

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

Summer 2 2025 – Week 6

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Hanslope's Governors will be at the Summer Fair!

Many of you will be aware that in the last year there have been a number of new Governors joining the Governing Board: myself, Adam Johnson and Arran Collins. Along with Jon Garner and Nigel Stacey, we are hoping to meet as many parents as possible at this year's Summer Fair, where we will be running one of the stalls.

You won't miss us - we will be wearing bright yellow t-shirts with "I'm a Governor" on the front!



Hanslope School's Facebook Group

Please join our Facebook group where we post about upcoming events. It's the best way to keep posted! To join, scan the QR code, or follow the link below!

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



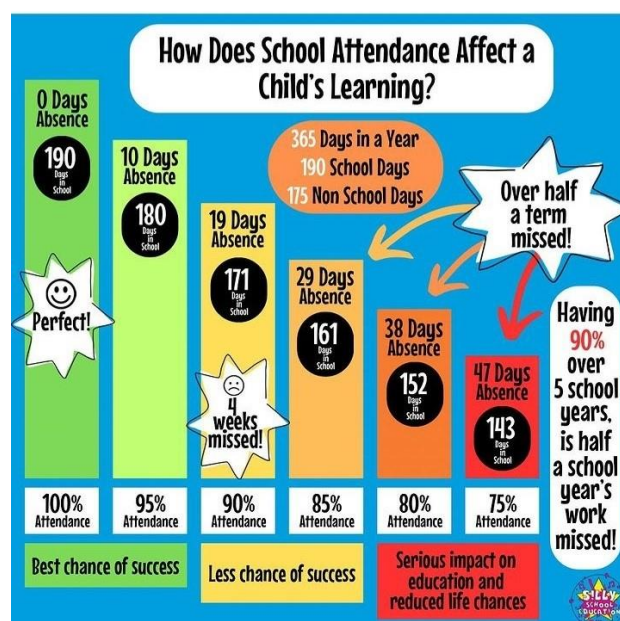
Weekly Attendance Figures

Our whole school attendance target is 95% or more for the end of this academic year. Below is a breakdown of each class's attendance **from last week**. Well done to **Blackthorn** Class for having the highest attendance rate!

Holly	95.8%
Maple	93.8%
Larch	95%
Laurel	98.7%
Alder	97.4%
Elm	96.5%
Hazel	95.5%
Rowan	97.7%
Cedar	99.1%
Redwood	93.5%
Blackthorn	99.5%
Hawthorn	96.4%
Lime	96.8%
Poplar	95.8%

School Total

96.5%



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%**.

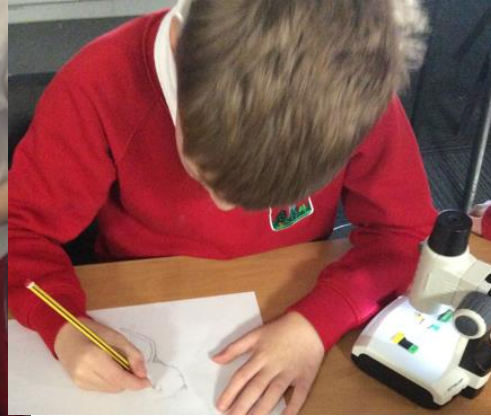
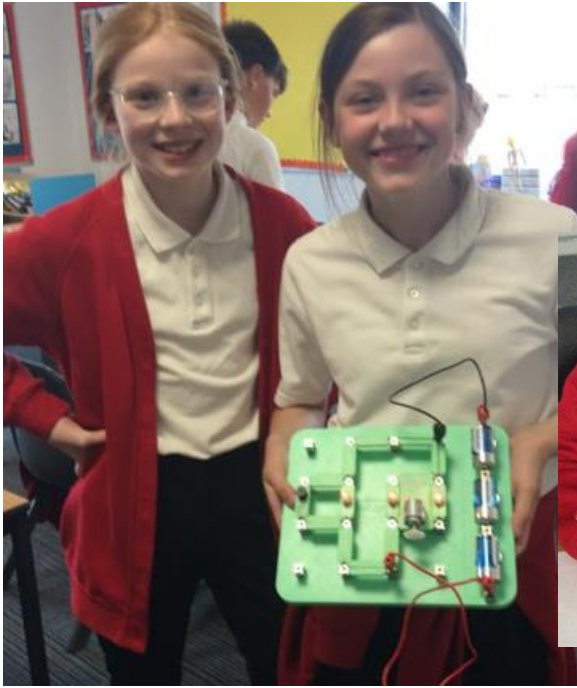
Remember: every day counts!

A bunch of budding Scientists!

We would like to thank The Royal Latin school for lending us some fantastic Science equipment over the year. Their outreach programme, financed by the Lillingstone Trust, supports local schools to deliver the Science curriculum by lending out high-quality STEM resources free of charge. Our children have really enjoyed using this equipment this year.

We have conducted experiments to prove that yeast is a living organism. Using conical flasks and balloons, we added yeast, sugar and water to see if it would respire and inflate the balloon. We also used microscopes to observe various insects and feathers and produced some amazing scientific drawings. Finally, we have built circuits using electronics boards. This extended to a Design and Technology project where we built a buzzwire game.

Our children have benefitted greatly from these resources and we are pleased to be continuing the partnership next year. A big thank you to Emma Ford for preparing the resources for us. It is really appreciated.



Osmington Bay PGL trip – Year 5/6

What a wonderful time we all had on the trip to Osmington Bay last week!
We're excited to let you know that we've uploaded some photos from our time at PGL! You can view them on our website here: <https://hanslopeschool.co.uk/photo-galleries>



Our Assembly with author V V Brown!

On 27th June, a special visitor called VV Brown came in to our school and sung and read her book - Lily and The Comb - which included many interactive scenes where the children could join in. She was accompanied by an actor and a musician to make the story more exciting for older to younger ranges of age here at Hanslope.

"I liked her singing and the storyline," Esme, Year 6

"I thought the story had a deeper meaning but great for all ages," Ivy, Year 6.

Our troop of Reading Ambassadors asked questions to Vanessa and got very valid answers to all of them. She was encouraging us all to follow our dreams and not give up.

In conclusion, she seemed very passionate about her work and her family.



The Pied Piper of Hamelin – a great success!

A great big thank you goes out to all of the cast and crew of adults who helped to make Pied Piper such a great success. Mrs Lawrence, Miss Goodwin and Mrs Pink-Hatt did a sterling job both behind and in front of the scenes!

Here are some quotes from the children who took part in the fantastic production:

"I really enjoyed having the experience of being one of the main characters in The Pied Piper (brilliantly run by Mrs Lawrence). My favourite part in the play was when Albie (who played The Mayor) walked up and down the hall during his song and shook the hands of lots of adults and the youngest audience member - a 5 month old baby!" Elliott.

"My favourite part was when the rats came on for the first time and accidentally ripped the bag open at the first dress rehearsal. In my mind, everyone did great." Imogen.



A special trip – Wimbledon 2025

On Sunday 6th July we took some Year Six children to watch the Wimbledon Championships. We navigated the train and tube system and arrived at Murry Mount in time for lunch. After visiting the shop, we headed to Court 1. The children picked up the rules of tennis really quickly and were transfixed by the tennis ball! We were lucky enough to see Cameron Norrie undertake a 4 and half hour match! We had numerous comments on how well behaved the children were and how polite and respectful they were being during the matches. The thumbs up was the photo criteria of the day and everyone had a lovely time. As promised, the day was topped off by a visit from Dug the Bug on the train, which, for a while was the highlight of the day!



Art for sale at the Summer Fair!

EYFS have done some incredible work inspired by Henri Matisse!

In **Year 1**, we have designed artwork inspired by Pete Oswald's illustrations from the books 'The Bad Seed' and 'The Good Egg'. We created a background using watercolours so our illustrations would stand out!

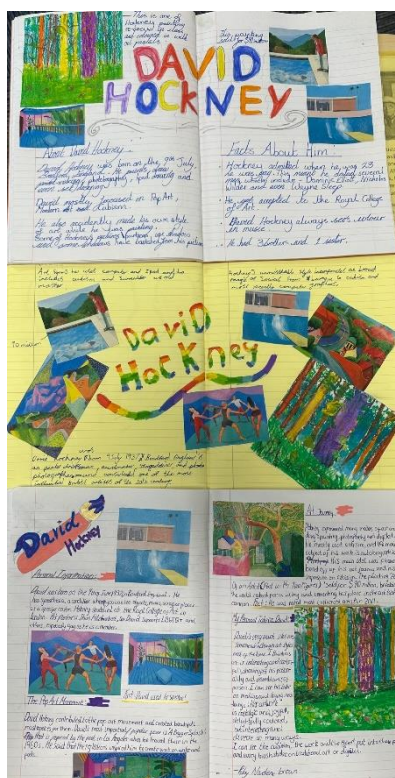
Year 2 have been inspired by the work of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, known for her bold use of colour, patterns, and her signature polka dots. The children have explored her unique style and used it as a starting point to create their own imaginative artwork full of bright colours and pattern.

Year 3 did some art work based on Diary of a Wimpy Kid. We watched some tutorials on how to draw in the style of the illustrator before using this knowledge to create our own version of the character. We put our versions onto a front cover to create our own stories.

As part of the Art Exhibition, **Year 4** explored the work of Damien Hirst, an artist known for incorporating real-life insects into his vibrant, collage-style artwork. The children studied his unique use of pattern and colour, then traced over insect images to create their own imaginative interpretations, using a variety of colours and shapes to form bold, eye-catching collages.

In **Year 5**, we focused on the 1980s. We learnt about the Berlin wall and why it was constructed after World War II. We focused on the French artist Thierry Noir, who lived in Berlin during the 80s. His art depicts human-like forms which use bold, bright colours and simple lines so he could be quick when painting the wall in order to evade the authorities. His art is seen as a protest against the wall.

In **Year 6**, we studied British artist David Hockney. We unpicked his paintings with a keen artist's eye, emulating some of his colours with pastels and acrylic and found out more about his life and background. We created double-page spreads, including some of our hand-drawn replicas, before we designed a final piece - that will be on sale at the Fair! Come along and browse our Hanslope gallery!



Raffle Prizes on offer at the Summer Fair!



We have been lucky enough this year to receive many amazing prizes that will be possible to win at this year's Hanslope Fair! A big thank you goes out to Melissa Scott for helping us source some of these offers!

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Summer Fair Raffle Tickets

We are excited to announce that **raffle tickets for our Summer Fair are now available to purchase!**

You can buy your tickets in **two easy ways:**

- 1) **In person** on the day of the Summer Fair
- 2) **Online now via ParentPay Until Thursday 10th July.**

Tickets are just **£1 per strip** in both cases.

There are some **fantastic prizes** up for grabs - take a look!

Updates – Hanslope School Readathon

A huge thank you goes out to all of the parents and children who helped support our school, and the amazing work that 'Read for Good' does in hospitals across the country. In total, we managed to make £230 for the 'Read for Good' charity, and in turn succeeded in raising over £40 for our school.

Thank you also to the Year 6 Reading Ambassadors who introduced this idea school-wide!



Hanslope School - in a Tesco near you!



You may have noticed on social media an advert for Hanslope School making the rounds on local pages and groups - that's because we have been lucky enough to be selected to be one of the schools seeking funding on the 'Tesco Stronger Starts' programme! All you have to do is simply purchase from one of the stores listed below and put your blue tokens in our Hanslope School pot! We will be there until September, so please spend your next couple of months saving so we have the chance to win the top prize of £1500!

Big thank you to Miss Norris and the reading ambassadors for making it happen!



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Express MK3 6PB
2493 Shenley Brook End Express Express
MK5 7HH
2605 Greenleys Express Express MK12 6AX
2615 Milton Keynes Heelands Express
Express MK13 7PN
2885 Milton Keynes Kingston Extra MK10
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2932 Newp Pag Elthorne Express Express
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Express MK4 4TB
5747 Olney Market Place Express Express
MK46 4BA
6561 Woburn Sands High Street Express
Express MK17 8RQ
2658 Milton Keynes Fairfields Express
Express MK11 4EB

Stronger Starts.

Dates for your calendar

Over the last few weeks, Year 6 have been working on their own 'Enterprise' project in order to raise enough funds for part of our Leavers' Day activity.

We are going to be running activities as well as making our products and selling them on stalls that will be out on Salcey playground at the end of the school day on **Thursday 17th July 2025**.

Everyone will be able to purchase our products after school from 3:15pm until around 3.45/4pm.

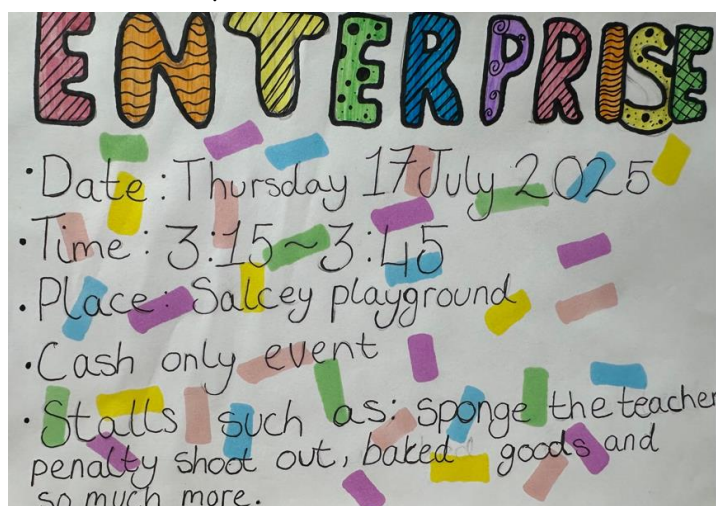
Every one of us will come up with everything - together we'll: set budgets; innovate product ideas and create marketing posters and information. We will even have to sign a loan agreement with the school to borrow money in order to purchase all of our goods to sell!

There are a variety of stalls such as: baked goods, popcorn and dessert stalls, penalty shootouts, basketball shootouts, a tombola, name the teddy, sponge the teacher and much more!

We would be incredibly grateful if you could come and take a look at our innovations and see if you would like to purchase any of the products we're making and selling this year, or alternatively, just make a donation on the day. It is advised to bring small change as most of our creations/activities cost £1/2 or less! Please note this is a **cash only** event.

Many thanks for your support!

Lime and Poplar Class - Year 6 Leavers, 2025



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 change of dates in red!

Friday 11th July - Reports Out

Saturday 12th July - School Summer Fair

Monday 14th July - Transition Afternoon

Tuesday 15th July - Transition Morning and 'Meet the Teacher' from 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 17th July - Year 6 Enterprise

Monday 21st July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (am) and Leavers' Party (pm)

Tuesday 22nd July - Term Ends



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