

To prepare our children to reach their full potential in a modern, evolving and diverse world.

Autumn 2 2025-26 – Week 5

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Hanslope School's Christmas Fayre – THANK YOU!



A huge, HUGE thank you to all pupils, parents, carers and staff for their support at this year's Christmas Fayre. We're totting up the totals as we speak! A really special thank you must also go to **Mrs Lovegood and Melissa Scott** for the organisation of the event!

Hanslope School's Official Facebook Group

Please join our **Facebook group** where we post about upcoming events. It's the best way to keep posted! To join, follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/385370060554710/>



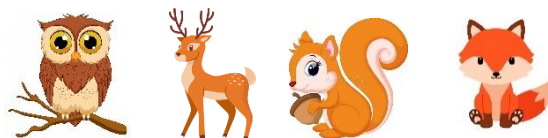
Celebrating Hanslope's Winners!

TTRockstars



TTR winners from Week 3 and 4 were **Hawthorn class!**
Congratulations!

House-Points



Housepoint winners in Week 3 were **Squirrel** and Week 4 were **Fox!**

Weekly Attendance Figures

Our whole school attendance target is 95% or more for the end of this academic year. Every week, we will share the percentage attendance for each class! **Congratulations to Rowan class!**

	Larch	96.4
	Laurel	95.7
	Alder	95.5
	Hazel	95.7
	Rowan	99.1
	Redwood	93.9
	Beech	98.6
	Blackthorn	95.8
	Hawthorn	96.5
	Lime	89.5
	Poplar	92.6
	Totals (%)	95.5



Did you know...

If your child finishes the year with **95% attendance** they will still have missed 10 school days, which equates to around **55 hours of learning time?**

In fact, if your child misses just one day in the week it equates to them missing **20%**, with their weekly attendance sitting at just **80%**.

Remember: every day counts!

UKS2's learning this half-term

This term, our Year 5 and 6 pupils have enjoyed a vibrant and enriching series of activities exploring *Día de los Muertos*, the Mexican 'Day of the Dead' celebration. We began by learning about the history and traditions behind the festival, gaining an appreciation for how different cultures honour remembrance through their *ofrendas*.

In English, students produced some truly fabulous descriptive writing inspired by the colours, symbolism and atmosphere of the event. Our Religious Education sessions linked seamlessly with Year 6's topic on religious and cultural world views, allowing pupils to reflect on how communities around the world celebrate life and remember loved ones.

To further immerse ourselves, we took part in Spanish sessions focused on the festival's key vocabulary and customs. Finally, pupils expressed their creativity through art, studying symmetry and design before creating their own brightly coloured skull masks.

It has been a wonderfully cross-curricular learning experience—full of colour, culture and creativity!



The Christmas post-box is back!

This year, we will be running the Christmas Post-Box once again. Children are encouraged to bring Christmas cards into school for their school friends. The Post-Box will open from **w.b Monday 1st December** with the last posting day as **Monday 15th December**. We request that specific details are on the front of the envelope in order for sorting to be easier for the Year 6 children to sort. Please ensure there is: *the child's full name (if known), year group and class name.*



Some sporting updates!

A Cross-Country BONANZA! By Mia-Rae (Lime)

Recently, we took part in a pretty big cross-country tournament with other local schools. I didn't feel too nervous when I arrived at cross-country as Miss Goodwin had explained exactly how the event would run. We completed a warm-up before the event started. We walked around the outskirts of the track to see where we needed to be for our race. Me and the other senior girls walked to the start. When I heard the starting gun, I started to run and - once I ran the first lap - the hill became a little more difficult! Once I got to the finish line, the people that were helping out with the event gave me a piece of paper which said where I placed on it! I came first, Max in LKS2 came first as well but the important this is that **everyone** that took part did an amazing job!

Our two winners - Max and Mia-Rae!



LKS2 inter-schools Tag Rugby!

Last week, Hanslope school and Rhino were host to an amazing sporting event with various schools taking part! The Year 6 captains and vice captains were fabulous helpers, making sure the event ran smoothly! Here is a short piece from **Sienna, Deer House Captain!**

On Monday, the other house captains and I helped run a tournament with Year 3 and 4, with schools such as Boothville and Hunsbury Park as well as, of course, Hanslope. The other schools were a pleasure to host! All the teams did exceptionally well and Hanslope's two teams came 3rd and 1st! It was a hard, but fun job - and now we really feel like we know what it's like to be teachers! 🧐 🧐



A visit from the dentist!



Dentist visit to EYFS and Key Stage One

One Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have two dentists visit from Stratford House Dental Practice. They came in to give us an assembly about the importance of brushing our teeth!

All the children were brilliant at participating and were eager to share their knowledge of what you should do to keep your teeth healthy.

We were reminded to:

- Brush our teeth twice daily (morning and evening)
- Brush for two minutes
- Try not to eat too many unhealthy foods and drinks (for example sweets and fizzy drinks)
- If we do, to drink some water after and wait a little while before brushing our teeth



The children really enjoyed hearing advice from the experts and all seem to be looking forward to their next dentist appointment! Stratford House Dental Practice were also kind enough to give all the children a goody bag with a sand timer in to support brushing their teeth for 2 minutes.

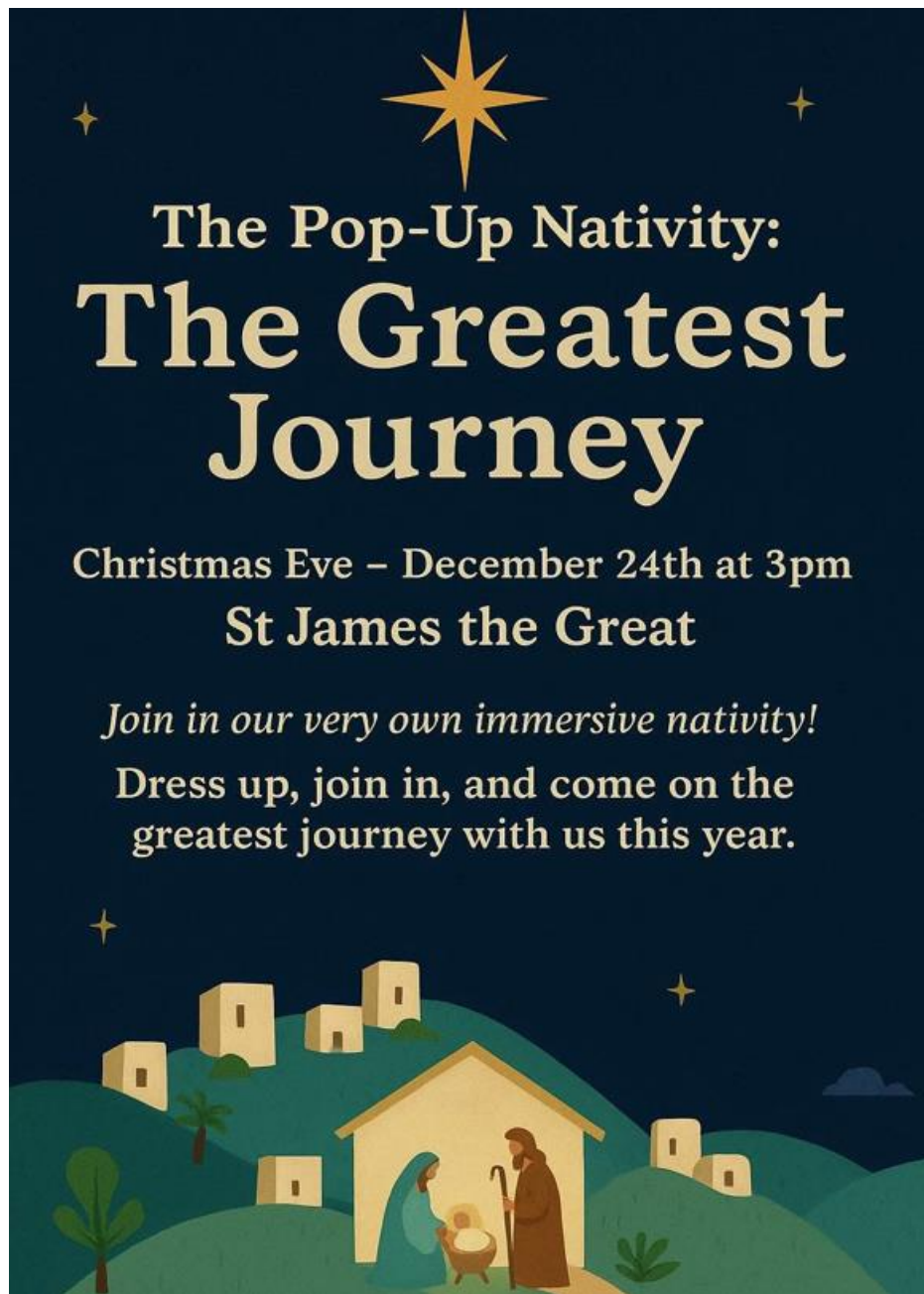
Year 4's DT project!



Food Technology in Year 4

This term, the children have been exploring the world of chocolate in their DT sessions. They began by researching the origins of chocolate and learning about the fascinating journey from cacao bean to chocolate bar. After completing their research, the children designed and created their own chocolate, choosing flavour combinations to suit their tastes. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and produced thoughtful, high-quality evaluations of their finished products.

External Advertisement – St James Pop-Up Nativity!



Dates for your calendar

Remember, it is possible to sync the school calendar on our website onto your phone by following this link: <https://www.hanslopeschool.co.uk/calendar-help>

Here is a reminder of the upcoming diary dates for you to plan ahead. Please note that all the dates and times shown here are accurate at the time of publication - alterations to the information listed below may happen due to unforeseen circumstances; if this does occur, we will endeavour to let you know as quickly as possible.

Please note: the dates for our Christmas performances are as follows:

EYFS/KS1 performances to parents: Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December (in school)

LKS2 performances to parents: Thursday 11th and Friday 12th December (in school)

UKS2 performance and Y6 Christingle to parents: Tuesday 16th December (at Hanslope Church)

All of the performances start at 9:30am.

Saturday 6th December – Choir @ St James for concert (more details to follow)

9th and 10th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance (more details to follow)

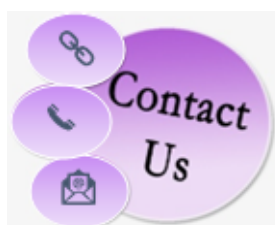
11th and 12th December – LKS2 Christmas performances (more details to follow)

Tuesday 16th December – UKS2 Christmas performance (more details to follow)

Friday 19th December – Christmas Jumper Day and end of Autumn Term

Monday 5th January – Staff INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January – Spring Term Starts



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