



Newsletter - 9th January 2026

Top News

Respect Rangers of the Week

This week, we are proud to nominate our Respect Rangers for showing outstanding care and respect for books, the library, and their class reading corners. Their thoughtful behaviour, handling books carefully, keeping reading spaces tidy, and encouraging others to do the same helps create a welcoming environment where everyone can enjoy reading.

Well done to our Respect Rangers for setting such a positive example!

3G	3Q	3S	4A	4D	4R
Skye	Everley	Bethany	Myla	Darcie	Kendra
5C	5S	5V	6D	6G	6M
Naseem	Theo	Joshua C	Anaya	Luca	Fletcher

Curriculum Highlights

A Virtual Adventure Around the World

Year 4 and Year 6 had an amazing time during the VR workshops that took their geography learning to a whole new level this week! Year 4 zoomed around the world exploring incredible biomes, while Year 6 got up close with different types of volcanoes – all without leaving the classroom!

There was even a surprise animal appearance at the end, which caused lots of excitement. Everyone had great fun and learnt loads of interesting new facts to help with their geography learning.



Announcements

Is My Child Too Ill for School?

Deciding whether your child should stay home when they're unwell can be tricky. The NHS offers a helpful guide to common childhood illnesses and whether your child can still attend school. For example, children with a high temperature should stay home until it goes away, and those with vomiting or diarrhoea should stay off for at least 48 hours after symptoms stop. On the other hand, mild symptoms like a runny nose, slight cough or cold, head lice or cold sores don't usually mean they need to stay off school.

There's lots more clear advice from the NHS to help you decide what's best [here](#).

Parents in Partnership

Following a productive meeting with our PiPs in December, please find a summary of discussion points [here](#). You can also access these on our school website under 'Parent Engagement'.

Homework Expectations

Thank you to the parents who shared their thoughts at our Parents in Partnership meeting at the end of last term. Your feedback is always valued and helps us continue to improve how we work together. Please find a clear overview of our homework expectations on the [school website](#) for you to refer to.

We hope this helps support you and your child with learning at home.

Toys and Fiddle Aids from Home

Since Christmas, we have noticed that many children have received some lovely new toys, and understandably they are very excited to share them. However, this has led to an increase in items being brought into school from home.

We would like to take this opportunity to clarify our approach to **fiddle aids**, also known as **fidget toys**. Fiddle aids are small, handheld objects that can be moved around in various ways. They may be recommended by professionals for children with **Special Educational Needs (SEN)**. Fiddle aids are **not games**—they are essential tools that help them navigate the school day. They can support focus in lessons, help children regulate when overwhelmed, and offer non-verbal ways to express themselves.

At New Haw, some children with SEN may use a fiddle aid as part of their provision. **School provides these fiddle aids and these should not be brought in from home.** Decisions around their use are made and managed by staff.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping us maintain a calm, focused learning environment for all children.

What is allowed in the playground?

- Children may bring in a **soft, foam ball** for their year group's football day.
- For children who prefer a quieter activity at break or lunchtime, they may bring a **simple notebook and pencil**.
- Children are also permitted to take a **reading book** outside—this can be from home or school.

Please note that toys and other items may be confiscated and require collection from the office.

Reminders

Performing Arts Auditions

Our Performing Arts auditions start next week! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talents and shine on stage. If your child would like to take part, please check the audition schedule [here](#) for all the details. We can't wait to see the amazing performances!



PTA Clothing Collection – The Little Recyclers

The PTA have organised *The Little Recyclers* to visit our school to collect donations of unwanted clothing, shoes, bags and similar items. If you have any items you would like to donate, please place them in a bag and drop them off in front of the office doors on **Wednesday 21st January**.

Thank you for your support in helping us recycle and reduce waste. All donations will be weighed and converted into funds for the school!



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

21 JANUARY
WEDNESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

✓ WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

✗ WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

Planning Ahead

Next week:

12th & 13th January - Year 6 Trip to Weybridge Synagogue

13th January - Year 3 Trip to Woking Park

15th January - Year 4 Swimming Lessons

16th January - 3S Class Assembly



Keep up-to-date with all school events on our School Calendar [here!](#)

Local News

All news and information on local activities can be found on the Noticeboard of our website [here.](#)

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👉 <https://www.instagram.com/p/DP6loFCDhGp/>