

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE
12 September 2025



Dear Parents,

Welcome Back – It was lovely to see all of the children back at school last Wednesday and to hear their tales of the summer holidays. They looked so smart and there was a sense of excitement about the year ahead. A few of them admitted to struggling to get up that morning, as did some of the staff! There have been some new pupils and staff to the school and we welcome them all hoping that they are now feeling settled at Hook.

Our reception children have started this week and it has been a pleasure to welcome them. We hope they all enjoy their time in school and that they settle well and soon feel a part of the Hook-with-Warsash C of E Academy community. As well as seeing the children it has been good to see many of you in the playgrounds and to have the opportunity to catch up with you in person while dropping your children off at school.

Staffing

- **Maria Lawton** decided to leave the school over the summer holidays as she was offered a new role which would enable her to use her artistic skills in a far greater way.
- **Gail Scarth** who worked in Larks and Owls has also left the school.

We wish both of these members of staff all the best in their new ventures.

We are pleased to welcome the following members of staff to the team:

- **Alana Spiers** has joined us as a Year 6 class teacher.
- **Caroline Brashier** has joined us as a Year 2 teacher.
- **Sheena Osbourne** has joined us as a classroom assistant in Year 4.
- **Becky Bissell** has joined us as a classroom assistant in 1H.
- **Angela Richards** has joined us to work in Penguins

Many congratulations to both Chloe Sykes and Millie Jones who had baby girls during August. We are pleased to report that mothers and daughters are doing well.

Data Collection Forms – Each year we are required to check that we have up to date contact and medical details for every pupil. Please look out for a **mauve Data Collection Form** and **Medical Form** that your child will be bringing home in their book bag over the next few weeks. We will start with Year 6 and will be working our way down through the school. When you receive these forms please can you **check ALL the details thoroughly (especially email addresses and contact numbers)**, make amendments where necessary, sign and date it and return it to the school office. If there is only one contact on your sheet please can you provide a second, **we are legally required to have a minimum of two contacts for each child**. Please be aware that this must be done for every child and we will keep chasing until all forms have been returned.

YR Coffee Morning – We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new parents and invite you to join us on Friday 19 September at 9:00am in the School Hall for a coffee/tea. This will give you an opportunity to meet other new parents and to speak to members of the senior leadership team. We hope many of you can attend.

Harvest Festivals – Harvest Festivals will take place in **St Mary's Church on Monday 6 October**. The Infant Service will take place at 9.30am and this will be followed by the Junior Service at 10.45am. We welcome anyone associated with the school who would like to join us for these events.

We would be grateful for any donations of food that we can distribute to local organisations and food banks. If you are happy to send food in for this please deliver your non-perishable contributions on the morning of **Monday 6 October** to class with your child.

Heartstart – We will be holding some parent sessions in the next few weeks where the Heartstart Team will teach you how to carry out CPR and deal with bleeding or choking incidents. There is a limit of 20 places per course and places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you have already signed up we can confirm that you have a place and we will inform you which session you have been allocated by 24 September.

If you would like to take part please see the courses available below and then complete the online form accessed via the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/utnFXcmrUU>

- Wednesday 8 October 7-8:30pm & Monday 13 October 7-8:30pm (2 x ½ hour courses) *Must attend both.*
- Thursday 23 October 6pm-9pm (3- hour course)

Parents Evenings – Face to face parents' evenings will take place on **Monday 6 October (3.30 – 8.00)** and **Tuesday 7 October (3.30 – 5.30pm)** for all classes **except for Penguins and 1H**. Due to teacher availability **class 1H's and Penguins parents' evenings** will be held on **Tuesday 7 October (3.30 – 5.30)** and **Wednesday 08 October (3.30 – 8.00pm)**. You will be sent information about booking an appointment in due course.

Whole School Flu Vaccine Immunisation – The NHS school Immunisation Team are coming into school to administer the latest Flu Vaccine to all pupils on **Friday 28 November 2025**. You will be asked to register your child on their online platform to confirm whether or not you want your child to have the vaccine. Further details on this will be sent out soon.

Must Reads - Having done an audit of books over the summer holidays it appears that a number of **Must Read books** were not returned at the end of the last academic year. Please could I ask that you scour your children's bedrooms and book shelves at home in the hope that the missing books may be found.

School Uniform – The children have returned to school in many new items of clothing. Please can I ask that in an effort to reduce lost property, can you please label all items of uniform etc. with your child's name.

Early Morning Sessions – Some children in the school attend early morning extra tuition sessions. These are by **invitation only** and will begin on **Tuesday 30th September**. Teachers are currently carrying out assessments with the children and will contact parents of children that they wish to attend.

Shining Lights - We like to celebrate our school values of **Love, Independence, Growth, Happiness and Trust** within school every day and we would like you to share anything at home that your child does that you feel shows a good example of our school values. This could include, for example, children who are offering to help at home or being trusted to get on with tasks independently. If you would like to share this with us you can nominate your child for a 'Shining Light Award' which we can celebrate in school and your child will receive a 'Shining Light' sticker. Please see the PDF attached if you would like to do this.

Parking and Voluntary One-Way System – Unfortunately, there have already been a number of complaints regarding the nature in which parents have been parking on surrounding roads at drop off and pick up time. Once again please can I ask you to be mindful of our neighbours and also to remember that Emergency Service vehicles **MUST** be able to pass in the event of a call out. We would encourage you to park further afield and walk to school to avoid such congestion. We have an agreement with the Silver Fern that you can use their carpark and the public carpark next to the One Stop is free of charge.

We would also like to suggest a voluntary one-way system to avoid congestion on the local roads. The idea behind this is that you approach the school via Osborne Road, joining Church Road at the bottom end and then depart from the school up Church Road towards Warsash Road. This route enables you to turn left into the school site and makes traffic flow more fluid. We would appreciate your support with this initiative.

Scooters on Playgrounds – Following a near miss on the playground earlier this week, please can I ask that children do not ride their bikes or scooters once in the school grounds. I would appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Secondary School Applications – Y6 parents will have received email instructions regarding their child's Year 7 application for a secondary school place. **Applications via the Hampshire admissions portal are being accepted from Monday 08 September** and the deadline for online applications is midnight on **Friday 31 October 2025**. Notification date for on-time applicants is Monday 2nd March.

Day Closures - There will be INSET days this term on **Monday 29 September 2025** and **Monday 3 November 2025**. The remaining days will be on Monday 13 February, Monday 13 April and Wednesday 22 July.

Water Bottles – Please can you ensure that your child always brings a water bottle to school as it is important for them to stay hydrated during the day.

Music Tuition – Please remember that music tuition fees are now due and can be paid online via SCOPAY.

Junior Snacks - Please can you ensure that children **ONLY** bring in fruit or vegetable items if they wish to have a snack at Junior playtime.

IMPORTANT School Email Addresses – Please **ONLY** use the email address admin@warsash.hants.sch.uk for all emails to school to ensure they are received. All other email addresses (admin@hookwithwarsash.co.uk & hookwarsash@scopay.com) are **NO LONGER** received by the school unless you are replying to an email sent to you from that address. If you initiate an email to either of these addresses it may just disappear into the ether!

ID PE & Sport's Clubs Dodgeball start week commencing 22 September, to sign up please click on one of the following links.

Year 1-2 Dodgeball Club Starting on Tuesday 23 September 3:30-4:30pm

Book here: <https://idpe-sport.classforkids.io/info/281>

Year 3-6 Dodgeball Club Starting on Friday 26 September 3:30-4:30pm

Book here: <https://idpe-sport.classforkids.io/info/288>

We hope your children have enjoyed their first week back and wish you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Attachments: Shining Light Slips / St Mary's Church Flyer

Next Week

Mon	15 Sept		Art Club 3:30-4:30 Fun-nastix 3:30-4:30 LHTA Tennis 3:30-6:30
Tue	16 Sept	HMS Music – Guitar	Spanish Lunchtime
Wed	17 Sept	HMS Music – Brass/Keyboard/Woodwind	French Lunchtime Art Club 3:30-5:00 Judo 3:30-5:30
Thurs	18 Sept	Aspens Theme Day Menu HMS Music – Drums Rock2theBeat	French Lunchtime LHTA Tennis 3:30-6:30 Art Club 3:30-4:30 Showstoppers Drama 3:30/5:00pm
Fri	19 Sept	Y6 Swimming YR Coffee Morning 9:00am School Hall 9:00am	

22 – 26 Sept		Y5 Dorset Residential
Tue	23 Sept	Y5 Netball 8:00/8:45am starts Y1/2 IDPE Dodgeball 3:30/4:30pm starts
Wed	24 Sept	Y3 Football Lunchtime starts
Thurs	25 Sept	Y6 Netball 8:00/8:45am starts Y5/6 Girls Football Lunchtime starts Y5/6 Boys Football 3:30/4:30pm starts
Fri	26 Sept	Y4 Football Lunchtime starts Y3-6 IDPE Dodgeball 3:30/4:30pm starts Cross Country Portsdown Hill 4:15pm
Mon	29 Sept	INSET DAY / IDPE Sports Club
Tue	30 Sept	Early Morning Groups start
Thurs	02 Oct	Census Day – Aspens Theme Menu
Fri	03 Oct	X-Country Training 3:30/4:15pm Starts
Mon	06 Oct	Harvest Festival @ St Mary's Church Inf. 9:30am; Jnr. 10:45am Parents Evening 3:30pm-8:00pm (Not Penguins & 1H)
Tue	07 Oct	Parents Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm (All Classes)
Wed	08 Oct	Parents Evening 3:30pm-8:00pm (Penguins & 1H ONLY)
Fri	10 Oct	Cross Country – Portsdown Hill 4:15pm
Sun	12 Oct	Dig Day
Tue	14 Oct	PTFA AGM 7:30pm
Thurs	16 Oct	Junior Film Night
Fri	17 Oct	Cross Country Portsdown Hill 4:15pm
Wed	22 Oct	New Year R Sept 2026 Open Afternoon 1:45pm
Thurs	23 Oct	Individual School Photos
Fri	24 Oct	X-Country Training 3:30/4:15pm OR Cross Country Portsdown Hill 4:15pm (Reserve Date)
27 – 31 Oct		Half Term
Fri	31 Oct	Y7 Admission Portal Closes
Sat	01 Nov	New Year R Admissions Portal Opens
Mon	03 Nov	INSET DAY
Wed	05 Nov	PTFA Firework display
Thurs	06 Nov	New Year R Sept 2026 Open Afternoon 1:45pm
Fri	28 Nov	NHS Whole School Flu Vaccine Immunisation