



Newsletter - 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another successful half term comes to a close.

Amongst the many wonderful experiences for pupils and staff to enjoy over the last few weeks, two in particular stand out; the Performing Arts event this week (see Mrs Buttaci's note below) and a visit from the well-known percussionist Jim Bernadin a few weeks ago. As you remember pupils were asked to make their own drum to participate in the workshop with Jim - listening to 360 pupils play their own instruments was an uplifting and fun experience! There is a wonderful display in school recording the event - see picture below. Do take the time to seek it out when you are next in the building.



### Uniform

With the holiday upon us please take the opportunity to replenish and replace articles of uniform as required. Please note;

- Leggings under shorts or skirts are not part of the uniform and are **not** allowed.
- If it's a PE day and the weather is cold please wear tracksuit bottoms.
- If children wish to wear a skirt and the weather is cold, please wear tights.
- Fluffy socks are not part of the school uniform.
- School skirts and trousers need to be grey and not black.
- All pupils need to wear black school shoes, not trainers or boots.

Please click [here](#) for our full uniform details.

Looking ahead there are further highlights to look forward to, including, Book Week and I hear the PTA are organising another Wonka Bar sale! Watch this space for further details and Follow us on Instagram to keep up with the latest news, photos, and updates:

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

In the meantime I wish you all a happy and restful half term break.

Best wishes,



Marie Cahill  
Executive Headteacher

## **Top News**

### **Respect Rangers of the Week**

Our amazing Respect Rangers have been nominated for their outstanding appearance and the pride they show in wearing their school uniform!

Every day, they set the standard — shirts tucked in, shoes polished, ties straight, and smiles ready. But it's not just about looking smart — it's about the respect, responsibility, and school spirit they show while wearing it. They truly understand that our uniform represents who we are as a school community.

Thank you, Respect Rangers, for leading by example and reminding us all that when we look smart, we feel smart and we shine even brighter!

<b>3G</b>	<b>3Q</b>	<b>3S</b>	<b>4A</b>	<b>4D</b>	<b>4R</b>
Freya	Willow	Esme	Aaron	Aubrey	Jasper
<b>5C</b>	<b>5S</b>	<b>5V</b>	<b>6D</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6M</b>
Orla	Scarlett	Dean	Ernie	Logan	Rhys

### **House Points Update**

Hold onto your hats... there's been a shake-up on the leaderboard this week!

With a mighty surge of points, the Green Dragons have *flown* into 2nd place, swooping past the Yellow Phoenixes and the Blue Hippogriffs. What a comeback! Excellent effort, Dragons!

It's still incredibly close — just a handful of points between 2nd, 3rd and 4th place! Every house point counts, so keep showing respect, working hard, and earning those points for your team.

<b>Red Griffins</b>	<b>Green Dragons</b>	<b>Yellow Phoenixes</b>	<b>Blue Hippogriffs</b>
5857	5169	5151	5118

## Performing Arts



A HUGE **congratulations** to all the children who took part in this week's performing arts evenings! We are incredibly proud of all the children's hard work and enthusiasm. Seeing them shine on the stage was really special! Such talent and confidence! Here are a couple of photos, but keep your eyes peeled for more photos coming soon on Instagram!

## Items in School

At New Haw, we are always striving to provide a safe, happy, and focused learning environment where all pupils can thrive throughout the school day. Working closely with our parent community plays a vital role in helping us achieve this.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in pupils bringing personal items and money into school. On occasion, this has resulted in children purchasing items from one another. For everyone's safety, pupils must not bring any items into school. This also includes money, toys, valuables, and any items that may be dangerous, unsafe or distracting during the school day.

We kindly ask for your support in regularly checking bags and pockets before and after school to help us maintain a safe and focused learning environment.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

## School Drop off

We are becoming increasingly concerned for the safety of pupils who are dropped off early or arrive early to school in the mornings.

This issue has been highlighted by a number of incidents where pupils have left the road, unbeknown to parents, in order to visit the local shop. Consequently such pupils are unsupervised and no one is aware of their location.

For any parents who need to drop children off early, the school has a breakfast club available from 7.45am.

Pupils are admitted onto the school site at 8.30am. Pupils should remain supervised by a parent or carer until they enter the school grounds, where staff will be on duty to welcome them.

Please note that pupils arriving earlier than **8.25am** will be transferred to **Larks**, and a fee will be chargeable for this provision.

## **Library Book Audit**

We will be carrying out an audit of our school library books on **Thursday 5th March**.

If your child has borrowed a library book, we kindly ask that it is returned during the first week back after half term, beginning **Monday 23rd February**. This will help us ensure all books are accounted for ahead of the audit.

If your child is still in the middle of reading their library book, it will need to be kept in the classroom until after the audit has been completed.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and support.

## **Osmington Bay 2027 Launched!**

Excitement is building as our **Year 6 PGL trip to Osmington Bay** has officially been launched!

Last week, **Miss Mellor** and **Mrs Shadbolt** hosted a parent information meeting via Teams, sharing all the important details about what promises to be an unforgettable adventure filled with team challenges, outdoor activities, and plenty of fun.

Couldn't make the meeting?

No problem! You can catch up by viewing the presentation here:

👉 <https://www.new-haw.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Visits&pid=75>

To secure your child's place, deposits **must be paid by today** via the **Arbor app** (under the '*Trips*' section).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Curriculum Highlights

This week, Year 3 were lucky enough to be visited by the incredible director of the dance company *Made By Katie Green*. The children had a fantastic time learning from such a talented professional and gaining a glimpse into the world of performance and choreography.

Next term, Year 3 will begin their exciting Heroes vs Villains PE Dance unit, where Katie has choreographed a thrilling battle between good and evil! Through powerful movements and dramatic storytelling, the children will bring this epic showdown to life.

We can't wait to see them master the dance moves and tell a captivating story through performance. Watch this space!



## School Fun


### **World Book Day**


After half term, we'll be diving into a special week of celebration for our love of books — and what a fantastic week we have planned!

Our ever-popular Scholastic Book Fair returns from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th March. It's the perfect chance to discover exciting new stories, meet amazing characters, and maybe even find your next favourite book! Every purchase helps earn rewards for our school too.

To celebrate World Book Day, we're inviting children to come dressed as their favourite book character on **Friday 6th March** (if they would like to take part). We can't wait to see the playground transformed into a parade of wizards, superheroes, detectives, animals, and much-loved storybook stars!

And that's not all... our PTA's famous Golden Ticket chocolate bars are back! They will be on sale in the playground on:

 Tuesday 3rd March

 Friday 6th March

Will you unwrap a winning ticket?

## Caribbean Instrument Competition Winners!

A huge congratulations to the winners of our **Caribbean Instrument Competition!** We were blown away by the creativity, effort and musical flair shown in all of the fantastic entries.

Our talented winners have had their wonderful handmade instruments proudly showcased in a special display around school, where everyone can admire and enjoy their amazing creations.

Well done to all who took part — your rhythm, imagination and hard work truly deserve to be celebrated!

Class	Winner name
3Q	Monroe
3G	Brennan
3S	Ezaan
4R	Arthur F
4D	Elsie
4A	Harvey
5S	Henry
5C	William
5V	Ed
6M	Tommy
6D	Jessica
6G	Poppy





A huge thank you to everyone who kindly dropped off bags for our **Little Recyclers** scheme! Thanks to your generosity and support, we raised **£25.75** for our school.

It's fantastic to see our community coming together to recycle, reduce waste, and raise valuable funds at the same time.

As they say — **every little helps!** Thank you for making a difference.



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If you can volunteer for any of our upcoming events, please sign up below. Thank you!

**Golden Ticket Bars**

[volunteersignup.org/B8Q4D](https://volunteersignup.org/B8Q4D)

**Egg Hunt**

[volunteersignup.org/8B8ET](https://volunteersignup.org/8B8ET)

**Uniform Sale**

[volunteersignup.org/Q3E9M](https://volunteersignup.org/Q3E9M)



**GOLDEN TICKET BARS**  
**3rd and 6th March**

Golden Ticket Chocolate Bars will be on sale  
 for £2.50 both afternoons in the playground  
 from 3.15 to 3.45pm

**200 Golden Ticket prizes to be won!**

- FREE PLACE & PERK!  
CHOOSE FOR 1  
SUMMER-TERM CLUB
- COOPERATED FOR YOU  
AND 3 FRIENDS  
WITH YOUR TEACHER
- MAKE MILKSHAKES  
FOR YOU AND  
3 FRIENDS
- BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL  
WITH MISS CANNELL AND  
3 FRIENDS
- JUST DANCE SESSION  
FOR YOUR CLASS

SCAN FOR PRE-SALES HERE



AND LOTS MORE!



## ***Planning Ahead***

Coming up:

16th - 20th February - Half Term

23rd February - Year 4 Sound Dome

26th February - Year 4 Swimming

27th February - 4R 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.](#)

- ★ Advertisements for Half Term clubs
- ★ Year 5 11+ test exam information

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