



# HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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*To love God and to love one another*

## Summer Term 2024 - Newsletter 36

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Dear Parents,

The end of the school year continues to draw ever closer and there are signs that the children are beginning to feel the longer summer term. As we head into the penultimate week of term, I know staff and pupils alike will keep going, enjoying these last few days of the 2023/24 school year.

### Books back to school by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July please!

We would like to request that in the next week or two, you hunt high and low at home for any school books that may accidentally have not been returned. We want to start the new year fresh - with full sets of guided reading books in EYFS and Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 banded books or any books your child has brought home for pleasure.

We understand accidents can happen, so please don't worry, but we would always be grateful if you could tell us if a book cannot be returned through loss or damage, so other children do not miss out. We will not be sending any books home after Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July so we can audit our stock, but of course, you always have our local library to choose from if you want to keep your child hooked on books this summer.

### Join the Summer Reading Challenge 2024

The Summer Reading Challenge is back from now until September. Get ready to join the team!



This year's challenge "Marvellous Makers" is all about creativity. Join our amazing team and their friends as they use their skills to draw, dance, paint or create their way to success.

The 2024 theme has been developed in partnership with Create, a leading charity bringing the creative arts to those who need it most. The bespoke illustrations for Marvellous Makers are created by the brilliant illustrator, Natelle Quek.

Pop to your local library or join online. Your child will read 6 books and can collect stickers along the way. If they complete the challenge, they will receive a certificate in Collective Worship at school in the autumn term.

Visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



## INSET days – Extra dates confirmed

With the appointment of our new head teacher and the conversion to Academy, there have been two extra INSET days confirmed for the next academic year. Please find below a summary of INSET days now confirmed for the academic year 2024-2025.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Mufti Day

The PTA have twisted our arm for one more mufti day before the end of term and we would like to hold this next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. For a £1 donation, the children are free to wear whatever they would like to, but we do ask that it is practical for school and takes PE lessons into account.

## Mrs Coleman is walking for Cancer Research

Next Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Mrs Coleman is lacing up her boots to take on a 26mile hike across the Purbecks to raise money for Cancer Research UK. You may have seen her clocking up the miles on her training hikes around Hampreston, Ferndown or even further afield! I'm sure you know, the current statistics show that 1 in every 2 people will be somehow affected, directly or indirectly by cancer in their lifetime. If you know anyone who is or has been affected by cancer and would like to sponsor a mile in the name of someone special or contribute towards Mrs Coleman's fundraising, you can do so via link to the fundraising page below.



[Emma's Big Hike \(cancerresearchuk.org\)](https://cancerresearchuk.org)

We wish her the best of luck!

## PTA News

### School Disco

Our end of year school disco is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024. If the weather is warm and dry this will be taking place outside on the field.

EYFS & KS1: 5.20 – 6.15pm and KS2: 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Free squash and water will be available, **please do not send your child with money** to the disco.

We are still looking for parent helpers for the KS2 disco. If you are able to spare your time, please contact [pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com](mailto:pta@hamprestonfirstschool.com)

Whatever you are up to this weekend - whether you are digging out the paddling pool, firing up the barbeque, heading to the beach or dodging the showers have a wonderful and safe weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Williams'.

**Mr. T. Williams**  
Headteacher



### This Week:

To help support you at home and to spark conversations about learning, here is what the children have been covering this week.

	English	Mathematics
EYFS	<p>We have had a very exciting week in Early Years, on Thursday morning we came into our classroom to find that our class caterpillars had turned into beautiful butterflies. We have had lots of fun writing a range of descriptive sentences about a range of butterflies. The children have been trying really hard to remember their capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Last week, we were very lucky to have Beau's Mum from Year One come to speak to us all about bees! We found out lots of facts and even got to try out some honey! The EYFS children have loved learning all about Mini-Beats and have learnt lots of interesting facts about them.</p>	<p>In Maths, we have been recapping repeated patterns and solving problems. This has been a great chance to link all our learning about colours, 2D shapes, 3D shapes and numicon numbers. The children loved making their very own repeating patterns using a range of natural resources from the classroom. I wonder if you can make a repeated pattern at home? Well done Early Years for being fantastic mathematicians!</p>
Year 1	<p>This week in English we have been reading the traditional tale of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have been coming up with adjectives to help us describe the physical features and personality traits of the Troll and the Big Billy Goat Gruff. We have then used these ideas to write a short character description.</p>	<p>In maths this week we have been looking at time. We looked at the days of the week, months of the year and different units of time measurement. We used stop watches to time ourselves completing different challenges and thought about which activities should be measured using seconds, minutes or hours.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have been completing reading and spelling end of year assessments. The children have worked really hard to apply the knowledge they have learnt this year. We have also read 'At The Beach' by Roland Harvey in anticipation of designing tourist brochures next week.</p>	<p>In Maths this week we been consolidating our knowledge of time and money. The children have told the time to the hour and identified half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour. They have worked hard to recognise the different coins, solve word problems and give change.</p>
Year 3	<p>This week in English, year 3 have been exploring poetry using similes to enhance their writing. Children have experimented with performing poetry, paying close attention to tone, expression, and pace. Additionally, the children have written their own colour poem, where they included rhyming couplets and similes.</p>	<p>This week in maths, year 3 have been delving into the world of statistics. Children have been exploring various ways to represent data, including creating and interpreting bar charts and tally charts. The focus has been on collecting data and thinking about the best way to show this. Through hands-on activities and real-life examples, children have really enjoyed this topic.</p>



Year 4

This week has been a very busy one in Year 4. The children have taken part in a DT week where they have been researching, designing and creating light boxes; drawing on their skills of joining different materials and combining this with their learning about electrical circuits from earlier in the year. They have also been thinking ahead to the future and created some very beautiful dream jar pieces of writing that will feature in the Leavers' Service in a few weeks' time.



## Diary Dates 2023-2024

### Summer Term

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Morning with Fernhill Care Home residents
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Oceanarium Trip
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	School Disco – more details to follow
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Performance 6:30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Performance Matinee 1:30pm
	KS2 Performance 6:30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends for students
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET DAY

