and eating out lunch outside in the shade. We look forward to seeing our classrooms full again on Monday morning.
Despite the soaring temperatures, we still managed to fit in some fantastic learning. In maths, the children created their own research questions, collected data and presented their findings using bar charts and line graphs. In English, we have been dissecting sentences and phrases, identifying the different components before editing and improving simple sentences to make them more effective. We look forward to a busy week of learning next week and wish you all a lovely weekend!






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**Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)**

It's been a hot one in Year 5 this week! Despite the disruption, the children have shown great resilience and continued to work hard. In maths, we have been focusing on adding and subtracting decimals, building confidence with place value, while in English we have been developing our persuasive writing skills by exploring the important topic of climate change. Well done, Year 5, for your positive attitude and perseverance in a very warm and challenging week!

Wow! What a crazy week it has been in Year 6! Despite the soaring temperatures, the children have powered through and completed their work to the best of their abilities. This week they have edited and published non-chronological reports in English, written in role as characters from Survivors in guided reading and carried out some problem-solving in mathematics. In the afternoons we have been doing art. On Monday we were fortunate enough to have a second decoupage art workshop. The children loved decorating their shells and are excited to see their finished designs on sale at the summer fair. For the remainder of the afternoons, we learned about self-portraiture.
We rounded off the week with our celebratory trip to Paulton's Park. The queue times were fairly short so we managed to get on lots of rides and the children (and adults) had a great time. Thank you so much to the parents who accompanied us - we really appreciate you giving up your time.
Despite the temperatures, we have been very proud of the children's attitudes this week. Hopefully the weather will be a bit cooler for their transition sessions next week.






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More of our fabulous art work on display around the school – thank you again to our local artists for giving their time to give the children a wonderful experience!



The Peace/Reflection Garden has begun!









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## 🌞🎉 SUMMER FAIR EXTRAVAGANZA – TOMORROW! 🎉🌞

The countdown is on — our **Summer Fair is happening tomorrow, Saturday 27th June**, and we can't wait to welcome everyone for 3 hours of **fun, laughter, music and summer excitement!**
Gather your friends, bring the whole family and come along for what promises to be **the biggest and best event of the summer!**

### 🎈 Unlimited Bouncing Fun!

We are delighted to welcome **Inflataplanet** with **FIVE fantastic inflatables** for children to enjoy!
With an **unlimited-use wristband** for £10, children can **bounce, slide and race all day long** — the perfect way to burn off some energy and have lots of fun with friends.

### 🎨 Festival Fun

There will be plenty of colourful festival fun throughout the fair, including:

- **Fabulous face painting and glitter tattoos**
- **Colourful hair braiding**
- **Hands-on reptile handling experiences**
- **Stalls selling handmade gifts**

There's something to spark every child's imagination!

### 🎶 Live Entertainment

We have some brilliant live entertainment lined up for the day, including:

- **Fantastic live music from our live band, Tamla Soulband**
- **Open Mic session** where children can discover their inner rock star
- A special **dance demonstration from Gemsdance**
- A performance from the **school choir**

Be sure to stop by and enjoy the performances throughout the event!

### ⚽ Games & Challenges

There will be fun around every corner, with lots of classic fair games and exciting challenges, including:

- **Penalty shootouts**
- **Coconut shy**
- **Hook-a-duck**
- **Splat the rat**
- **Tombola**
- **Lucky Dip**
- **Name the teddy**
- **Sponge an adult!**
- **Raffle**
- Plus **many more games and stalls** to explore

There are plenty of chances to win prizes and make wonderful summer memories!

### 🍔 Delicious Food & Sweet Treats

Come hungry — we'll have lots of tasty food and treats available throughout the fair, including:

- **Fresh BBQ favourites** 🍔
- **Tasty pizzas** 🍕
- **Ice creams** 🍦
- **A licensed bar**
- **Cakes** 🍰
- **Emsworth Sweets** 🍬

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**🎨🏃 Colour Run Update**

A huge thank you to all the amazing companies who have sponsored our very first Colour Run. Your support has helped make this exciting event possible!

We are thrilled to announce that all Colour Run sponsors are now filled! 🎉 Thank you to everyone who sponsored a colour. **Tickets are now available to purchase!** Buy at https://www.pta-events.co.uk/epsa Tickets will be available to buy until Monday 13th July at 12pm. Tickets include a white T-Shirt and a celebratory wristband. More information about the course to follow after the summer fair!










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