

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

**Spring 1 2025-26 – Week 3**

## HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### A plea from Mrs McGarr



We are currently looking to refresh resources in Mrs McGarr's wellbeing space and would be very grateful for any donations of old or unwanted **jigsaws or games** that are still in good condition. These will be used to support pupils' wellbeing during the school day. If you are able to help, please send items into school. Thank you for your continued support.

### Extra-Curricular Talent

At Hanslope School, we are incredibly proud of the wonderful achievements our pupils make both in and out of the classroom. Whether it's sports, music, art, volunteering, competitions, clubs, or even personal milestones - **we'd love to hear about it!** If your child has done something fantastic outside of school that you think deserves a special mention, please let us know so we can celebrate it in our school newsletter or Facebook group. Big or small, every achievement matters!

✉️ Send your stories, photos or details to:  
[emma.norris@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:emma.norris@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk)



### 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 last week were  
**Hawthorn Class!**

## House-Points



Housepoint winners from last  
week were **Fox House!**

## 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 Redwood Class!**

	Larch	97.7
	Laurel	97.1
	Alder	98.8
	Hazel	97.7
	Rowan	98.6
	Redwood	98.9
	Beech	93.2
	Blackthorn	99.1
	Hawthorn	95.8
	Lime	95.2
	Poplar	94.2
	Totals (%)	97



## 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!**

# VW Day!

Sienna and Vanessa, our House Captain and Vice-Captain of Deer House, have written a short piece about their experience of VW Day last week:

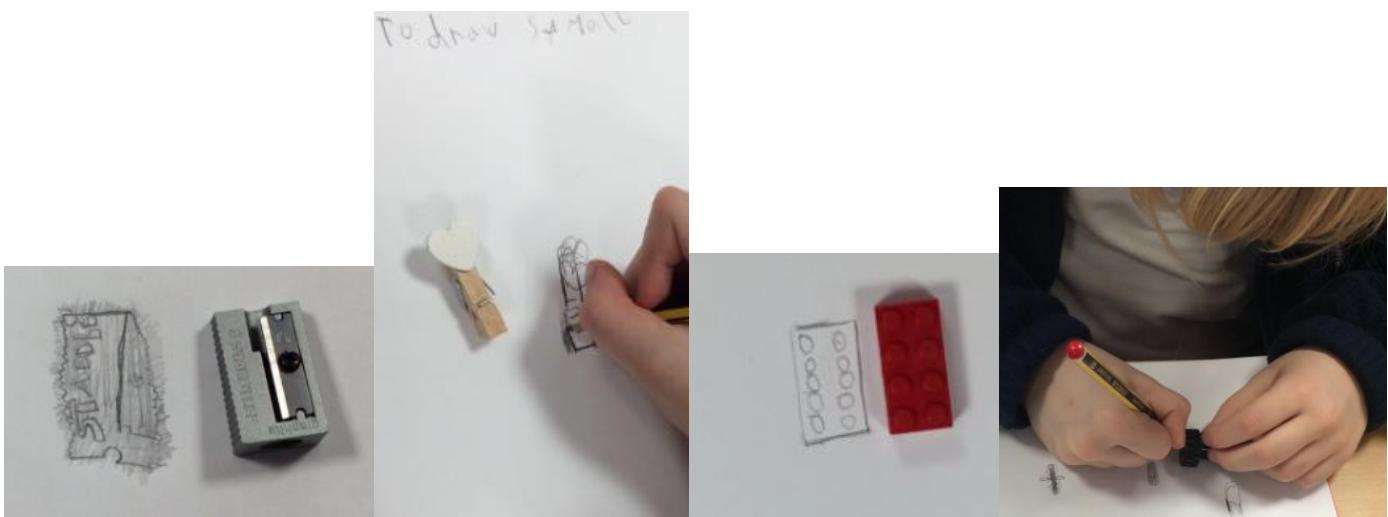
Sienna: The Volkswagen Day was run for Foundation through to Year 6 and everyone took part in an assembly, as well as lots of activities. We also got to go and look in some cars. Although I don't really have interest in cars, my favourite thing was definitely going inside the cars!

Vanessa: The Volkswagen day was amazing! We got to explore the world of engineering by designing and advertising a car which was to be fitted to the person that we were given - our owner was a woman with 3 children and a big fluffy dog, which would take up 2 car spaces, so we knew to choose a car with the specification of at least 6 spaces, and a passenger seat. We also explored so many cars, all made by the Volkswagen group (like a Skoda, an Audi and a Cupra, and find out a little about how they work.



## Getting Arty in Year 2!

Last week, Year Two were honing their sketching skills in their art and design books. The year twos were asked to think carefully about the shape, slow their looking and mark making to create small detailed sketches. I think you will agree that we have some budding artists in the class!



# Some sssssneaky visitors for Year 4

Year 4 enjoyed an exciting visit from Rainforest Dave on Tuesday 20th January. He brought a fascinating variety of rainforest animals, giving the children the opportunity to observe them closely, hold them carefully and learn interesting facts about their habitats. The children revisited the four layers of the rainforest and explored how different plants and animals are adapted to survive in each layer. They also had the chance to ask Dave questions and learn about his travelling adventures to rainforests around the world, where he shared funny stories about fruit bats and explained why you definitely wouldn't want to spend too long standing underneath one! "The snake wrapped its tail around my wrist. It looked slimy, but it wasn't," said Emma (Redwood), while Eli added, "The snake was nice and soft." Chloe shared, "I liked the owl best because it flew over our heads," and Avah said, "My favourite animal was the gecko because I liked its patterns."



# 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.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** – Year 6 ‘Empower and Challenge’ Workshop

**Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 6 Mock SATS Week

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – EYFS/KS1 Parents/Carers in to see Maths work (more details to follow)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – LKS2 Parents/Carers in to see Maths work (more details to follow)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – UKS2 Parents/Carers in to see Maths work (more details to follow)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Whole School ‘Number Day’

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet Day

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Parents’ Evening (more details to follow)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Parents’ Evening (more details to follow)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Term Ends

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Term Starts



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