



Newsletter 14 - 14th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been blessed with beautiful spring weather, which has certainly lifted our spirits! Last Friday, we celebrated World Book Day in style, with an array of fantastic and creative costumes on display and a special visit from author Stephen Davies. It was heartwarming to see how reading has inspired all our children, sparking their imaginations and enthusiasm.

Earlier this term, all classes participated in a new orienteering programme which is a new addition to our Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (OAA) at school. The children had a wonderful time using maps and exploring the field, honing their navigation skills while having fun. We are excited to incorporate more of these engaging activities into our curriculum so that the children can enjoy them all year round.

I am also thrilled to share the astonishing success of our PTA Golden Ticket sales. A remarkable 167 prizes have been claimed by the Golden Ticket winners! We will announce the total amount raised in our next newsletter, so stay tuned for that exciting news.

Warm regards,

Marie Cahill

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Executive Headteacher

Homophobic language

Recently, we have noticed an increase in the use of offensive, homophobic language in school. Some pupils are using the term 'gay' in a derogatory way, designed to hurt and upset others. Others are using it in a more low level, but nonetheless unacceptable way as a substitute for stupid or rubbish.

This morning, Mrs Linnegar and I led two assemblies, one each for Upper/Lower school respectively to clarify and remind the children how hurtful words can be and the impact they have on people's lives. We discussed how using homophobic and other offensive language can make others feel excluded, upset, or unsafe. The children are always encouraged to think before they speak and to be kind and respectful towards others. Please support us in reminding the children of this important message at home and in school, thank you.



Traffic Safety Reminder

We are pleased to report that traffic outside the school gates has improved, thanks to those who now avoid parking in the restricted areas. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

However, we must address a concern regarding some persistent offenders who continue to cause congestion along The Avenue by turning and driving against the traffic. This poses a serious safety risk for our children.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE avoid using the school gates as a turning point, as this is particularly dangerous with so many children arriving at school. We urge you to continue to utilise the voluntary one-way route to ensure our community remains safe for everyone. Your support in this matter is crucial for the wellbeing of all our pupils. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.





Thank You for Your Support!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who ordered books during last week's book fair. Thanks to your generous support, we raised an incredible **£1,152** for our school!

This fantastic achievement will allow us to purchase new books from Scholastic to replenish book corners in all classrooms, fostering an even greater love for reading among our students.

Your enthusiasm for promoting literacy makes a significant difference in our school community. Thank you for your continued support!

Attendance Reminder

If you take your children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £80.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £160.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

[Click here](#) for our full Attendance & Absence Policy.

Spotlight on the Owls Club!

At New Haw Community School, our Owls Club is the perfect way to brighten up the afternoons! Even when the weather is dark and rainy, there's never a dull moment. Our fantastic Owls team—Mrs. Trowbridge, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Mercure—ensure that every session is filled with fun and laughter.

Recently, the children had a blast doing the Hokey Cokey dance and even got creative making delicious trifles!



Maths Competition Success at Fullbrook

Last Wednesday, March 5th, Miss Dunn had the pleasure of taking eight talented children from Year 5 and Year 6 to Fullbrook Secondary School for their annual maths competition. The atmosphere was electric as our students prepared to showcase their mathematical skills alongside peers from other schools.

Representing Year 6 were Seren L, William, Callum, and Isa, while Year 5 was proudly represented by Logan, Daniyal, Poppy G, and Thien. Together, they formed two enthusiastic teams.

We are thrilled to announce that one of our teams secured an impressive 3rd place, while the other team finished closely behind in 4th place. Both teams exhibited remarkable teamwork, determination, and a passion for maths, making us incredibly proud.

All participants received certificates for their hard work and commitment, while the team that came in 3rd place was awarded medals—a fantastic recognition of their achievement!



Year 4 Visit to the Buddhist Temple

This week, Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Buddhist Temple in Woking, providing a lovely and calming conclusion to their Buddhism unit of work. The students had the opportunity to see their learning in action, exploring various Buddhist artefacts and experiencing the serene atmosphere of the temple.

Highlights of the visit included a tour of the temple, featuring the impressive White Room—a peaceful space designed for relaxation. The students also had the chance to meet some local monks and participate in a meditation session, deepening their understanding of Buddhist practices.

It was an enriching experience for all, and we are proud of how engaged and respectful our Year 4 students were throughout the visit!



Indoor Athletics Competition

Last week, our Year 3 and 4 students participated in an indoor athletics competition at Guildford Spectrum. We are proud to announce that our team finished in 4th place! It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved, showcasing teamwork and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all the athletes for their hard work and determination!



Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Run

We are thrilled to share the fantastic results from the Year 5 and 6 cross country run! Our students showcased remarkable resilience and determination as they completed an impressive 2.3km course through hilly and muddy terrain.

Each participant ran incredibly well, placing brilliantly against a field of over 100 children. Their hard work and dedication truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. Well done to all our runners!



Please [click here](#) to purchase tickets for the quiz night..



Our PTA will be hosting a second-hand book and pre-loved uniform sale in the playground after school on **Monday 24th March**. This is a fantastic opportunity to pick up some great reads and extra uniform items while supporting our school.

School Diary

Please see below for key diary dates for this term:

W/C Monday 17th March	Year 5 Bikeability - Level 2
Tuesday 18th March	Year 4 Viking Workshop (in school)
Wednesday 19th March	4R Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief Day - Mufti
Wednesday 26th March	Yr 4 Theatre Trip
Friday 28th March	4D Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Thursday 3rd April	Year 5 Easter Assembly (9:15am - 10:15am)
Friday 4th April	Year 5 Easter Assembly (9:15am - 10:15am) End of term - school closes 1:30pm
Tuesday 22nd April	School resumes

W/C 28th April	Year 4 Bikeability - Level 1
Tuesday 29th April	Year 5 - Thames Explorer (Classes 5C & 5M)
Thursday 1st May	Year 5 - Thames Explorer (Class 5S) 3Q Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY
W/C Tuesday 6th May	SATs Practise Week
Thursday 8th May	3V Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm) - CHANGED
W/C Monday 12th May	SATs Week
W/C Monday 19th May	Year 6 - PGL to Osmington Bay
Thursday 22nd May	3G Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm) - CHANGED
Friday 23rd May	End of Term - School Closes 3:25pm
Monday 2nd June	Class Photos
Thursday 5th June	5S Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm) - NEW
Thursday 12th June	4A Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm) - NEW
Tuesday 17th June	Year 3 RHS Wisley Trip - NEW

Local Information



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TA SPORTS

GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE
EASTER HALF TERM 2025

Monday 7th April & Tuesday 8th April

Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)
Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm
£30 Daily / £55 Two Day

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BOYS THURSDAY FOOTBALL
2 Day Easter Camp

WHAT?
Technical development/1st touch/receiving the ball.
Team games / combinations / 3v3, Defensive techniques and understanding.
Finishing & 4 aside transitions – attacking and defending.

WHERE?
3G Pitch
ABBEY RANGERS FC
Addlestone
KT15 2QH

WHEN?
Thursday 10th April
Thursday 17th April
8.30am – 4.00pm

AGE?
Under 5 (Reception)
Under 6 (Year 1)
Under 7 (Year 2)
Under 8 (Year 3)
Under 9 (Year 4)

COST?
£30.00 per day

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