

# Hampton Vale Primary Academy Weekly News

Newsletter No: *Friday 9th May 2025*

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*As we come to the end of another successful week, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support in your child's educational journey. Your involvement, encouragement, and partnership play a vital role in helping our students thrive. It has been a truly positive week across the school, filled with great learning, enthusiastic participation, and wonderful achievements. The energy and commitment from both students and staff have been inspiring, and we're proud of the progress being made every day.*

## **Year 6 update**

*This week, Year 6 have completed their final Arithmetic practice paper. The progress across the year group has been excellent, with children improving their scores from 9 at the beginning of the year to an incredible 40 out of 40!*

*An extra special shout out to Aaryan this week who not only achieved 40 out of 40, but also beat Mr Cook's time when completing the test by an astonishing 55 seconds!! Well done Aaryan!*



*As SATs week approaches next week, we want to take a moment to wish all our Year 6 children the very best of luck. We are incredibly proud of the dedication, effort, and resilience they have shown throughout the year in preparation for these tests. Their hard work—both in and out of the classroom—has not gone unnoticed, and they should feel confident and proud of all they've achieved. Remember, these tests are just one part of your journey, and you are already shining stars in our eyes. You've got this—good luck!*



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## Reading at HVPA

Reading regularly with your child at home plays a vital role in developing their language skills, imagination, and love of learning. It not only supports their academic progress but also creates a special opportunity to bond and share stories together. At school, we are proud to foster a strong culture and love of reading—our classrooms are full of rich texts, reading corners, and regular story times that inspire curiosity and a lifelong passion for books. By continuing this habit at home, you reinforce the importance of reading and help your child grow into a confident and enthusiastic reader.



*“Let your imagination go wild and embark on a quest for knowledge and adventure...”*

## Safer Eating at HVPA



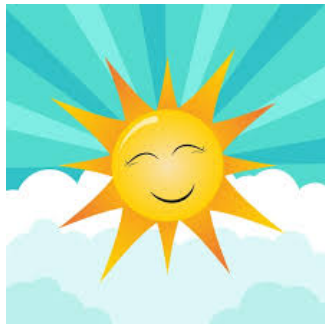
At HVPA, we are committed to creating a safe and healthy environment for all children, especially during mealtimes. As part of our efforts to promote safe eating, we kindly ask parents and carers to avoid including common choking hazards in packed lunches—these include whole grapes, cherry tomatoes, hard candies, popcorn, and large chunks of raw vegetables or meat. Please cut foods into small, manageable pieces, particularly for younger children. We also ask that lunches be nut-free to protect students with severe allergies, and that children are reminded not to share food. By working together, we can help ensure that all students enjoy a safe and pleasant lunchtime experience.



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## **Warmer Weather!**

*As the weather warms up, we want to remind families of a few important ways to keep children safe and comfortable during the sunny days ahead. Please ensure your child comes to school with a refillable water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day. Applying sunscreen before school and providing a hat for outdoor play can help protect against sunburn. Lightweight, breathable clothing is also recommended to keep students cool. With these simple precautions, we can all enjoy a safe and fun season of learning and play in the sun!*



## **Water Safety in our Community**

*As summer approaches and families head outdoors, it's important to raise awareness about water safety in our community—especially given the number of lakes in our area. While lakes may look calm and inviting, they can be dangerous, particularly for children. Unlike swimming pools, lakes have hidden hazards such as sudden drop-offs, strong currents, underwater plants, and debris that can entangle swimmers. Water quality can also be unpredictable, sometimes leading to health risks. These natural bodies of water do not have lifeguards, increasing the danger in an emergency. We encourage all parents to talk to their children about these risks, ensure they wear life jackets near water, and consider swimming lessons to build confidence and safety skills. Let's work together to keep our community safe around water.*

## **HVPA Playground Buddies**

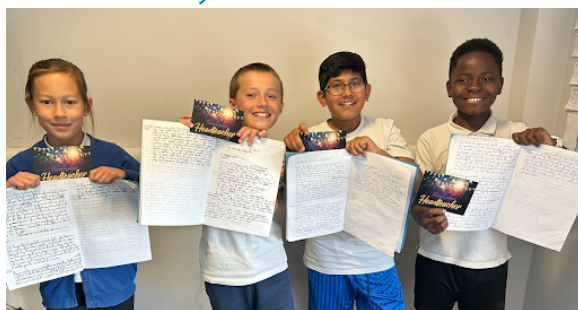
*We are excited to introduce our new team of Playground Buddies, who have successfully applied and been chosen for this important role by our Head Boy and Head Girl! These students have shown great enthusiasm, kindness, and a strong sense of responsibility, and we are proud to have them supporting our school community. As Playground Buddies, they will help to ensure that everyone feels included during break times by encouraging positive play, helping to resolve minor disagreements, and being a friendly face for anyone who needs support. Their presence will support in role modelling our HVPA school values and ensure that we all continue to act with kindness. Congratulations to our new Playground Buddies—we know you'll make a fantastic difference!*



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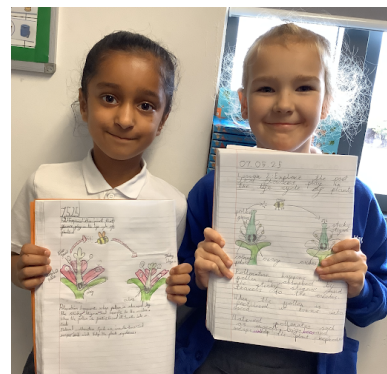
## Year Five Update

Our Year 5's have been working hard on their 'Romeo and Juliet' writing unit, in which they have been planning and writing love letters from Juliet to Romeo. They have used sensational vocabulary and incorporated Tudor language. Next week, they will be writing their replies from Romeo so be prepared for lots of swoon-worthy sentences!

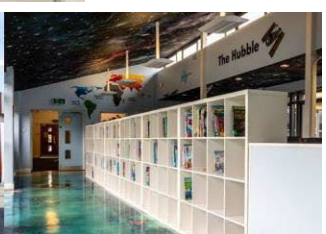


## Year Three Update

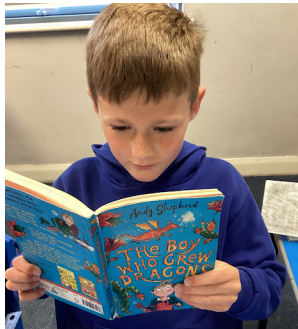
Year Three have been learning about plants in science. They have been exploring the parts of a plant and the process of photosynthesis and pollination. The children applied their learning when in forest school, being able to spot the 'sticky stigma' on a variety of flowers.



Year 3 have also been busy writing their own diary entry as Charlie (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory). In Maths, they have been subtracting amounts using practical resources to help them and in reading they are reading The Boy Who Grew Dragons. The children have also won several medals and trophies for extracurricular activities: 1st in a kickboxing tournament, trophies for a rugby tournament and finally, a medal for a football tournament. Well done to these children for their incredible contributions to their sporting development and to their community.

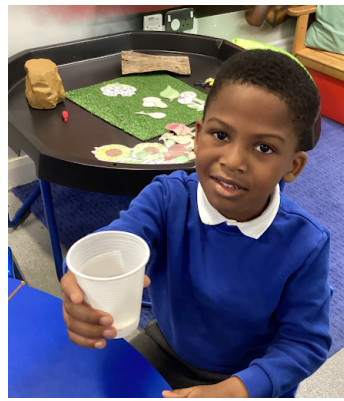
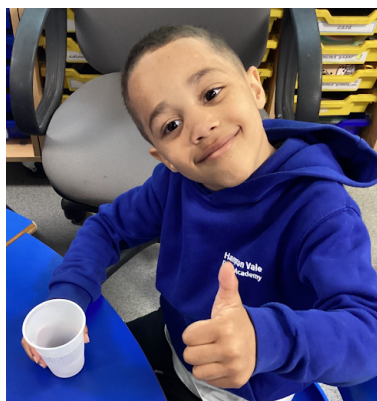
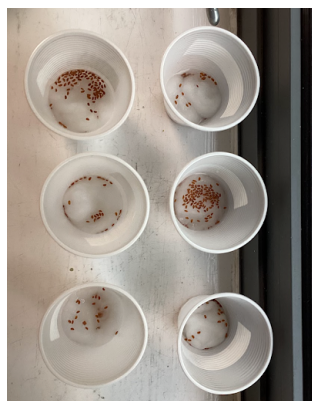


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## Reception Update

This week, our reception children have been busy planting their very own cress seeds as part of their current topic, In the Garden. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting involved in planting and learning all about what seeds and bulbs need to grow. They are now excited to observe the changes over the coming weeks as their cress begins to sprout and grow!



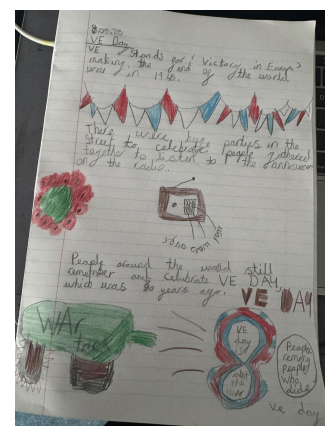
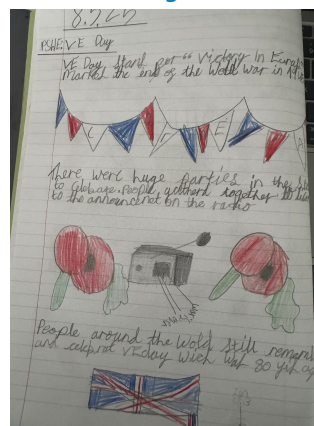
## Performing Arts Update

This half term in Performing Arts the children have been focusing on singing and dancing. Topics include Moana, Mary Poppins, Cowboys, Mamma Mia, Matilda and Six The Musical.

We are counting down until the Year 6 production of High School Musical! We have 10 weeks left and the children are full of excitement to show off their hard work and talent! Tickets for year 6 parents can be booked now through the link sent on MCAS.

## VE Day

Yesterday was V.E day therefore around school, classes held moments of reflection and remembrance to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Victory in Europe day, marking the end of the Second World War. Here's a beautiful example from Mrs Clements' class of learning & reflection based around this historic day.



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Congratulations...



*Well done to the children in Hampton Blues on their recent football achievement - we are very proud of you all!*



*Well done to these wonderful Year 1 children from Madrid class who received certificates from Mrs Chamberlain for their outstanding writing work about 'Tiddlers Journey'.*

*As we wrap up this edition of our school newsletter, we want to thank all our students, families, and staff for their continued support and enthusiasm. Your involvement helps make our school community stronger and more vibrant every day. With so many exciting events and achievements behind us—and more on the horizon—we look forward to the weeks ahead with pride and anticipation. Until next time, stay curious, stay kind, and keep reaching for excellence!*

*Miss Thomas  
Deputy Headteacher*

