Weekly Newsletter 2026/27

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderful week at school, and it has been fantastic to see how well the children are settling into their new classes and routines. They have returned with such enthusiasm and positivity, and we are incredibly proud of how quickly they have adapted to the new school year.

As we move further into the term, I would like to draw your attention to a few important messages later in this newsletter. For new parents, there is information about how we use Medical Tracker for all First Aid, and we also have details about Cool Milk for those who may be interested. In addition, please take note of our reminder that mobile phones should not be brought into school unless there are exceptional circumstances and prior agreement with the school.

We would also like to highlight some important changes regarding **Free School Meals**. Your child may now be eligible, and we strongly encourage families to check and apply if appropriate. Not only could this provide valuable support for your family, but the school also receives additional funding for every eligible child, which helps us provide further resources and opportunities for all pupils.

With the weather becoming increasingly changeable, please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat each day. We would be grateful if all coats and other items of clothing could be clearly named to help us return any lost property quickly.

This week, **our Year 6 pupils** had a fantastic time taking part in an exciting **Crime and Punishment** workshop. The day began with a surprise visit from a "real-life" executioner, who helped bring history to life and immediately captured everyone's attention!

The pupils then explored a range of fascinating artefacts, including replicas of historical punishment tools such as an axe and a flail. They learned about how crimes and punishments have changed throughout different periods of history and were able to examine the objects up close.

To finish the workshop, the children took part in an engaging drama session, where they re-enacted crimes and punishments from across the ages. This gave them a deeper understanding of how justice was carried out in the past, while having plenty of fun at the same time.

The workshop was both educational and entertaining, and Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed this memorable hands-on experience. Everyone had a great time and came away with a wealth of knowledge about crime and punishment through the ages. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring their history learning to life and deepen their understanding of this fascinating topic.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you enjoy reading the rest of this week's newsletter.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Faithfull
Headteacher

PE Days/ PE Kit

PE Kits are as follows and must be worn on the days listed below: Black shorts or joggers, grey polo shirt with logo and trainers and school logo jumper. No jewellery and hair must be tied back.

Year 3: PE shirts will be delivered next week, as there was a delay in the order. Please send them to school wearing a t-shirt from home next week.

Year 3 - Wednesday and Friday
Year 4 - Monday and Friday
Year 5 - Monday and Wednesday
Year 6 - Tuesday and Thursday

Reminder: Smartphones/Mobiles

A reminder that smartphones, mobiles or smart watches are no longer permitted for pupils in any year group. This has always been the case for Years 3, 4 and 5, and as outlined in my letter before the summer break, this policy is now school-wide. We appreciate your support in helping us implement and enforce this expectation.

Free School Meals

Applying for Free School Meals is quick and straightforward, and eligible families can receive valuable financial support.

The government has expanded eligibility so that **all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit** will now be entitled to receive a free school meal, regardless of their annual household earnings.

There are 2 distinct categories of benefits-based free school meals:

- **Targeted FSM:** For households on Universal Credit with annual earnings of **£7,400 or less**. In addition to free meals, these pupils attract vital "Pupil Premium" funding for the school to support their education.
- **Expanded FSM:** A new category for households on Universal Credit with annual earnings **exceeding £7,400**. These pupils are entitled to **free meals only**.

What You Need to Do

- If you think your child may now be eligible, please apply through the Hampshire portal: Online FSM Application

Upcoming Dates

Every Thursday morning 8:45am - Joint HPIS & HPJS Coffee Morning @ the Family Hub in the Junior School

Inset Day	Friday 23rd October
End of term	Friday 23rd October
First Day of Autumn 2	Monday 2nd November

Parent Carer Survey - September 2026 – Fill out form

Dear Parents and Carers, As the new SENCO at Hart Pain Junior School, I am keen to hear your views about our SEND provision. Your feedback will help us celebrate what is working well and identify areas where we can improve support for children and families. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. Kind regards Mrs Amy Greensmith



First aid notifications

As you know, we use Medical Tracker to record all first aid incidents and illnesses that occur during the school day.

For any head bump or head injury, parents are routinely notified through the system. If an incident is more serious, we will contact a parent or carer by telephone as soon as possible.

We understand that the transition from the Infant School to the Junior School can feel like a significant step for both children and parents. With this in mind, we have been considering how best to keep parents informed about visits to first aid.

We recognise that some parents may find notifications for every visit overwhelming, while others appreciate being informed each time their child receives first aid. Striking the right balance can be challenging from a school perspective.

For this term, while our newer children settle into school, we have decided to send notifications whenever your child visits first aid, except in very minor cases such as a small paper cut or similarly insignificant incident.

We will review this approach again at the end of the term, so please do provide feedback if you feel the number of notifications is either too much or not enough. Your views will help us determine the most appropriate way to communicate with families going forward.

Thank you for your continued support.





Hampshire County Council

We will be in a school local to you on this date during the October Half Term.

- **30 October 2026**
- St Peter's - Waterlooville
- Book here - Hampshire Outdoors - Bikeability – Hampshire County Council Shop

If anybody missed their Level 2 delivery – Email us and we can book you in as there are some Level 2 spaces available.

Road Safety update

With 221 children and young people, between the age of 0 - 15 years, killed, injured or seriously injured on Hampshire's roads in 2025, it is essential children are learning about the dangers of the road from an early age. Please see below what the Road Safety Team are offering this term to enable you to support your pupils and parents in understanding what safer choices they can make, now and in the future.

Parent modelling good behaviour workshop - Monday 16 November from 12:00 - 12:30 - Parent webinar registration form



Signposting

Please note from time to time we signpost families to local activities and clubs. Whilst we are selective in what we send out, this should not be seen as a recommendation or endorsement. We do not carry out the same checks for signposted activities as we would for those activities hosted with the school and parents should therefore satisfy themselves that they are happy with the organisation and their activity.

The Panto letter is attached with more info about this!





Cool Milk for children eligible for FSM

Children who are eligible for Free School Meals can receive Cool Milk free of charge. To register your child and give permission for them to receive milk in school, please complete the online registration form using the link below.

Cool Milk registration link for Children eligible for free school meals.

Once registration has been completed, Cool Milk will arrange for your child to start receiving their milk at school. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

