



# Learning and Achieving Together

## Hobletts Manor Junior School Newsletter

### 22nd May 2026



## A message from Mrs Short - Truly Inspirational!



Our 'A Night of Inspiration' was true to its word with the school choir the stars of the show. They sang beautifully and showed just how hard they have worked this year. The buzz in the hall was incredible and truly unforgettable. We were also joined by Pippa D. Collins, London Show Choir and Hugh Maynard with highlights of Defying Gravity, You Will Be Found and Something Inside So Strong. For those who would like to know a little more about upcoming events for the choir, this is available on the final page of this week's publication.

## Congratulations to this half term's values stars



- Team Amber:** Harriet, Amelia, Manreet, Arlo and Ronnie
- Team Azure:** Riley B, Poppy, Nyeelah, Kairi and Jessica
- Team Citron:** Yasmine, Reece, Eoghan, Jessica and Maison
- Team Cobalt:** Ellie. Edon, Tate, Rory, Hunter and Theo
- Team Saffron:** Isla, Lucy, Sajad, Keanu and Jack K
- Team Sapphire:** Isabella, Niamh, Joseph, Mason W and Noori
- Team Topaz:** Kian, Buddy, Chase, Olive and Aimee
- Team Turquoise:** Ben, Kayden, Eveleen, Arya and Zeus



## Celebrating those who have achieved this half term's Reading and Rocking Challenges

Congratulations to Bella, Noah, Connor and Mollie in Team Amber, Harry, William, Erin, Jessica, Isabella, Samuel and Eoghan in Team Citron, Isaac, Henry, Sienna, Monty, Mattie, Georgia, Bobby, Cooper and Donimykas in Team Cobalt, Connie, Elissa, Ella, Jack C, Jasper and Ziggy in Team Saffron, Charlotte, Maya, Niamh, Zachary, Oscar, Isabella and Olivia in Team Sapphire, Nancy, Emma and Harrison in Team Topaz and Adam, Hithesh, Lucas, Tilly and Jazmin in Team Turquoise who have all read at least seven times every week this half term and to Bobby and Isaac in Team Cobalt and Gracie in Team Topaz who have all achieved the Rocking Challenge,

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## Up Coming Dates and Events

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Monday 12th May - Friday 29th May	Half Term Week - School Closed
Monday 1st June 2026	INSET Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	Children return to school
Wednesday 3rd June 2026	Mexicolore Workshop for Year 6 (in school event)
Wednesday 10th June 2026	Team Photographs
Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th	Sports Week culminating in Sports Day and

## Year 3 - Team Amber and Team Azure

In Maths this term we have returned to subtraction, using 3 digit numbers, however, our main focus has been 'Fractions.' We have learnt that a whole can be divided into any number of equal parts, the meaning on numerator and denominator, and now understand that a fraction represents part of a whole. Next term our focus for maths will change from 'Fractions' to learning about 'Time.'

Through our amazing texts, in English, we have been planning and writing our own narrative, focusing on developing the use of dialogue to convey character. We used 'Winnie the Pooh' texts as our focus. We then went on to plan and write non-chronological reports, based on our dream jobs. We have continued to develop our understanding and use of prepositions, expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and use of speech punctuation throughout the term.

Next term, we will be learning how to write a persuasive letter about a specific subject or topic that we feel strongly about. We will then use the story of Alice in Wonderland to create a short narrative, focused on developing an interesting or unusual setting and using dialogue to convey character. Towards the end of term, we will learn how to write a Kenning poem based on a topic or subject of our choice.

In Science, we have been learning all about Rocks and Soils. We have learnt about different types of rocks using a variety of features to identify and classify them. We also had great fun creating our own fossils and learning about how they are formed.

This term in Geography lessons, we have really enjoyed learning about Our World creating maps of places that are special to us. As well as developing our knowledge of the local area using Ordnance Survey maps we have learnt about areas further afield such as the continents of the world.

In French, we have developed our understanding of the vocabulary for transport, learnt how to share methods of travel to school, using this to ask and answer questions.

Through our PSHE lessons, we have been learning about relationships, developing understanding of friendships, and how to solve problems peacefully.

We have also been learning how to be safe when using the internet. We have learnt how we are connected to people all over the world, just by the clothes we wear and the food eat. During these lessons, we found out what 'fair trade' means to farmers in poorer countries.

We have also learnt about the UN Rights of the Child and the work that charities do to help children around the world. We were then inspired to design our own charities and create a logo for them.



## Year 4 - Team Citron and Team Cobalt

Another busy half term in Year four! Here is some of the learning we have enjoyed across the curriculum:

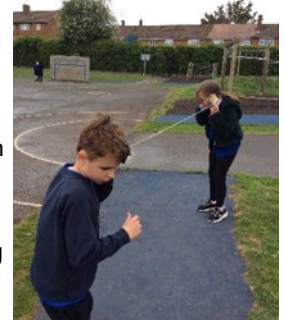
In History, we have been learning all about the Ancient Greeks. We initially used our geographical skills to locate the country of Greece on a map, explored its features and considered where we would have liked to settle as an Ancient Greek! As historians, we then learnt who the Ancient Greeks were, and that Ancient Greece was split into different city-states rather than existing as one whole country. We all took part in a lively debate about two of the most famous city-states, with Sparta emerging as a very clear winner over Athens! In addition, we really enjoyed learning about Alexander the Great, and we used a range of historical sources to support us to understand his significance. We then created our own statues to commemorate this mighty warrior!

As scientists, we have been learning about sound, and have had a great time experimenting with being able to see the vibrations sound creates using rice on musical instruments. We have learnt about how sound travels, and how this works within our inner ears. We learnt about the different parts of our inner ears, which are all important for us to be able to hear. We have learnt about different pitches, and created our own panpipes to explore making a range of pitches for ourselves. We greatly enjoyed using string telephones to explore how sound energy travels from one cup to another. We also used an app on our class iPads to measure amplitude. Using the app allowed us to clearly see that the further away you are from a sound source, the smaller the amplitude.

During our Art lessons, we have enjoyed learning about pottery and looking at the works of ceramic artist Clarice Cliff. We have made comparisons between her work and that of the Ancient Greeks who were also skilled potters themselves. We have been inspired to create designs for our very own Greek vases, which we are looking forward to sculpting and painting next half term.

Next half term, we will be learning about states of matter in Science; exploring different liquids, solids and gases and seeing how these are present in the Water Cycle. In Geography, we will be using maps to identify different countries in Europe and invisible lines. We are also very excited about our visit to the Hindu Temple in July, where we will deepen our knowledge of Hinduism further with lots of fun experiences.

Have a lovely half term break everyone!



## Year 5- Team Saffron and Team Sapphire

What a busy half term we've had! In Science this half term we found out that Earth spins on its own axis to create day and night and it orbits the sun in 365 days. We also learnt that the Earth, moon and sun are all roughly spherical and that the sun is just a regular dwarf star! In Art, we started to look at the work of artist Wassily Kandinsky and had a go at creating some artwork in the same abstract expressionism style.

In Geography we have been finding out about the features of rivers and learnt that the erosion that rivers cause, changes the shape of the landscape. We also found out the positive and negative effects that volcanoes have on humans and the surrounding landscape. In RE, we have looked at authority figures and discussed who these could be at home, in school and in the wider community. We also looked at the roles and responsibilities of different religious leaders and compared them to find similarities and differences. In Computing, we have been designing and making our own computer games, which has been great fun, and in Music we have been learning to play the cornets. In French, we learnt some vocabulary linked to space and described and compared planets.

In PSHE, we have been learning about how we can keep ourselves safe online and what to do when we feel unsafe or when something becomes unhelpful to us. We have also discussed how we can recognise if we are spending too much time on our screens and things we can do to make it better if our screen time is affecting our mental or physical health.

For Science next half term, we will move on to our new topic of Lifecycles and Reproduction and will explore the lifecycles of different animal groups. In Geography, we will be learning about how earthquakes impact on human settlements, we will name and identify the features of mountains and find out how they are made.

We will also think about the effect tourism has in mountainous areas.



Have a wonderful holiday everyone!



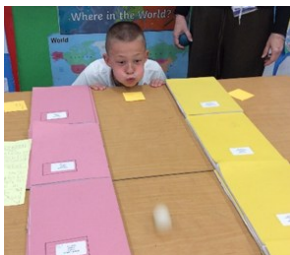
## Year 6 - Team Topaz and Team Turquoise

What a fantastic and fulfilling half term we have had in Year 6! First and foremost, we are so, so proud of all the hard work undertaken by the children in their preparation for the recent SATS examinations. Everyone dealt so well with everything, showing such determination and effort, and they should feel extremely proud of their achievements, as we all do. Well done everybody!

Some of our other Summer 1 highlights include:

As historians, we have stepped back in time to learn about the ancient civilization of the Maya! We have looked at aspects of everyday life and made predictions about what life would have been like for a Mayan child, as well as comparing their lives with our own. We are looking forward to discovering more about the Maya next half term and in particular, to being entertained by our regular Maya experts, Mexicolore, who visit us the first week after half term. During this visit, we will be participating in Maya chanting, dancing, wearing authentic Maya costumes, playing Maya music and learning more about this fascinating civilisation!

As scientists, we have enjoyed investigating the human body. We have loved discovering more about how our bodies work and have looked, in particular, at our essential organs, the components of blood, the Circulatory System and the Digestive System. As well as this, we enjoyed measuring our lung capacity by seeing how far we could blow a ping-pong ball along a track! We also learned how to measure our pulse rate and found out how quickly we recovered after exercise.



In RE, we have explored ideas surrounding God and written some thoughtful kenning poems about the figure of God. We have also thought a lot about the environment; discovering what Christians believe is their responsibility towards it and how this affects their day to day actions.

In Art, we have started designing our names using graffiti writing and in DT, we have begun making our wonderful rainforest inspired cushions and started with a lesson on how to thread a needle (and keep it threaded!) as well as practising different stitches before moving on to sewing our beautiful designs onto the felt backgrounds.



Next half term will be our final one at Hobletts, but we still have lots to look forward to! In Science, we will continue with our topic about the human body and have the opportunity to conduct a range of experiments to explore it further. As well as, of course, rehearsals for the Year 6 play, which will be in full swing when we return! We are also looking forward to doing some Maya cooking with Ms Pyke when we will get the opportunity to create, and eat, Maya inspired fajitas!

Well done for all your hard work and resilience this half term Year 6. We wish you all a happy and sunny break and look forward to seeing you again very soon!



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## Summer Fair - Saturday 20th June 2026

The Summer Fair , one of our biggest fundraisers, will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, from 11am -2.00pm . Monies raised helps us to fund various things such as the PGL coach for children in Year 6, the coach for the Year 2 Whipsnade Zoo trip as well as other enrichment opportunities and technology across both schools. A crucial part of the Summer Fair is the volunteers - we can't do it without you! If you can help out for any time at all, please join the volunteer WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code or via this link:



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mode=gi\\_t](https://chat.whatsapp.com/GojxiUNxRn80fxhFIEd09o?mode=gi_t)

Together, let's make the Summer Fair a day to remember!  
Further information on the Fair will be sent out soon.

## Ice Cream Fridays are back after half term!

Ice creams will be for sale on both Infants and Juniors playgrounds every Friday after school, starting Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Payment can be made using cash and card.

## Clothing Collection - Tuesday 2nd June 2026

A clothing collection has been organised for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Please donate any unworn good condition clothing to help us raise money for the school. Full details have been circulated in a separate communication today..

## Easy Fundraising

You may have seen a banner outside the front gate with information about Easy Fundraising. This is a great way to raise money for the school while you shop - and it's free to use! Please sign up today by scanning the QR code by the front gate, or by clicking this link:

[tinyurl.com/2s3krz2w](https://tinyurl.com/2s3krz2w)

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely half term.



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