



# Learning and Achieving Together

## Hobletts Manor Junior School Newsletter

21st May 2025



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

Well this half term has absolutely flown by! Though short and interspersed with Bank Holidays, it has been no less busy and this week we continue to enjoy our curriculum week once again. The week began on Monday with Geography day and was followed by Music day yesterday. The day came to a close with the opportunity to listen to and sing along with members of the Jupiter Singers. It was lovely to welcome back Penny and also to see our very own Mrs Bollen perform too. We also had the opportunity to sing to the choir ourselves. It was a fantastic end to the day. Today, we focus on Art before French day on Thursday. Further information and pictures of our week will follow after the holiday.

Have a wonderful and well earned break everyone and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd June, following our INSET day.

### Congratulations to our half termly Values Stars:

**Team Amber:** Mikayal, Ava, Isabella, Ayla and James

**Team Azure:** Olivia, Hunter, Sienna, Rory and Drew

**Team Citron:** Harry, Theo, Woodrow, Ariyah and Isla

**Team Cobalt:** Millie, Lola, Sajad, Mason W and Jaxx

**Team Saffron:** Olivia, Nancy, Henry, Odin and Chase

**Team Sapphire:** Aksh, Sam, Georgia, Zoe and Skyla

**Team Topaz:** Antonia, Eunice, Mason, Kacey and Kamari

**Team Turquoise:** Zac, Lily, Kian, Emmie and Tye



**Congratulations to...** Erin in Team Amber, Logan, Isaac, Kenny, Georgia, Bobby, Ruben and Dominykas in Team Azure, Jasper, Zachary, Niamh, Charlotte, Oscar and Maya from Team Citron, Millie, Andreea and Connie in Team Cobalt, Adam, Hithesh, Georgia, Tilly, Eleanor, Zoe, Mia, Vinny and Harry in Team Sapphire, Emma, Harrison, Nicholas and Sonny in Team Saffron, Mason, Mia, Chloe, Amelia, Grace, Jack, Hollie, Harry and Kacey in Team Topaz and Harper, Lily, Emmie and Stanley in Team Turquoise **who have all consistently read at least 7 times each and every week this half term achieving the Reading Challenge:**



The **Big Herts Hero Hunt!**  
Follow the link below to find out a little more about this half term's library challenge.  
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/events-and-things-to-do/hemel-hempstead/the-big-herts-hero-hunt-hemel-hempstead.aspx>



**Congratulations also to....** Bobby in Team Azure, Jasper in Team Citron, Harry and Georgia in Team Sapphire, Teddy T in Team Saffron and Penny in Team Turquoise **who all completed this half term's Rocking Challenge, rocking at least 7 times each and every week.**



### Year 3

In Maths, we have enjoyed learning how to explain the relationships between the 2, 4 and 8 times tables. We have also developed our understanding of time including; days, months and weeks in a year, telling the time to the o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to the hour.

Through our amazing texts, 'Incredible Jobs' and 'Kenning Poems' we have continued to develop our understanding and use of prepositions, expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and use of speech punctuation.

In Science, we have been learning all about Rocks and Soils and used 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 our Geography lessons we have really enjoyed learning about our Own World including 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 and learnt how to share methods of travel to school, using this to ask and answer questions. We also had great fun finding out new facts about France and are looking forward to visiting a French café, during Curriculum Week.

Through our PSHE lessons we have been learning about relationships, developing understanding of friendships and how to solve problems peacefully. We have also learnt about the UN Rights of the Child and the work that charities do to help children around the world. We ended the half term by learning how to express our appreciation to our friends and family, showing them how much they are valued by us.



### Year 4

It has been a short but 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 have located the country of Greece on a map, explored its features and considered where we would have liked to settle as an Ancient Greek! We have also 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 Athens emerging as a very clear winner over Sparta! 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. Next half term, we are looking forward to learning that the first Olympic Games were held in Ancient Greece, and comparing them to how the Olympics are run in the modern day. We will also explore some other major achievements of the Ancient Greek civilization.

In Science, 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 also greatly enjoyed making our own string telephones to explore how the sound energy travelled from one cup to another. We have also used an app on our class iPads to measure amplitude.

In Music, we have continued to practice our Electric Umbrella songs and are very much looking forward to singing them with other schools when we visit St. Albans Cathedral in June.

Next half term, we will be creating vases inspired by the Ancient Greeks in Art. In Science, we will be learning about states of matter and exploring different liquids, solids and gases. In Geography, we will be using maps to identify different countries in Europe and invisible lines on a map. We are very excited to visit the Hindu temple in our first week back after half term. We can't wait to get started!

Have a lovely half term break everyone!



## Year 5

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. 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 not only learnt about how we can keep ourselves safe online and how to increase our self-esteem, we have been lucky enough to have been visited by the police who talked about their role in the community, our responsibilities as members of the local community but also how we can keep ourselves safe.



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.

## Year 6

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 using balloons to measure our lung capacity and measuring the performance of our hearts using our resting pulse rates as a starting point.

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.

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 Pike 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!



# TIME TABLE ROCK STARS LEAGUE TABLE

Week Ending 18th May 2025

<p><b>TOP 30 ROCK STARS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Noah (Turquoise)</li><li>2. Lexie (Turquoise)</li><li>3. Teddy (Saffron)</li><li>4. Dolly-Rose (Citron)</li><li>5. Noori (Citron)</li><li>6. Georgia (Sapphire)</li><li>7. Amalia (Citron)</li><li>8. Penny (Turquoise)</li><li>9. Harrison (Saffron)</li><li>10. Hithesh (Sapphire)</li><li>11. Isabella (Cobalt)</li><li>12. Isla-Mae (Topaz)</li><li>13. Emmie (Turquoise)</li><li>14. Iga (Turquoise)</li><li>15. Sophie (Saffron)</li><li>16. Aisha (Sapphire)</li><li>17. Fatimah (Cobalt)</li><li>18. Kayden (Sapphire)</li><li>19. Grace (Topaz)</li><li>20. Olivia (Azure)</li><li>21. Tilly (Sapphire)</li><li>22. Zoe (Sapphire)</li><li>23. Olivia (Cobalt)</li><li>24. Ilinca (Cobalt)</li><li>25. Lucy (Cobalt)</li><li>26. Bobby (Azure)</li><li>27. Logan (Azure)</li><li>28. Amelia (Topaz)</li><li>29. Isaac (Azure)</li><li>30. Lucas (Sapphire)</li></ol>	<p><b>CLASS TOP ROCK STAR:</b></p> <p>AMBER: Ansh AZURE: Olivia CITRON: Dolly-Rose COBALT: Isabella SAFFRON: Teddy SAPPHIRE: Georgia TOPAZ: Isla-Mae TURQUOISE: Noah</p>
	<p><b>TOP STUDIO SPEED</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Noah 0.48 (Turquoise)</li><li>=2. Iga 0.53 (Turquoise)</li><li>= 2. Teddy 0.53 (Saffron)</li><li>4. Lexie 0.57 (Turquoise)</li><li>5. Harrison 0.63 (Saffron)</li><li>6. Fatimah 0.85 (Cobalt)</li><li>7. Kayden 0.91 (Sapphire)</li><li>8. Georgia 0.95 (Sapphire)</li><li>9. Zoe 1.19 (Sapphire)</li><li>10. Eunice 1.20 (Topaz)</li></ol>
	<p><b>TEACHER LEAGUE TABLE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mrs Sides</li><li>2. Miss Routledge</li><li>3. Ms Reid</li><li>4. Ms Richards</li><li>5. Miss Allwork</li><li>6. Mrs Pullen</li><li>7. Mrs Stretton</li><li>8. Ms Hajzeri</li></ol>

Congratulations to Team Citron, our Top Rocking class last week.

**TIME TABLE ROCK STARS TEAM TOP TENS:  
Week Ending 18th May 2025**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Amber Top Ten</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ansh</li> <li>2. Jessica</li> <li>3. Isabella</li> <li>4. Patrick</li> <li>5. Ranveer</li> <li>6. Harper</li> <li>7. James</li> <li>8. Mikayal</li> <li>9. Connie</li> <li>10. Erin</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Azure Top Ten!</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Olivia</li> <li>2. Bobby</li> <li>3. Logan</li> <li>4. Isaac</li> <li>5. Dua</li> <li>6. Eylul</li> <li>7. Ruben</li> <li>8. Henry</li> <li>9. Mia-Grace</li> <li>10. Edon</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Citron Top Ten!</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dolly-Rose</li> <li>2. Noori</li> <li>3. Amalia</li> <li>4. Maya</li> <li>5. Zachary</li> <li>6. Lily</li> <li>7. Jasper</li> <li>8. Zinzile</li> <li>9. Emilia</li> <li>10. Woodrow</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cobalt Top Ten!</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Isabella</li> <li>2. Fatimah</li> <li>3. Olivia</li> <li>4. Ilinca</li> <li>5. Lucy</li> <li>6. Elissa</li> <li>7. Jack</li> <li>8. Ziggy</li> <li>9. Fred</li> <li>10. Mason</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saffron Top Ten!</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teddy</li> <li>2. Harrison</li> <li>3. Sophie</li> <li>4. Olivia</li> <li>5. Hugo</li> <li>6. Nancy</li> <li>7. Emma</li> <li>8. Dylan</li> <li>9. Ari</li> <li>10. Menaal</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sapphire Top Ten!</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Georgia</li> <li>2. Hithesh</li> <li>3. Aisha</li> <li>4. Kayden</li> <li>5. Zoe</li> <li>6. Tilly</li> <li>7. Lucas</li> <li>8. Harry</li> <li>9. Vinny</li> <li>10. Ollie-Jay</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Topaz Top Ten!</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Isla-Mae</li> <li>2. Grace</li> <li>3. Amelia</li> <li>4. Jessica</li> <li>5. Bow</li> <li>6. Kamari</li> <li>7. Eva</li> <li>8. Eunice</li> <li>9. Andre</li> <li>10. Alfred</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Turquoise Top Ten!</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noah</li> <li>2. Lexie</li> <li>3. Penny</li> <li>4. Emmie</li> <li>5. Iga</li> <li>6. Niall</li> <li>7. Eva-Mai</li> <li>8. Demi</li> <li>9. Mark</li> <li>10. Tye</li> </ol>

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

Year 3	Darcy, Grace, Connie, Harry, Patrick, Avneet, Eoghan, Jessica and Erin in Team Amber Margot, Micaela, Drew, Dominykas, Bobby, Henry, Isaac, Ruben, Georgia, Arlo, Mattie, Kenny and Logan in Team Azure
Year 4	Amalia, Charlotte, Maya, Oscar, Jasper, Rishil, Emilia, Niamh and Zachary in Team Citron Adam, Mason W, Abdullah, Fatimah, Elissa, Connie, Ella, Olivia, Jack, Andreea and Millie in Team Cobalt
Year 5	Maddy, Nancy, Henry, Bella, Chase, Aimee, Harrison, Nicholas, Emma and Gracie in Team Saffron Kames, Eveleen, Ashnee, Samuel, Lily-May, Harry, Sklya, Georgia, Zoe, Hithesh, Tilly, Vinny, Eleanor, Adam and Mia in Team Sapphire,
Year 6	Matus, Antonia, Mason, Dylan, Mia, Chloe, Isla-Mae, Oscar, Ella, Hollie, Bow, Amelia, Grace, Jack, Kacey and Harry in Team Topaz Niall, Lexie and Penny in Team Turquoise

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

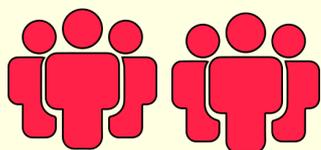
Year 3	Avneet, Eoghan, Jessica and Erin in Team Amber Dominykas, Bobby, Henry, Isaac, Ruben, Georgia, Arlo, Mattie, Kenny and Logan in Team Azure
Year 4	Charlotte, Maya, Oscar, Jasper, Rishil, Emilia, Niamh and Zachary in Team Citron Fatimah, Elissa, Connie, Ella, Olivia, Jack, Andreea and Millie in Team Cobalt
Year 5	Harrison, Nicholas, Emma and Gracie in Team Saffron Lily-May, Harry, Sklya, Georgia, Zoe, Hithesh, Tilly, Vinny, Eleanor, Adam and Mia in Team Sapphire,
Year 6	Mason, Dylan, Mia, Chloe, Isla-Mae, Oscar, Ella, Hollie, Bow, Amelia, Grace, Jack, Kacey and Harry in Team Topaz Lexie and Penny in Team Turquoise

***Congratulations to the following children for rocking at least 5 times last week.... Harry in Team Amber, Amalia and Lily in Team Citron, Lucy and Jack in Team Cobalt, Harrison in Team Saffron, Hithesh and Lucas in Team Sapphire, Amelia, Grace, Isla-Mae and Antonia in Team Topaz and Kai and Iga in Team Turquoise.....***

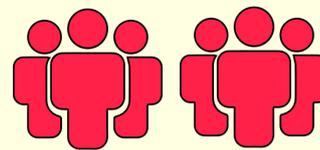
***.....and to Bobby, Logan and Isaac in Team Azure, Jasper, Noori and Dolly-Rose in Team Citron, Ziggy in Team Cobalt, Teddy T in Team Saffron, Harry, Georgia and Zoe in Team Sapphire and Max, Harper, Lily, Lexie, Stanley, Emmie and Noah in Team Turquoise who all rocked at least 7 times last week attaining the Rocking Challenge.***



Well done to Reece in Team Amber, Cooper, Ruben and Monty in Team Azure, Adam in Team Cobalt, Keanu in Team Citron, Dylan, Hugo, Poppy, Chase and Matthew in Team Saffron and Mia and Grace in Team Topaz who all received a Friendly Leaf last week.



Congratulations to Red Team 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
<b>Amber</b>	Alex and Connie	Grace and Amir	William and Kai	Ranveer and Mikayal
<b>Azure</b>	Mattie and Sienna	Henry	Dominykas and Archie	Rory and Mia
<b>Citron</b>	Jasper and Jax	Zachary and Ariyah	Keanu and Zinzile	Henry and Isla
<b>Cobalt</b>	Ella-Grace and Mason V	Lola and Jack	Isla N and Isabella	Isla Niamh and Abdullah
<b>Saffron</b>	Matthew and Mille	Nancy and Henry	Emma and Aimee	Buddy and Megan
<b>Sapphire</b>	Ashnee and Arya	Sam and Harry	Georgia and Zoe	Albie and Olivia
<b>Topaz</b>	Congratulations to every member of Team Topaz who shone brightly all week and should be extraordinarily proud of themselves.			
<b>Turquoise</b>	Congratulations to every member of Team Turquoise who shone brightly all week and should be extraordinarily proud of themselves.			

**Key Dates and Events ....**

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	Optional non-uniform for members of the red team
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.
Tuesday 3rd June 2025	Children return to school
Wednesday 4th June 2025	Year 4 trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor Watford Team Amber weekly swimming starts
Monday 23rd June - Friday 27th June 2025	Sports Week, culminating in our annual Sports Day and Family Picnic on Friday 27th June 2025.
Thursday 10th July 2025	Class Swop/Secondary Transition Day and Open Afternoon after school - the latter an opportunity for parents/carers to join us after school until 4.30pm, meet members of the teaching team and look at books.
Friday 11th July 2025	Annual Reports circulated
Saturday 12th July	FoHMS Summer Fair - 11am-2pm
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Final day of term for children. FoHMS Colour Run - Friends of Hobletts Manor Schools are very excited to bring you our very first Colour Run! This exciting, fun-filled event will take place across both fields, after school, on the last day of term. More information on how to take part will follow shortly.