



The John Hampden School Newsletter

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I wanted to start this newsletter by thanking those of you who were able to attend the recent FJH May Fayre. There were numerous stalls and activities for the whole family. Your support was tremendous and we managed to raise over £4,000 which will be put to very good use. My thanks to the FJH Committee for organising this very successful event and to the governors, staff and volunteers who supported the various stalls. It was a wonderful afternoon and your support helped to make it a thoroughly enjoyable event.

At least once a term we try to provide enrichment weeks where the normal timetable is replaced by a week or two of something a little bit different. In the Autumn Term we spent two weeks focussing on Health and Safety. In the Spring Term we had Arts Week and Discovery Week. This week our pupils have started 'World Weeks'. These weeks have been very enjoyable and popular with the pupils in the past and we will put out all the work for parents/carers to come and share at the Open Evening in July. Each KSI class have studied a different country and will use this stimulus to enhance teaching linked to Geography and R.E.





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Looking Ahead: Exciting Events This Term

Weather permitting, on **Friday 26th June**, FS and KSI Sports Day is planned.

This is our own sporting competition in which we hope the competitors will demonstrate the core sporting values of:

respect – fair play; knowing one’s own limits; and taking care of one’s health and the environment

excellence – how to give the best of oneself, on the field of play or in life; taking part; and progressing according to one’s own objectives

friendship – how, through sport, to understand each other despite any differences

Further details have been sent out and timings are as follows:

Year One: 9.15—10.15 am, Foundation Stage: 10.15—11.00am, Year Two: 11.00—12.00pm.

I hope you enjoyed the half term break with your children. It is good to see them back for the final half term of this academic year. Behind the scenes we are already making plans for the new academic year. In the next few weeks we will provide you with details of the staffing arrangements for 2026-2027 and the organisation of transition activities as pupils move into, out of and within JHSW.



Steph Parkinson – Headteacher



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Curriculum Section –

As part of their History learning, Year One enjoyed a Victorian School Day. During the day, the children took part in some typical activities that would have taken place in a Victorian School Day, such as:

- Cooking peppermint creams (eaten in Victorian times).
- Practicing handwriting.
- Learning playground games Victorian children would have played
- Sketching technical drawings of Victorian toys



We learnt that:

- Children paid a penny to go to school
- Victorian coins look different to the coins we use now
- Children sat in cramped rows to learn
- Children had to write with their right hand or they were punished
- Children had to stand whenever an adult entered the room
- Boys and girls learnt different things
- There was no technology
- Children wrote on chalk boards



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Curriculum Section – Pupil Voice

Erin: "The cooking was fun – we got to take turns stirring the ingredients and dipping it in chocolate."

Lucas: "I enjoyed cooking and dipping the peppermint cream in chocolate. Then we made a box for it."

Oscar: "Normal school is more fun."



Mabel: "If I was in a Victorian school, I would be really nervous of the strict teachers."

Tilly: "I liked the whole day because it was fun. I liked playing with the playground hoops."

Joey: "I enjoyed playing outside because we learnt the Victorian times can be different to now. I liked the 'dusty bluebells' game the best."



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Governor Section

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Matt Buttery**, one of our governors, for his outstanding support in arranging for the Royal Air Force to visit our school and transform our hall.

The RAF team has done an absolutely fabulous job with the painting, This project is a wonderful example of the positive impact that our governors can have on our school. We would also like to thank the RAF personnel who gave their time and expertise to complete this work to such a high standard. Their professionalism and dedication are greatly appreciated by everyone at The John Hampden School.

Matt Buttery





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COATS

With the weather being rather unpredictable at the moment we do ask that the children bring their coat in every day.

WATER BOTTLES

Reminder that we do encourage Year 1 and Year 2 children to bring a bottle of water to school each day to keep on their desks—this is in addition to the drink you may provide in a lunch box. In warmer weather many children are glad of the chance to keep a drink close by. Children in EYFS have access to water throughout the day in our hydration stations.



LOST PROPERTY

Please check that your child's school uniform is correctly named. There are a huge number of jumpers and cardigans in lost property that are not named so cannot be returned to their owners.





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ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

As an important stakeholder in the school your contribution is welcomed and valued. We recently sent home a questionnaire to gauge your views and opinions. The closing date for returning completed questionnaires is Tuesday 16th June and we will aim to collate your responses during the next few weeks and feedback to you thereafter.









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We're Now on Social Media!

We're excited to share that The John Hampden School now has an official social media page! This is a fantastic way for our school community to stay connected and get a glimpse into school life.

Through our page, we'll be sharing:

-  Highlights of learning and special moments
-  Celebrations of pupil achievements
-  Important reminders and updates
-  A window into the wonderful ways we 'Love to Learn'

Our aim is to celebrate our children, strengthen our school community, and keep you informed in a more immediate and engaging way.

 Scan the QR codes or click the icons to follow.



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Diary Dates – Summer Term 2026

June

Friday 26th June – Sports Day

July

1st July – Year 2 Sports Festival

3rd July – alternative sports day

Monday 6th July – Induction meeting for new Foundation Stage parents

Tuesday 7th July – Children meet their new class teachers and visit new schools

Thursday 9th July – Crickets Sports Day

Thursday 9th July – Open Evening

Wednesday 15th July 2.30pm – Celebrating Foundation Stage assembly (Ladybirds class)

Thursday 16th July 2.30pm – Celebrating Foundation Stage assembly (Caterpillars class)

Friday 17th July 2.30pm – Celebrating Foundation Stage assembly (Honeybees class)

Wednesday 22nd July –Year 2 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am (all classes)

School closes at 1.00pm



Hampden Meadow: New Playground Equipment for 2027

Wendover Parish Council will be replacing the current, rather tired playground equipment in Hampden Meadow next year in time for the summer and they really need your help and advice.

Rather than just replace the equipment like for like which would be very boring, they want to create an exciting, fun and stimulating area for your children. They also want to make sure that the playground area supports children with special needs.

They would like to find out your ideas and suggestions and what you think would work best. They can then incorporate your recommendations into the new playground plans as you know what your children will enjoy.

Councillors Stephen Worth and Mark Standen organise the Open Spaces Working Group which advises the WPC on what new equipment is needed. It's an informal group that meets at Craftyard once every few months.

Could you spare them some of your valuable time to help them plan a really exciting play area for your children?

Please contact either Stephen and Mark and go along to the next Working Group meeting which will be arranged sometime in June. At this point in the project, anything goes (subject to health and safety of course!) so all your ideas are welcome.

Please contact Stephen or Mark at the email addresses below:

stephen.worth@wendover-pc.gov.uk

mark.standen@wendover-pc.gov.uk

Thank you so much for your help!

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TRIND, HP22 5JF

TIMES:
9:00 - 3:30pm
1:30 - 5:30pm
AGES:
Reception - Year 7
DATES:
27th July - 28th Aug

JOHN HARPOCK,
WENDOVER,
HP22 5HF

TIMES:
8:30 - 3:30pm
8:30 - 6:00pm
AGES:
Reception - Year 2
DATES:
23rd July - 28th Aug

WENDOVER JUN,
WENDOVER,
HP22 5HF

TIMES:
8:30 - 3:30pm
8:30 - 6:00pm
AGES:
Year 3 - 7
DATES:
23rd July - 28th Aug



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