



# Hampton Hill Junior School

## Newsletter

14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that, another half-term passes us by!

I am pleased to share with you the recent activities and achievements here at Hampton Hill Junior School. Our pupils have been engaged in a variety of enriching experiences that contribute to their educational journey and personal growth:

Our Year 5 pupils recently enjoyed a theatre trip to watch Hampton Boy's production of Bugsy Malone. This outing provided an excellent opportunity for our pupils to appreciate the performing arts and experience live theatre. In Year 4, pupils have been exploring their creativity through clay sculpture-making. This hands-on activity allows them to develop their artistic skills and express themselves through a three-dimensional medium. Year 3 pupils have been learning practical life skills through sandwich-making activities. This not only teaches them about food preparation but also encourages independence and decision-making. As we approach the SATs period, our older pupils are diligently preparing for these assessments. We have conducted mock SATs assessments to familiarise pupils with the format and help them feel more confident. We appreciate your support in ensuring they are well-prepared and reassured during this time. I am also very proud to announce our excellent results in the recent Year 6 mixed netball tournaments: on Tuesday 11th February, our Year 6 team showed remarkable resilience, coming from behind to beat Bishop Perrin 6-5. On Thursday 13th February, the Year 6 mixed netball team had another tremendous result, with a 'gutsy' 9-7 victory over St Mary's and St Peter's CoE school! These achievements exemplify the determination and teamwork we strive to instil in our pupils. Well done, teams!

I would like to extend my gratitude to all of the parents who recently attended the 'Smartphone Free Childhood' information meeting. Your engagement in this important topic demonstrates our shared commitment to our pupils' well-being. It was also a pleasure to see so many parents at Thursday's open afternoon; your presence and interest in your children's education are invaluable, and we thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you a wonderful half term break. We look forward to welcoming all of our families back on Monday 24th February

Mr Marc Lowery

Head of School / Federation Inclusion Lead

Attendance Leader Board	
<b>Year 3</b>	95.81%
Year 5	94.56%
Year 4	94.28%
Year 6	93.61%

A massive congratulations to our Year 3's for having the best overall attendance for this half term. Will they top the leaderboard by the end of the Spring Term?

### Dates coming up:

#### February:

##### 17th—21st February— Half Term

26th February—Year 5 Parent Consultations

27th February - Year 3 Parent Consultations

27th, 28th February Year 6 Map detective Geography Trip

#### March:

5th March—Year 6 Parents Consultations

6th March World Book Day and WONKA Chocolate bar event

13th March—Year 4 Parents Consultation

21st March —Comic Relief Day

26th March—Year 4 Egyptian Day

28th March—Year 5 Trip to the Synagogue

#### April:

**4th April—End of term—1.45pm HHJS (1.30pm for CIS)**

22nd April 2025—INSET DAY

23rd April 2025—Children return to school

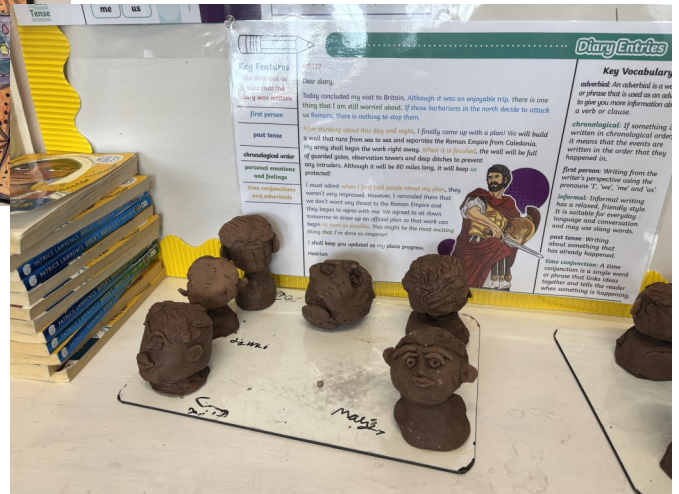
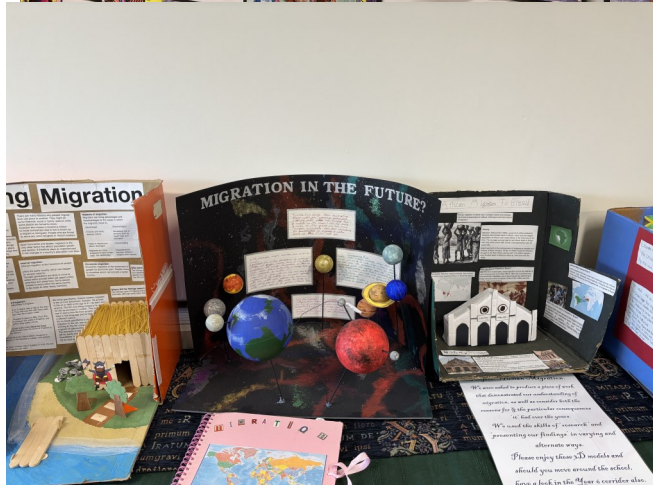


## Celebrating the children's work



What a busy half term it has been in Garrick Garden! The children have worked so hard to fill our colourful "Proud Cloud" wall with wonderful work and fantastic achievements. Congratulations everyone and we hope you have a lovely half term break.

Its been busy across all years. The children have worked so hard and have made some beautiful displays throughout the school.



## WORLD BOOK DAY—6TH MARCH 2025



### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March (World Book Day):

- ◆ All children will be encouraged to come dressed up as a book character of their choice for the day (if your child does not want to dress up, please could they wear their school uniform). If your child has PE on this day, they will be doing it in their costume but can bring in trainers to wear.
- ◆ We will hold our annual Book Swap event. Please could your child bring in a book that is age-appropriate and in good condition that they don't mind giving away.
- ◆ Each child will receive a £1 book token that they can use to exchange for a book with participating sellers.
- ◆ A special World Book Day assembly for children and staff to enjoy together.
- ◆ After school we will be selling any books we have left over from the Book Swap in the playground for a bargain price!
- ◆ Other book-related activities in class will be taking place too.
- ◆ Also don't forget the Wonka Bar Event—details in the flyer below

**Thank you for all your support in our pursuit to develop a love of reading in all our children at HHJS.**

### **Costume Donation Request for World Book Day & Egyptian Day**

With World Book Day and Egyptian Day coming up next half term, we would greatly appreciate any donations of spare costumes that other children could use. If you have any costumes that you are willing to donate, please bring them into the school office starting from **24th February**.

On **Friday, 28th February**, after school, there will be a display of the donated costumes in the school office. This will give children the opportunity to choose a costume for the upcoming events.

Thank you for your support!



On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March (World book day) we will be having a Wonka bar sale in the playground after school. Not only will you get a delicious bar of chocolate, you may find a golden ticket inside that will get you a bag of wonderful prizes! These bars are by pre-order only. **Last date for orders is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

Chocolate ingredients:

Sugar, Cocoa Butter\*\*, Cocoa Mass\*\*, Dried Skimmed Milk, Whey Powder (Milk), Anhydrous Milk Fat, Emulsifiers (Lecithins, Polyglycerol Polyricinoleate), Flavouring.

Free From Ingredients:

Sugar, Cocoa Butter\*\*, Cocoa Mass\*\*, Rice Syrup, Rice Starch, Inulin, Rice Flour, Emulsifier (Lecithins).

**£2 a bar or 3 bars for £5!**

Order at [www.hhjsa.co.uk](http://www.hhjsa.co.uk) or through the office with correct cash in a named envelope. Please indicate whether you would like a 'free from' chocolate bar.

**Thank you for your continued support,  
HHJSA.**

# Family Hubs

## Family connections cafe

Have questions about your children from toddlers to teens or want to ask us about bedtime routines, behaviour boundaries or entertainment ideas? We'd love to see you there.

Come for the coffee, stay for the cake and an opportunity to chat with other parents and carers in a friendly group.

Want to meet other amazing parents and carers? Drop in, we're saving you a seat!

Join us for:

- hot drinks, biscuits and cake
- friendly chats and a chance to make new friends
- helpful information and tips about raising children

**Mondays 9.30am to 11.30am**

**The White House Family Hub**

(45 The Avenue, Hampton TW12 3RN)



For any further information, please contact Tom Maybey, Richmond Parenting Lead:

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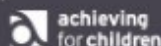
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On 23 March, around 40 parents, teachers, and friends will run the Hampton Court Half Marathon to raise funds for vital facilities and equipment at Carlisle Infant and Hampton Hill Junior Schools.

Every donation, big or small, makes a real difference. Please support our runners and help us reach our goal to benefit the children in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/palacehalf25>



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## Join our FREE\* Pilates for Parents course

- Focus on your physical & mental health
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**Tuesdays from 13:00 to 14:15**

**Starts 25 February for 6 weeks**

**Parent Champions Cafe  
All Saints Church Hall  
The Avenue, Hampton TW12 3RG**

You are encouraged to bring your own yoga mat or towel if you can. If you need to borrow equipment, speak to a member of our team.

For further information and to register interest:

- Speak to our team
- Call 020 8547 6700
- Visit [bit.ly/KAE-MMM2425](https://bit.ly/KAE-MMM2425)
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\*Free to learners earning below the London Living Wage (currently £27,007.50)



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# HALF-TERM SEWING WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 18th + Thursday 20th February ♥ 10am-12pm

Join us for some sewing fun this half-term, when we'll be making all things on the theme of LOVE, including **Loveheart Wands, Secret Envelopes, Scrumptious Sweeties and Squishy Heart Plushies!**

Tickets are **£33** per child for a 2 hour workshop.

**PLUS**, there's a **FREE GIFT** for every participant.

Workshops are open to children aged 5-11. Beginners welcome!



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