



Newsletter 10 - 24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who took the time to provide feedback on our Communications and Future Learning Topics. I'm pleased to announce that the overwhelming choice for Future Learning Topics was 'Helping Your Child to Resolve Conflict'.

We are delighted to report that 82% of respondents expressed satisfaction with our current communications, with the majority preferring to receive school updates via text and email. Additionally, 76% of you feel clear about upcoming school events, and 94% find our bi-weekly newsletter helpful. We appreciate your suggestions for more targeted content, and we are actively reviewing your comments to implement improvements moving forward.

It has been an eventful week, with our Young Voices group performing at the O2 and several exciting trips taking place across the school. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to enrich our children's learning experiences.

And lastly, it was a great pleasure to host our VIP winner, Dean Newton and his friends Toby, Lucas and Ehsan during Dean's VIP day. The boys enjoyed breakfast in my office, treats at breaktime and lunch in a local restaurant. They were a joy to be with and all reported that they had a great day. So did I!

Warm regards,

Marie Cahill

Marie Cahill
Executive Headteacher



Year 6 Adventures: Exciting Trips and Activities

Year 6 have been very busy over the past couple of weeks. On Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th, they had the opportunity to visit Weybridge Synagogue. The visit was very informative and the children came away with lots of new knowledge to support their RE learning.

On Monday 20th, the children were treated to an enchanting performance of William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The magical world of the forest came alive in the hall, transporting the children to a land of fairies, potions and mischief! Some of the children even took on the role of different characters to support the professional characters and bring the story to life.



Year 3: Geography Field Trip

Last week, Year 3 had a fantastic time on their trip to Woking Park! The outing focused on identifying human and physical features within their local environment, perfectly linking to their Geography curriculum.

The students had the opportunity to use compasses and trundle wheels, and they even created sketch maps of the area. It was a brilliant hands-on experience that brought their learning to life. Well done, Year 3, for your enthusiasm and curiosity!



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.



4th September 2024

Dear parents and carers

Important update on Attendance – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices Information for Parents

As you know good attendance at school for all pupils is critical for successful pupil achievement .

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes came into effect on 19th August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19th August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10-school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19th August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Please find links to two documents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/back-into-school/resources-for-families/>

The attendance Policy has been reviewed, in line with the new statutory guidance, and can be found on the policies page of the school website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding this matter.

Kind regards

Marie Cahill
Executive Head



Young Voices



This week, our Young Voices group had the incredible opportunity to perform at the O2, joining nearly 9,000 children from other schools to create the world's largest choir!

Our Young Voices members have dedicated themselves to months of preparation for this fantastic event on Wednesday. We are immensely proud of our pupils; they were absolutely brilliant and sang their hearts out!

A special thank you to Jasmine Luis who made a fantastic New Haw banner so all the parents could spot our group easily. Excellent idea!



Fitness Initiative

We're excited to announce that table tennis is now available as an additional activity during lunchtime! This initiative aims to encourage our students to be physically active and to foster a passion for sport and exercise.

As we continue to promote a healthy lifestyle, we hope to build on this enthusiasm by launching a table tennis club in the summer term. We believe this will provide an excellent opportunity for students to further develop their skills, engage with their peers, and enjoy the benefits of regular physical activity.



Parents' Evening Appointments



Thank you to all the parents who have already booked their appointments for Parents' Evening. An email detailing the arrangements was sent out on Monday, 20th January.

Appointments will be held on the following dates:

- Monday 3rd February for Year 3
- Tuesday 4th February for Years 4, 5, and 6
- Thursday 6th February for Years 3, 4, 5, and 6

Please remember to book your appointment before the closing date of **Tuesday, 28th January at 10am.**
<https://newhaw.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

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IMPORTANT: Nut-Free School Reminder

Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school and nut products should not be sent in for snacks or in lunchboxes. This includes Nutella, chocolate spreads and cereal bars containing nuts.

Many children in school have severe nut allergies. By asking everyone to be mindful of nut products in school, we try to create a safe environment for these children who would have a very serious reaction should they come into contact with them.

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Message from the Eco-Warriors



RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch (Friday 24th to Sunday 26th January)

It's birdwatch time! Did you know that we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years? Each year, the RSPB carries out a nationwide survey to see how birds are doing.

It's as easy as 1,2,3!

1. Spend an hour watching birds land in your garden
2. Record the highest number of each species.
3. Tell the RSPB your results

Sign up on the RSPB website to take part in the world's largest garden wildlife survey TODAY! Click on the image below to access the website. Here you will find a spotter's guide and so much more.

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School Diary

Please see below for key diary dates for this term:

Monday 27th January

VR Workshops - Year 4 & Year 6

Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th January	Jim Bernadin Workshops
Thursday 30th January	5M Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Friday 31st January	6G Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm) Mid-year reports sent home
Tuesday 4th February	Parents' Evening - Online Appointments Safer Internet Day
Thursday 6th February	Parents' Evening - Online Appointments
Tuesday 11th February	Performing Arts Evening
Thursday 13th February	Performing Arts Evening
Friday 14th February	End of term - school finishes at 3:25pm
Monday 24th February	School Resumes
Thursday 27th February	Sound Dome - Year 4 6D Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Thursday 6th March	6M Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm) World Book Day - Optional dress-up
W/C Monday 10th March	Year 5 Bikeability - Level 2

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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

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