

# Horndean Infant School

"U.N.I.T.E.D. in all we do"

Spring 1 Newsletter 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a bustling few weeks we've had at our wonderful school! It's been a joy to see our children engage in such a variety of enriching activities and experiences.



Our recent celebration of Online Safety Day was a highlight, with children exploring the marvellous opportunities the internet offers while learning to spot and avoid potential scams. It was fantastic to see so many parents join Mrs Frank (computing lead) for our Internet Safety workshop, where she led lively discussions about keeping our children safe online.



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We were incredibly fortunate to welcome the Hampshire school nursing team to Hordean. Their 'Healthy Me!' workshops were a hit with our children, who learned about the importance of a balanced diet and the positive effects of exercise on their bodies.

Our Year One and Two children did us proud at the local sports festival at Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth. They tried their hands at archery and fencing, among other activities, representing our school magnificently.



In Year F, our youngest learners have been immersing themselves in Chinese New Year celebrations. They've embraced traditional customs, shared meals, donned special clothes, and even tried their hand at Chinese calligraphy!



A big thank you to everyone who supported our PTA 'Fun for Funds' day. Our 'Unique Usains' raised an impressive £450, which will go towards creating even more exciting learning opportunities for our children.



There will be more PTA 'dates for your diary' coming soon. In the meantime, why not follow the PTA on our Facebook page @horndeaninfantschoolpta. Here you will find updates on events, photos and local community info.



Looking ahead, we are introducing some special roles and responsibilities for our children after half-term. These positions will give our children a chance to actively contribute to our school community. Children will wear badges to show how much we value and respect their contributions. We are hoping your child will be excited to apply for one of the following roles:

**Wildlife Wardens:** Our Wildlife Wardens will explore local wildlife and learn conservation skills.

**Eco Warriors:** Eco warriors will champion sustainability and care for our school environment.

**Librarians:** Librarians will help maintain our bookshelves and create engaging displays.

**Safety Stewards:** Stewards will ensure our 'Ready Respect Safe' code is followed and assist with health and safety matters.

**Young Governors:** Governors will work alongside our governing body, representing their classmates and helping to drive school improvement.

At Horndean, we believe in nurturing every child's potential and giving them a voice in shaping their school experience. These new roles are just one way we're working to make our school an even better place for everyone. After half term, children will be informed on how they can apply for each role and information will be sent to parents on how to support your child through the process.



**Key Dates**  
**Spring Term 2025**

<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parent/carer 'Online Safety' workshop (Mrs Frank)</b>	This workshop will explore how to ensure your child is accessing the internet in a safe and responsible manner. We will provide guidance on how to approach the topic of online safety with your children.
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>PTA 'Fun for Funds' Day</b>	Children are invited to come to school and make the most of the opportunity to have even more fun in exchange for a small donation. For further information, please refer to the previously sent posters via parentmail as well as those displayed in your child's class window.
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parents/Carers Evening</b>	Please be sure to book an appointment with your child's class teacher, if you have not already done so. Your face-to-face appointments will take place in our school hall
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>	School will be closed to pupils as staff take part in teacher training.
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 2 Parent/carer Drop-in</b>	An opportunity for children to share their learning books with their parents/carers.
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year F Stay and Play</b>	Parents/carers invited to school to join their children for 'discovery time'. This is an opportunity for parents to play alongside their child and explore our engaging Year F provision.
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 1 Parent/carer Drop-in</b>	An opportunity for children to share their learning books with their parents/carers.
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>	Children are invited to celebrate World Book Day by wearing their PJs to school for 'bedtime' stories. Alternatively, they can come to school as their favourite book characters.
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Zoolab visiting Year 1</b>	An opportunity for the children to get up close and personal to reptiles, minibeasts and rodents including snakes and African land snails.
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Openbox Theatre Company visit to Year 1</b>	Children in Year 1 will be taking part in a drama workshop. The workshop will focus on the historic event 'The Great Fire of London'
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Openbox Theatre Company visit to Year 2</b>	Children in year 2 will be taking part in drama workshops exploring the topics of climate change and global warming.
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 2 'Explorers Day'</b>	Children in Year 2 are invited to come to school dressed as an explorer. Maybe an astronaut like Neil Armstrong or a fearless pilot like Amelia Earhart. Other options could be a deep-sea diver, mountaineer or an archaeologist.
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 1 'Carnival of animals' exhibition (Parent visit)</b>	Year 1 children will be displaying their 'Amazing Animals' topic learning in the school hall. Parents are invited to join their child to explore the exhibition. The event will end with a short performance of a dance routine children have learnt during their PE lessons. Timings to be confirmed.