



Learning and Achieving Together

Hobletts Manor Junior School Newsletter

3rd April 2025



Thank you for keeping our community safe by ensuring we remain a nut free school.

As we approach the end of another busy term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to meet with us this week and for your continued support across the term. Thanks also to FoHMS for their continued hard work and to the incredible team here of which I am very proud to be a member.

Although a relatively short term, it has been no less busy with a number of enrichment activities, enhancing the children's learning across the term, from STEM workshops to a visit from a BGT Golden Buzzer act, we have had it all! Year 3 have visited St Albans to enrich their learning in History, Year 4 visited St Barnabus as they learnt a little more about Easter, Year 5 today are taking full advantage of all that is on offer at Adeyfield's Art Department as they create their own work inspired by Daniel Mackie, Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their visit by Jonathon last week and of course, we have performed at the Royal Albert Hall, this but a few of the amazing events that have happened this term. We have also continued to be extremely busy, and successful, participating in a number of sporting events. I do hope that you enjoy reading the overviews that follow, written to provide you with further insight into what we have been doing and information on what is coming next.

Congratulations to our half termly Values Stars:

Team Amber: Connie, Alisa, George, Harry and Erin

Team Azure: Dominykas, Margot, Drew, Isla and Arlo

Team Citron: Amalia, Lily, Noori, Rishil and Amelia

Team Cobalt: Isla, Mason V, Lucy, Kleo and Jack

Team Saffron: Menaal, Millie, Nancy, Buddy and Henry

Team Sapphire: Skyla, Kayden, Ashnee, Eleanor and Yusuf

Team Topaz: Antonia, Eunice, Mason, Matus and Isla-Mae

Team Turquoise: Max, Charlie B, Charlie E, Eva-Mai and Lexie



Congratulations to the following children who have all consistently read at least 7 times each and every week this term achieving the Reading Challenge:.....

Jessica and Erin in Team Amber, Isaac, Henry, Kenny, Bobby, Ruben, Cooper and Dominykas in Team Azure, Jasper, Zachary, Niamh, Oscar and Maya in Team Citron, Olivia, Millie, Fatimah, Ziggy, Connie and Elissa in Team Cobalt, Adam, Lucas, Georgia, Tilly, Eleanor, Zoe, Harry and Skyla in Team Sapphire, Dylan, Harrison, Emma and Sonny in Team Saffron, Mia, Chloe, Amelia, Grace, Jack, Hollie, Mason, Harry and Kacey in Team Topaz and Lily, Emmie and Zac in Team Turquoise.



Congratulations also to.... Isaac and Bobby in Team Azure, Ziggy in Team Cobalt, Jasper in Team Citron, Georgia, Harry and Zoe in Team Sapphire and Penny and Lexie in Team Turquoise



who all completed this term's Rocking Challenge, rocking at least 7 times each and every week.



Year 3

This half term in Year 3, we have continued to develop our love of reading. We have enjoyed creating our very own Monster's Guides as well as writing personal narratives inspired by 'Jabari Jumps', 'Ralph Tells a Story' and 'The Proudest Blue.'

During our Mathematics lessons, we have immersed ourselves in fractions this half term. We have learnt about unit and non-unit fractions, how to compare, order, shade as well as understand how fractions can be used to describe shapes, sets and can be linked to measurements. We have ended the half term adding and subtracting fractions.

As Historians, we have been learning all about the Romans. We have learnt about the story of Boudicca and enjoyed learning about how Romans lived their lives. Also we really enjoyed our school trip to St Albans Verulamium, we learnt about Roman architecture visiting both the Roman Wall and the Hypocaust. We loved our market session in the museum, learning all about the differences between Celtic and Roman clothes and exploring the food, clothes, metal work and household objects that could be bought at Market. We then continued our learning on a museum tour.



In Science we have been learning about 'Forces and Magnets' learning about the North and South Pole of a magnet and exploring how they attract and repel objects and materials. We have also explored how pushes and pulls can affect the start and stop movement. We have learnt about friction, and how different surfaces affect the speed that an object moves.



During our Circus skills workshop, we took part in five fun forces activities as part of our Circus Skills Workshops. We were able to investigate how to balance clowns on a piece of string using pennies to affect their centre of gravity. We experimented with rockets applying our knowledge of push forces to compare and identify how we could be most successful. We all enjoyed making spinning tops to see what patterns were made when different twist forces were applied. We also bounced marbles using different sized tubs, seeing how gravity affected our ideas. Finally all of the children had the opportunity to reinforce their knowledge of magnetism, by using their magnetic fields to create floating and dancing magnets as well as predicting and identifying which materials were magnetic and non-magnetic.



In RE, we have been learning about the story of Easter as well as the traditions linked to Easter for Christians. In French, we have been learning about objects in a French classroom as well as beginning our journey into learning about masculine and feminine words.



Well done for all of your hard work this term Year 3!

Year 4

What a busy half term we have had in Year four – we have certainly packed a lot in! Some of our highlights have included taking part in World Book Day, investigating the theme of 'Change and Adapt' for Science Week and visiting one of our local churches to learn about Jesus and the Last Supper.

In History and Geography we have been learning all about the Ancient Egyptians – a topic we have loved! We enjoyed finding out about the pyramids and what they were like inside, who Tutankhamun was and how his tomb was recently discovered and why the River Nile was so important to the Ancient Egyptians. We even had a go at building a pyramid ourselves using props from the classroom – we really got a sense of just how much work it would have been to build these amazing structures!

In DT, we continued to look at the Ancient Egyptians and made our own Egyptian inspired bread rolls. We added our chosen fruits, after taste testing a range of delicious options! These included sultanas, dates and figs, and we also added honey to sweeten them! We enjoyed sharing them with our families at home.

In Science, we have been learning about the digestive system and how this works. We have looked at the components of the digestive system and their functions. We also learnt about the different types of teeth that we have, and explored the uses of each type. We learnt how important it is for our teeth to work together in order for us to be able to eat. Later on in the term, we set up an experiment to explore which liquids are healthy and not healthy for our teeth. We substituted teeth for eggs (as these have a similar texture to the enamel on our teeth) and greatly enjoyed observing the effects on the eggs over time. The liquids of coke, vinegar, toothpaste, orange juice and milk certainly made the classrooms smell interesting!

In the Summer Term, we will be starting to learn about the Ancient Greeks. We will be exploring who they were, and the impact they have had on modern society. In Art, we will be creating vases inspired by the Ancient Greeks using the medium of clay. In Science, we will be learning about sound and how our ears work.

Have a cracking Easter Holiday everybody!



Year 5 - What a busy half term we've had!

In Science this half term, we have continued to learn about forces and investigated friction and mechanisms such as gears, levers and pulleys. In RE, we learnt about the importance of Lent to Christian followers and how fasting is observed across different religions. We also learnt about the Easter story and the traditions and symbols related to the story before comparing the festivals of Passover and Easter.

In History we found out some fascinating facts about the Vikings and the last Anglo-Saxon kings including Alfred the Great, Ethelred II The Unready, Edward the Confessor and King Harold, culminating with the Battle of Hastings.

In PSHE, we learnt about how to stay healthy. We found out how smoking and drinking alcohol can affect our bodies and we learnt how to help in an emergency situation by placing someone, who is unconscious, into the recovery position. In DT, we had fun designing and making our Viking houses.

Throughout the half term, we also enjoyed Book Day and Science Week.

Next term in Science, we will be learning all about Space. We will learn about the movement of planets in relation to the sun, we will learn why and how we know that Earth is spherical, we will explore how we get night and day and find out why the sun appears to move across the sky.

In Geography we will be learning about Enchanting Earth. We will learn about features of rivers and mountains, different types of volcanoes and explore how volcanoes and earthquakes affect human settlements. In Art, we will be looking at the artist Kandinsky and how we can stay safe when online in PSHE.

Well done Year 5; have a well earned break!



Year 6—We have had a very busy half term!

In Geography we have looked at sustainability and how we can help our world by living as sustainably as possible. This could include having solar panels on our houses, turning off taps and lights when not using them, and recycling paper, cardboard and plastic. In addition, we had the best time when Jonathan and his amazing animals came to visit us and we had the opportunity to hold a snake, millipede and an incredible camouflaging katydid, as well as finding out so much about how these creatures have adapted to live in rainforests.

We have also started to create our own wonderful rainforest inspired cushions in DT! We've created designs and thought about the specification and who we intend our finished cushions to be used by. In addition, we have made templates for our designs to ensure that we get the size and shapes correct before moving on to cutting the pieces out of fabric. We very much look forward to starting to sew our cushions together!

In Computing we have been creating text based adventures giving choices to the user so they could decide what would happen in the game! In RE we have found out more about Jesus and looked in detail at the Easter story and its importance to Christians.

We have enjoyed our Science topic of 'Evolution' and have looked at how animals have evolved over time to suit their habitat. We also looked at how fossils are formed and had great fun making our own 'fossils'! During Science Week, we investigated how we should only flush toilet paper down the toilet because flushing anything else, like wipes or paper towels, can block our pipes and be bad for the environment.

Next term we are looking forward to starting our History topic about the Mayans, looking in detail at who they were, where they lived and how they communicated. We also look forward to welcoming Mixelore back to fully immerse us in Mayan life. In RE we will be looking at humans' relationship with the environment and will discuss individual ideas about God, and of course, we can't wait to get started on sewing our cushions for DT!

Have a wonderful Easter break and we'll see you next term!



TIME TABLE ROCK STARS LEAGUE TABLE

Week Ending 30th March 2025

TOP 30 ROCK STARS:

1. Noah (Turquoise)
2. Penny (Turquoise)
3. Lexie (Turquoise)
4. Iga (Turquoise)
5. Ansh (Amber)
6. Noori (Citron)
7. Isla-Mae (Topaz)
8. Amalia (Citron)
9. Teddy (Saffron)
10. Georgia (Sapphire)
11. Tilly (Sapphire)
12. Lily (Turquoise)
13. Olivia (Azure)
14. Emmie (Turquoise)
15. Ilinca (Cobalt)
16. Fatimah (Cobalt)
17. Zoe (Sapphire)
18. Olivia (Cobalt)
19. Dua (Azure)
20. Harrison (Saffron)
21. Lucy (Cobalt)
22. Ruben (Azure)
23. Andreea (Cobalt)
24. Dolly-Rose (Citron)
25. Kayden (Sapphire)
26. Bobby (Azure)
27. Hugo (Saffron)
28. Sophie (Saffron)
29. Keanu (Citron)
30. Ziggy (Cobalt)

CLASS TOP ROCK STAR:

AMBER: Ansh
 AZURE: Olivia
 CITRON: Noori
 COBALT: Ilinca
 SAFFRON: Teddy
 SAPPHIRE: Georgia
 TOPAZ: Isla-Mae
 TURQUOISE: Noah

TOP STUDIO SPEED

1. Noah 0.44 (Turquoise)
2. Iga 0.50 (Turquoise)
3. Teddy 0.51 (Saffron)
4. Lexie 0.52 (Turquoise)
5. Lily 0.59 (Turquoise)
6. Emmie 0.66 (Turquoise)
7. Noori 0.80 (Citron)
8. Ansh 0.81 (Amber)
9. Kacey 0.83 (Topaz)
10. Kayden 0.87 (Sapphire)

TEACHER LEAGUE TABLE

1. Mrs Sides
2. Mrs Rogers
3. Mrs Pullen
4. Miss Routledge
5. Miss Allwork
6. Ms Hajzeri
7. Ms Reid
8. Mrs Hamilton-Green
9. Mrs Stretton
10. Mrs Archer



A quick reminder to spend your well earned coins over the holidays, as we start afresh when we return for the new term .



**TIME TABLE ROCK STARS TEAM TOP TENS:
Week Ending 30th March 2025**

<p style="text-align: center;">Amber Top Ten</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ansh 2. Patrick 3. Isabella 4. William 5. Joshua 6. Jessica 7. Ranveer 8. James 9. Erin 10. George 	<p style="text-align: center;">Azure Top Ten!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Olivia 2. Dua 3. Ruben 4. Bobby 5. Eylul 6. Isaac 7. Arlo 8. Logan 9. Archie 10. Iyana
<p style="text-align: center;">Citron Top Ten!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noori 2. Amalia 3. Dolly-Rose 4. Keanu 5. Tyler 6. Lily 7. Zinzile 8. Henry 9. Jasper 10. Zachary 	<p style="text-align: center;">Cobalt Top Ten!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ilinca 2. Fatimah 3. Olivia 4. Lucy 5. Andreea 6. Ziggy 7. Isabella 8. Mason 9. Elissa 10. Isla Niamh
<p style="text-align: center;">Saffron Top Ten!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teddy 2. Harrison 3. Hugo 4. Sophie 5. Ari 6. Emma 7. Olivia 8. Dylan 9. Gracie-Jane 10. Nancy 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sapphire Top Ten!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Georgia 2. Tilly 3. Zoe 4. Kayden 5. Harry 6. Lucas 7. Aisha 8. Ashnee 9. Skyla 10. Vinny
<p style="text-align: center;">Topaz Top Ten!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Isla-Mae 2. Grace 3. Jessica 4. Kamari 5. Freya 6. Amelia 7. Bow 8. Jazmine 9. Eva 10. Eunice 	<p style="text-align: center;">Turquoise Top Ten!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noah 2. Penny 3. Lexie 4. Iga 5. Lily 6. Emmie 7. Summer 8. Charlie 9. Eva-Mai 10. Eva

Congratulations to the following children and their families for reading at least five times last week....

Year 3	Hunter, Georgia, Micaela, Edon, Dominykas, Cooper, Isaac, Ruben, Henry, Logan, Bobby, Kenny and Mattie in Team Azure. Darcy, Connie, Isabella, Avneet, Eoghan, Euan, Maison, George, Samuel, Harper, Erin, William and Patrick in Team Amber.
Year 4	Amalia, Amelia, Sophie, Charlotte, Niamh, Emilia, Zinzile, Rishil, Oscar, Zachary, Jasper, Lily and Maya in Team Citron, Isla Niamh, Mason W, Jack, Carter, Ilinca, Adam, Fatimah, Connie, Elissa, Olivia, Millie, Andreea and Ziggy in Team Cobalt.
Year 5	James, Samuel, Adam, Zoe, Georgia, Skyla, Lucas, Tilly, Eleanor and Harry in Team Sapphire. Nancy, Teddy T, Aimee, Millie, Sophie, Harrison, Emma, Sonny and Dylan in Team Saffron.
Year 6	Penny, Charlie B, Iga, Kai, Arun, Niall, Lily, Emmie, Lexie, Harper, Max, Stanley and Zac in Team Turquoise. Dylan, Antonia, Jessica, Mason, Mia, Chloe, Alfred, Oscar, Ella, Hollie, Amelia, Grace, Jack, Kacey, Harry and Kamari in Team Topaz.

.....and those who read at least seven times last week attaining the Reading Challenge!

Year 3	Dominykas, Cooper, Isaac, Ruben, Henry, Logan, Bobby, Kenny and Mattie in Team Azure. George, Samuel, Harper, Erin, William and Patrick in Team Amber.
Year 4	Sophie, Charlotte, Niamh, Emilia, Zinzile, Rishil, Oscar, Zachary, Jasper, Lily and Maya in Team Citron, Fatimah, Connie, Elissa, Olivia, Millie, Andreea and Ziggy in Team Cobalt.
Year 5	Adam, Zoe, Georgia, Skyla, Lucas, Tilly, Eleanor and Harry in Team Sapphire. Sophie, Harrison, Emma, Sonny and Dylan in Team Saffron.
Year 6	Niall, Lily, Emmie, Lexie, Harper, Max, Stanley and Zac in Team Turquoise. Mason, Mia, Chloe, Alfred, Oscar, Ella, Hollie, Amelia, Grace, Jack, Kacey, Harry and Kamari in Team Topaz.

Congratulations to the following children for rocking at least 5 times last week.... Ansh, Jessica, Alisa and James in Team Amber, Olivia in Team Azure, Amalia and Lily in Team Citron, Harrison, Nancy and Sophie in Team Saffron, Tilly, Adam, Lucas and Eveleen in Team Sapphire, Andre, Kamari, Amelia, Eunice, Jazmine, Bow and Ella in Team Topaz and Mark, Emmie and Niall in Team Turquoise.....

.....and to Bobby, Logan and Isaac in Team Azure, Jasper and Noori in Team Citron, Teddy T in Team Saffron, Harry, Georgia and Zoe in Team Sapphire, Isla-Mae, Grace and Matus in Team Topaz and Noah, Lexie and Penny in Team Turquoise who all rocked at least 7 times last week attaining the Rocking Challenge.



Well done to Logan, Charlie, Georgia, Sienna and Dominykas in Team Azure, Ansh, Grace and Ryan in Team Amber, Millie in Team Cobalt, Sophie in Team Citron, Eveleen and Izzy in Team Sapphire, Odin, Megan, Daniel, Ari, Olivia and Buddy in Team Saffron, Jack in Team Topaz and Charlie B and Harper in Team Turquoise who all received a Friendly Leaf last week.



Congratulations to Yellow Team once again, who earned the most amount of House Points this half term. Enjoy your optional non uniform day on Friday!



Well done to last week's certificate winners

	Values - Honesty	Mathematics	English	Curriculum
Amber	Eoghan and Ayla	George and Yasmine	Isabella and William	Connie and James
Azure	Isla and Arlo	Micaela and Dua	Mattie and Freddy	Isaac and Dominykas
Citron	Sophie and Imogen	Amalia and Hussnain	Noori, Lily and Zinzile	Tyler and Emilia
Cobalt	Fatimah and Elissa	Mason W and Ruby	Sajad and Isabella	Freya and Ziggy
Saffron	Matthew and Megan	Odin and Menaal	Hugo and Nancy	Olivia and Kian
Sapphire	Skyla and Olivia	Zoe and Yusuf	Eveleen and Kealan	Oscar and Ashnee
Topaz	Grace and Chloe	Dom and Antonia	Eva and Hollie	Mason and Amelia
Turquoise	Zac and Lily	Stanley and Layla	Summer and Frankie	Max and Ryan

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A Message From Your Committee

FoHMS news

Thank you to everyone who bought a Wonderlicious bar and took part in our World Book Day event. Well done to our Golden Ticket winners: Avneet, Toby, Ruben, Samuel and Grace and a big thank you also to the companies that donated prizes; Waterstones and Conan McLynn from Apogee. Across both schools the amount made was £393.30.

Key Dates and Events

Friday 4th April 2025.	Final day of term.
Monday 7th April 2025 - Monday 21st April 2025	School closed - Easter holiday.
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Children return to school.
Wednesday 23rd April 2025	St George's Day - children are invited to come to school in their Brownie, Cub, Guide, Scout, Rainbow uniforms, red and white or in uniform.
Monday 28th April 2025	FoHMS Committee meeting - 6.30pm in the Infants School
Monday 5th May - Friday 9th May 2025	Wrap, Splat Hat Week - an opportunity to shine a light on sun safety
Thursday 8th May 2025	VE Day (80th anniversary). An opportunity for children to attend in red, white and blue.
Friday 9th May 2025	FoHMS Colour Run event after school - details to follow
Monday 12th May - Thursday 16th May 2025	Year 6 SATs.
Monday 12th May - Friday 16th May 2024	Mental Health Awareness Week - supporting the message 'Together for Good.'
Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May 2025	Curriculum Week - an opportunity to shine a spotlight on subjects across the broader curriculum. This year the week will be a particular focus on Geography, Music, Art and French.
Friday 23rd May 2025	Final Day of Half Term.
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term Holiday - school closed.
Monday 2nd June 2025 - INSET Day	School closed to children.
Monday 23rd June - Friday 27th June 2025	Sports Week, culminating in our annual Sports Day and Family Picnic on Friday 27th June 2025.
Tuesday 3rd June 2025	Children return to school.
Saturday 12th July	FoHMS Summer Fair
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Final day of term for children.