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

**Spring 2 2025-26 – Week 3**

## HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### A famous visitor at Hanslope School!

To kick-start our 'Book Week' last week, we were visited by the very talented Lizzie Waterworth - a voice actor for the Horrid Henry series, who has also penned her own self-esteem boosting book - 'How to Talk so People Will Listen: and Sound Confident (Even When You're Not)'. Lizzie spoke about her work as a voice actor, before running confidence workshops with the children across the school - it was a great way to start our week thinking about all things books!



### 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

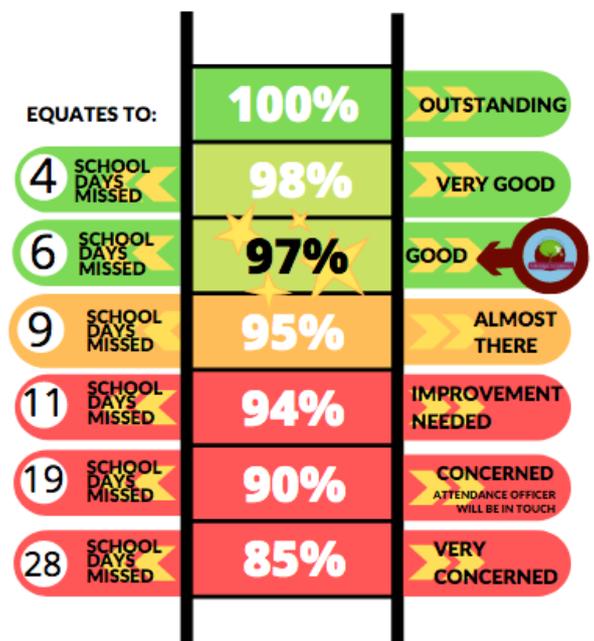


Housepoint winners from last week were **Deer** House!

## 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 Hawthorn class!**

	Larch	98.6
	Laurel	97.1
	Alder	99.1
	Hazel	98.2
	Rowan	93.3
	Redwood	98.9
	Beech	99.5
	Blackthorn	98.2
	Hawthorn	100
	Lime	97.1
	Poplar	93.7
	Totals (%)	97.7



## 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!**

## World Book Day!

Last week, our school was filled with excitement as we celebrated World Book Day together. From the moment the doors opened in the morning, the corridors were buzzing with colourful costumes, favourite characters and a shared love of reading.

Across KS2, classes took part in a wide range of engaging reading and art activities, especially focusing on the concept of light and dark after studying *The Dark* by Lemony Snicket. One of the highlights of the week was also a series of Traitors-style reading challenges, where children worked together to solve clues, discuss texts and think carefully about the stories they were exploring. These activities brought a sense of mystery and teamwork to reading and children loved the chance to put their detective skills to the test.

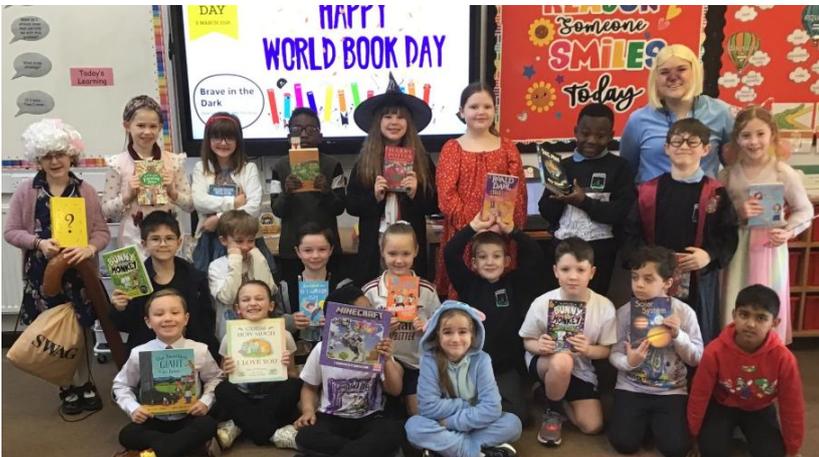
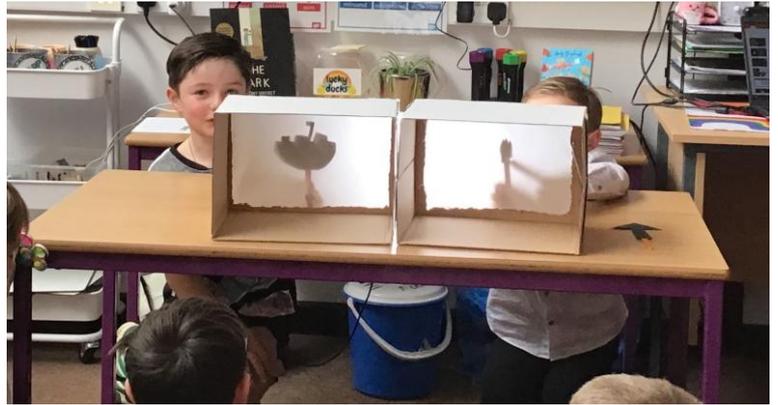
The Year 6 children also had the opportunity to visit Hanslope pre-school to complete some reading and book-based practical activities. This meant they were able to build relationships with some of the children who will be coming into Hanslope School next academic year - it was a roaring success with all of the Year 6 children desperate to visit again - a promise that we can keep after SATS!

In Key Stage 1, the morning was full of creativity and imagination. Children enjoyed a range of activities based on well-loved stories such as *Paddington*, *Oi Dog* and *Goldilocks*. From storytelling and role play to crafts and writing, the classrooms were alive with enthusiasm as children brought their favourite books to life.

A special mention must go to everyone's fantastic costumes. From classic characters to modern favourites, children and staff alike looked amazing and truly embraced the spirit of World Book Day.

Overall, it was a brilliant day filled with reading, creativity and fun - a wonderful reminder of how much joy books can bring to our school

# Book Day Gallery



## In-School Learning



Year 1 have been enjoying reading the story *Paddington* in their English lessons. Inspired by Paddington's favourite snack, the children had the opportunity to make their own marmalade sandwiches in class this week. They carefully followed the steps, spreading marmalade onto the bread and assembling their sandwiches, just like Paddington would.



The activity was a wonderful way to bring the story to life and helped the children understand the importance of clear instructions. We talked about the different things they needed, the order of the steps and how to work safely when preparing food.

Next, the children will be using this experience to support their writing by creating their own set of instructions.

## Hanslope Pre-School's Fundraising

This March, Prestige Lawns is partnering with Hanslope Pre-school to support the incredible work of Harry's Rainbow, a local charity helping families through bereavement.

Here's how it works:

If they reach their £500 fundraising target, Prestige Lawns will complete a full professional artificial grass installation at Hanslope Pre-school completely FREE, worth £3,000.

The new lawn will give the children a safe, clean space to play all year round, whatever the weather.

To donate to this amazing cause, please follow [this link!](#)



# Easter Disco!

Just a friendly reminder to please sign your child up for our **Easter Disco** via ParentMail if you haven't already done so.

 **Date:** Thursday 26th March

 **Disco Times**

-  **3:45 - 4:45** - Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2
-  **5:00 - 6:00** - Year 3 & Year 4
-  **6:15 - 7:15** - Year 5 & Year 6

 **Tickets:** £3.50 per child

 **Payment:** ParentMail **ONLY**

 Please note there will be **no payment on the door.**

 **Deadline for payment:** Friday 20th March.

Each child will receive a **bottle of flavoured water** at the disco.

We're looking forward to a fun evening and can't wait to see everyone there! 🎵

Thank you for your support!



## Some extra-curricular celebrations!

Alicia S was really proud of what she created at home, based on the History learning that Year 4 had done on the Anglo-Saxons. This is the blurb she wrote herself:

*'Throughout the term in History and DT I have been learning about the Anglo Saxons. I have really enjoyed learning how they lived so many years ago and all the fascinating facts. I thought it was quite funny, and a little gross, how they went to the toilet using a cesspit. It was very unhygienic.'*

*'I wanted to put this learning altogether into making my own Anglo-Saxon settlement. I used mud, clay, water, hay and sticks. I also told my family all about how they used to live and what materials they used to make their settlements.'*



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)

## A visit for Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic visit from the Newport Pagnell Fire Brigade last week. The children were given a tour of a working fire engine and learned about the different pieces of equipment firefighters use in emergencies. They also took part in a theory session where they recapped the fire triangle and discussed important fire safety advice, including what to do if there is a fire at home and the "Stop, Drop and Roll" technique.

The children asked lots of great questions and really enjoyed their morning while learning valuable fire safety skills. To see more pictures visit our school website gallery: <https://hanslopeschool.co.uk/photo-galleries/the-fire-brigade-visit-year-5>



# 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.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – EYFS Mother’s Day tea party**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5/6 Residential Meeting for parents**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief**  
**w.b. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 final Mock SATS week *\*\*date altered***  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Residential Meeting for parents**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Governors Tea Party**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – School Disco**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Eggstravaganza (more details to follow)**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – TERM ENDS**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – TERM STARTS**  
**w.b. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5/6 Residential**



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