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'Inspiring confident and independent learners'

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This Week

In assembly this week we talked about arguments and how sometimes the most trivial issue becomes a big problem and can sometimes cause people to become aggressive towards one another. We listened to a story that was about this kind of argument and linked it to some of the unnecessary yellow cards that have been issued this term for silly arguments that have led to unacceptable behaviour.

This week we began the construction of our new picnic benches and so far our team of Year 6 engineers have assembled the tops and legs.

This week saw the arrival of another outdoor music player so that our Year 3/4 playground can be used for dance at break and lunchtimes and we can have music for PE warm ups.

We also started using our BlazePods which come with an app. The idea is to tackle a number of activities where the BlazePods flash in a random order and you need to tap them. This can be done in small or large spaces – even Miss Marren got in on the act in netball club in the hall this week!



Coming Up

Next week is half-term so there is a break before we begin the long run to Christmas. On 3rd November our Year 3 children will be looking at the Stone Age on their trip to Celtic Harmony. On 4th November our boys' football team will be playing Hammond Primary School (away). On 5th November is our Family Fireworks Display (see opposite for ticket details). We will also be taking part in the Year 6 Cross Country at

Helping Hands Half-Term

Please see our separate letter about this activity to help us raise funds for some exciting new equipment.

Poppy Appeal

In the week after half-term we will be offering poppies to the children for Remembrance Day. Your child can make a donation to the Poppy Appeal by bringing some money into school (we would suggest £1/£2) and then take a poppy to wear on their uniform. Poppies will be available each morning.

Visualisers

Thanks to two generous donations of £1,000 (one from a parent and one from a charity) we have been able to buy a visualiser for every class in the school. The visualisers arrived this week and we have been trying them out – ask your child how we have been using them.

If you know someone or an organisation that would like to make a donation to our school for a specific item of equipment please get in touch as we have a shopping list of items!

Bibles for Pupils

In assembly this week we presented bibles to those who asked for one. Thank you to Andrew Masters and his team who have made this presentation possible.

Too Good To Go

Our November Too Good To Go will be a Christmas jumper and coat swap event. Please feel free to drop off any costumes, Christmas jumpers and coats to our school office. Your support is very much appreciated!

Open Table

Don't forget to come and help yourself to food from the table outside the main entrance on Friday mornings.

Family Firework Spectacular

Tickets are now available for this event by clicking the link we sent you:

<https://www3.ticketebo.co.uk/leverstock-green-scout-group>

We also need lots of help on the evening – please see separate letter and sign up using the link in the letter:

Longdean on Thursday and on Friday our Sports Activity Ambassadors will be taking part in a training session.

Attendance Challenge – Overall Winners – Comets

1 st	Comets	100%
2 nd	Stars	95.5%

KS1

Best Class	1MC	98.7%
2 nd	2BG	98.4%
3 rd	1AC	97.3%
4 th	2JG	94.5%

Year3/4

Best Class	4S	99.4%
2 nd	3T	98.9%
3 rd	3S	97.1%
4 th	4B	96.8%

Year 5/6

Best Class	6H	99%
2 nd =	5C	98%
2 nd =	5G	98%
4 th	6M	96.3%

Sports Competition Winners	Mars/Neptune
Team Point Winners	Mars

[Firework Helpers](#)

You can also enter the Draw to press the Big Red Button – go to Arbor and School Association events and pay £2 and enter your child’s details for a chance to press the button and win a hamper of firework treats.

Vacancies:

Part-time teacher
Midday Supervisor
Cleaner

Clothing and Textile Recycling

Don’t forget to drop off your textiles (clothing etc) into our clothing bank in the car park to help raise funds for the School Association. Keep the unwanted items coming and away from landfill.

School Lottery

The lucky winner of £24 is a parent in Reception. Thank you for your continued support.

<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hobbs-hill-wood-primary-school>

School Association

To join the School Association facebook page use this link:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/731531916907279/?ref=share>

This Week’s Awards

20th October 2025

	Class Teacher Award	Handwriting Award	Special Achievement Award
Comets	Sin Ho Leung	Ayaan Javeed	Emi Umurski
Stars	Noor Mahmood	Lola Wilton	Gauri Hambarde
1AC	Hafsa Ahmed	Olivia Waller	Zafreen Bilal
1MC	Frankie McCarthy	Alana Mumford	Arabella-Rose Hicks
2BG	River Blanden		Khadija Rehman
2JG	Teddy Welsman-Langer		Alaia Lowther
3S	Abu Bakr Akram	Amina Khalid	Jackson Dingley
3T	Alfie Cormack	Scarlet Blane	Thomas Nicholls
4B	Teodora Topora	Thanviha Sivakumar	Olivia Bentley-Hamm
4S	Chace Gaskell	Zoya Bilal	Evie Howie
5C	Sadie O’Neill	Elliotte Ball	Jamie Chapman
5G	Alice Mennie	Violet Lee	Andrei Cucu
6H	William Brown	Katie Manolea	Isobel Cornish
6M	Mustafa Al-Anazi	Joshua Gray	Eli Duncan

Excellent Work Awards:

Emily Papapanagioutou Comets Lucy Green 6M Luna Nurce 6M
Teddy Parrish 6M Jack Brown 6M Freya Watts 6M

Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025/26	Spring Term 2025/26	Summer Term 2025/26
Thursday 4 th September – Friday 24 th October Monday 3 rd November – Friday 19 th December	Monday 5 th January – Friday 13 th February Monday 23 rd February – Friday 27 th March	Tuesday 13 th April – Thursday 21 st May Monday 1 st June – Friday 17 th July
School Test Week 2026 – 11 – 15th May (absence will not be authorised during this week - except illness)		
School Journey Dates 2026 National Forest 29 th April – 1 st May 2026 Isle of Wight 22 – 26 th June 2026		

Treetops Breakfast and After School Club

The clubs run from 7.45 – 8.45 and 3.15 – 6.00pm. For more information or to book please see our website or contact the school office

Oct	
27-31	Half term Helping Hands at Half -term
Nov	
3	Year 3 visit to Celtic Harmony
5	Family Firework Evening
6	Year 6 District Cross Country event Governor school improvement/resources meeting
10-14	Anti-bullying week
12	School Association meeting 7.30pm in Myatt Room
18	Film Night Years 1 – 3
20	Film Night Years 4 - 6
21	Children in Need
26	Christmas discos and light switch on Governors' Business meeting
28	Year 1 Athletics event at Longdean
29	Christmas fair
Dec	
1	Flu Vaccine 2 am
8	FS dress rehearsal (grandparents) 9.30am
9	KS1 dress rehearsal (grandparents) 9.30am FS Show 6pm
10	KS1 Show 6pm
15	Yr 3 and 4 dress rehearsal 9.30am Yr 5 and 6 dress rehearsal 1.30pm
16	Yr 3 and 4 Show 6.00pm
17	KS1 Christingle 9.00am Yr 5 and 6 Show 6.00pm
19	End of Term 2.15pm

Want to know more about the school?

Take a look at our school website for the latest news and information

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If you have not done so, please join our school lottery to help raise funds for school equipment and activities as well as a chance to win a prize for yourself. Join up details in poster below.