

Diary Dates



April 4th Friday	- Last day of term
April 22nd Tuesday	- Start of term
April 24th Thursday	- School Disco, Year 5 4:45pm—5:45pm Year 6 6:00pm—7:00pm
April 25th Friday	- Year 4 Fairthorne Manor
April 29th Tuesday	- Parent drop-in session - Jigsaw Years 3, 4, 6, 3:30pm—4:00pm
May 1st Thursday	- School Disco, Year 3 4:45pm—5:45pm Year 4 6:00pm—7:00pm
May 5th Monday	- Bank Holiday
May 12th to 16th	- Year 6 SATs week
May 23rd Friday	- Last Day of term
June 2nd Monday	- Inset Day
June 3rd Tuesday	- Start of term
June 9th - 13th	- Sportacular Week
June 9th Monday	- Year 6 Biathlon
June 10th Tuesday	- Sportacular event 4pm—6pm
June 11th Wednesday	- Year 6 Bridging Day at Brookfield
June 12th Thursday	- Year 5 Biathlon
June 13th Friday	- Sports Day Lower school 9:15am—10:15am Upper school 10:45am—11:45am (parents invited, details to follow)
June 20th Friday	- Bottle Donation for Summer Fair
June 21st Saturday	- FOLH Summer Fair
June 27th Friday	- School sports & club group photos
July 4th Friday	- Transfer Day Whole School
July 8th Tuesday	- Year 6 Parent Information Evening at Brookfield
July 14th Monday	- Year 3 Showcase 2:45pm
July 14th Monday	- Perseverance Showcase, whole school
July 16th Wednesday	- Year 6 Production - matinee & evening at Waypoint Church
July 16th Wednesday	- Year 5 Showcase 9:00am-9:20am
July 17th Thursday	- Year 4 Showcase 2:45pm
July 18th Friday	- Year 6 Wonder Day - details to follow
July 22nd Tuesday	- Whole School Picnic (no hot lunches available)
July 22nd Tuesday	- End of term
July 30th—31st	- Year 5 Bikeability - details to follow
August 21st – 22nd	- Year 5 Bikeability - details to follow

The Headteachers Celebration



Mrs Natasha Farrell



Mrs Debbie Clarke

I love the Spring term in school. The children are usually settled in their classes and we haven't yet started building up to the transition to the next school year. It is the term when children typically make rapid gains in their learning and the weather is warm enough to enjoy being outside without it being too hot and uncomfortable. This year our Spring term has been particularly successful.

Earlier in the term, we had our annual visit from our local authority representative and were pleased that her findings reflected the hard work that is evident day to day at Locks Heath, she said:

The senior leaders are a cohesive and reflective team. They have an accurate understanding of the strengths and areas for development in this school, and a strong commitment to school improvement. Leaders have continued their improvement work regarding the quality of education within the school.

This school is self-improving as evidenced by the leaders' response to previous actions and the impact of their improvement work.

In January, leaders put together a detailed plan to steer the school toward future excellence. Having noted the national and local climate we are very much looking to secure a Sustainable and Healthy Learning Community and are looking to add to our tag line 'Where children come first' with the values We Respect, We Thrive, We Belong. The school improvement plan uses this as a starting point and we have identified actions for the remainder of this academic year and beyond with a view to replicating the excellence in some aspects of the school's work so that it is consistent throughout all aspects by September 2029.

I was delighted by the news that Locks Heath Infant School will be opening a Nursery in September. This will extend the learning journey at Locks Heath to 9 years for some children. It will be lovely to have little ones engaging in learning on the schools' site and will secure numbers in future cohorts. I continue to work in partnership with Mr Jump, finding ways in which we can enhance provision across both sites and make efficiencies in what has become an increasingly challenging financial environment. I look forward to welcoming the infant school governors for a tour of our school in June. I will look forward to sharing with them our best practice.

Thank you so much to all of you for working in partnership with us. Whether your contribution is making sure your child attends school ready to learn or by you attending parents' evenings, emailing the teacher with information they may need to know, supporting children with reading and timetables or by attending Showcase events, we really appreciate what you do.

Have a restful Easter and enjoy the holiday!

Year 3



Mary Rose Museum — Looking at ancient artefacts!



World Book Day in Year 3



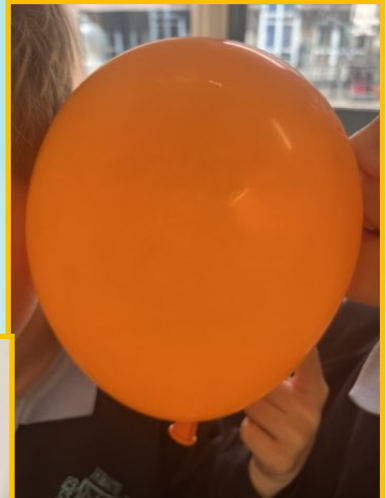
Year 3



Roman Day—testing our shields!



Year 4

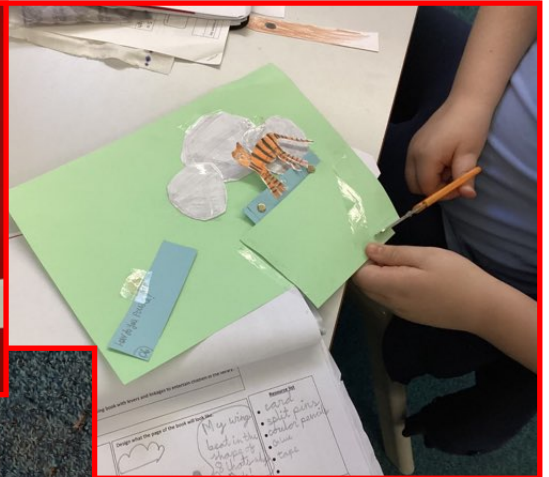
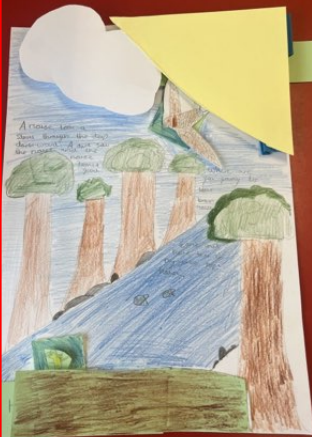


Sound Science Experiments
- How does sound work?



Southampton Art Gallery Trip—Making Medusa heads from clay and looking at the Perseus and the Gorgon paintings, with accompanying story.

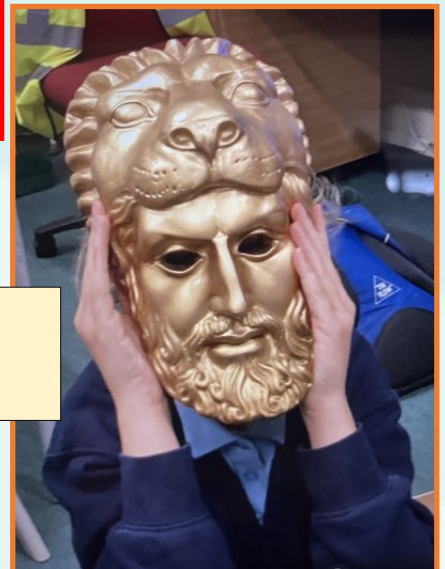
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DT—Making a moving picture for a children's book.



History—Exploring artefacts from the Ancient Greeks.



Art—Painting an apple in the style of Pre-Raphaelites using shade and tints and multiple techniques.



Year 5

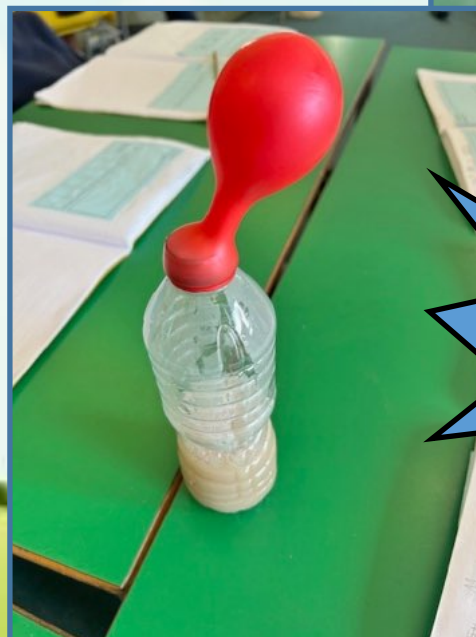
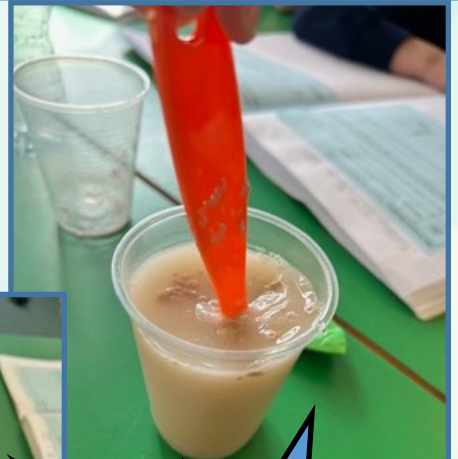
This term we have been exploring what makes a good life. We have learned about animals and living things in science and we undertook some Geography fieldwork at the River Meon.



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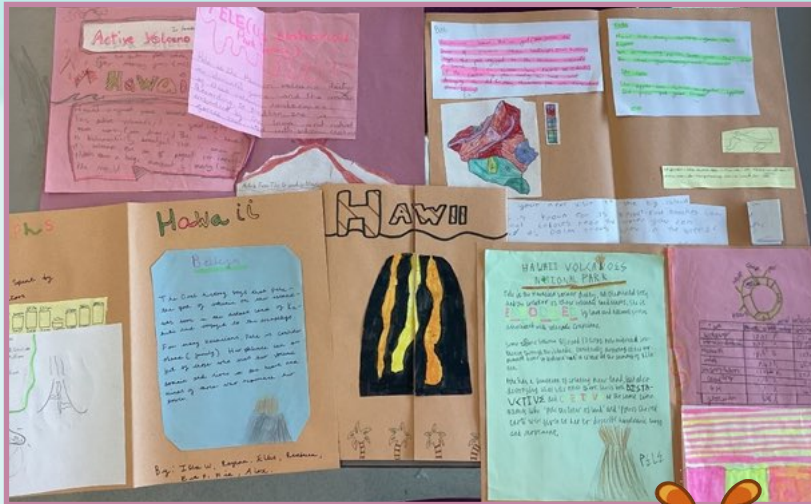
Pizza making
in DT



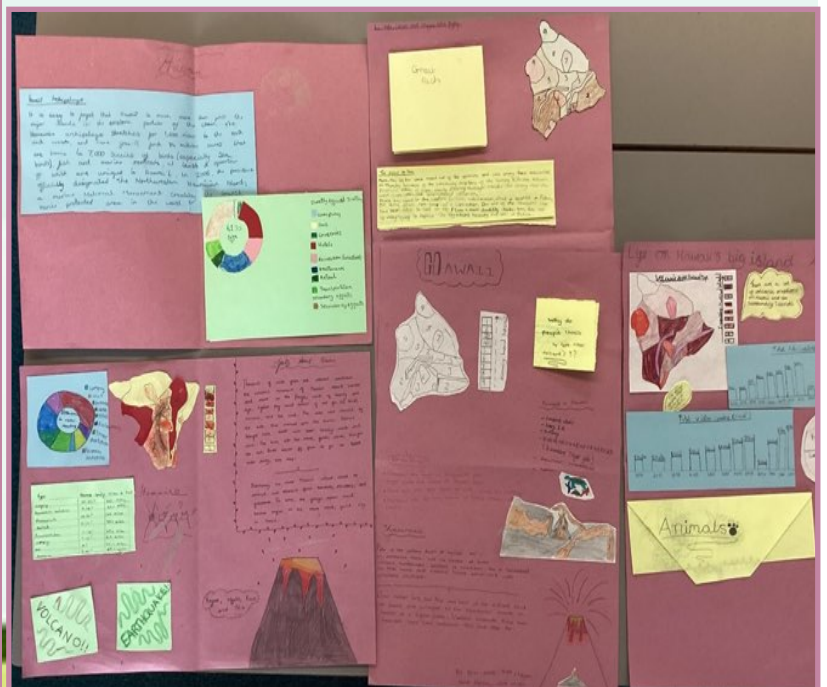
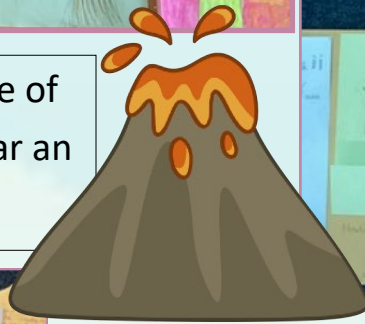
Science
experiments!

Year 6

In Year 6 this term we have been exploring the concept of Survival and thinking about answering the question, 'Do you need to be strong to survive?' In Project, we have learnt about volcanoes and earthquakes and how they affect the people that live near them.

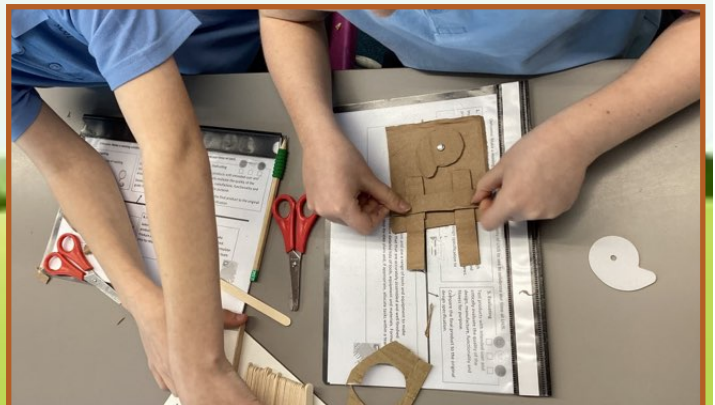
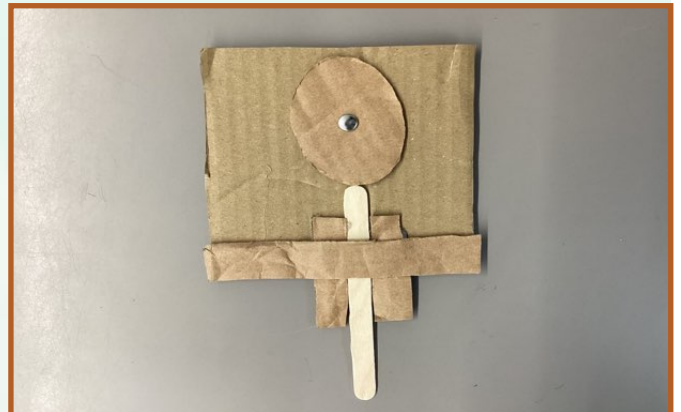
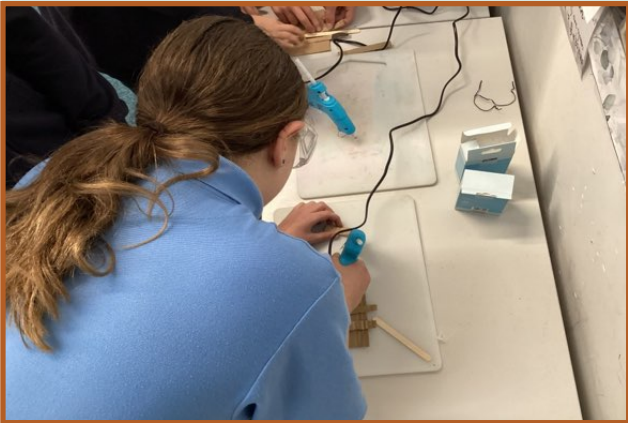
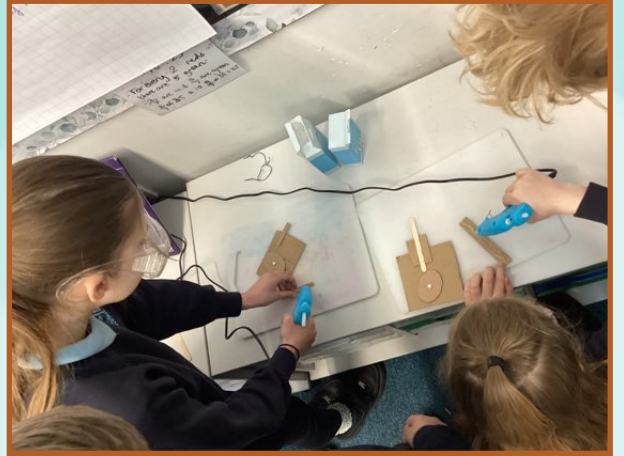
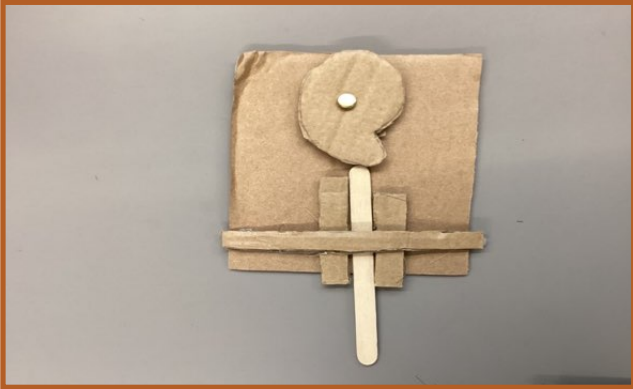


Our research on why the people of Hawaii choose to stay living near an active volcano.



Year 6

In DT, we have been improving our skills to build cams, which we then used for our final pieces, creating a moving toy.



Year 6—Calshot Memories

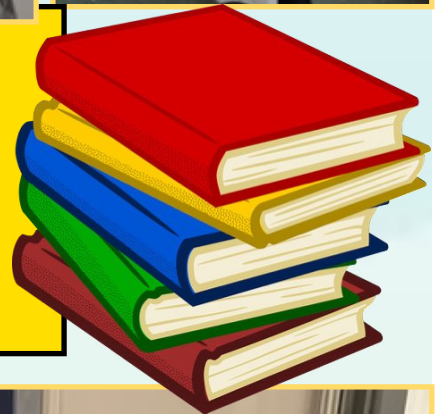


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Library

Thanks to all of you who visited our very busy book fair. We raised just over £1,000 to spend on books for the school library and we can't wait to hear all the suggestions from pupils as to what books they would like to see us purchase. We also had some amazing entries to our book review competition. It was very hard to choose the winners as they were all of such high quality. The reviews are now on display in the library for the rest of the school to admire. Well done to:

Amy - Class 2

Alexander - Class 3

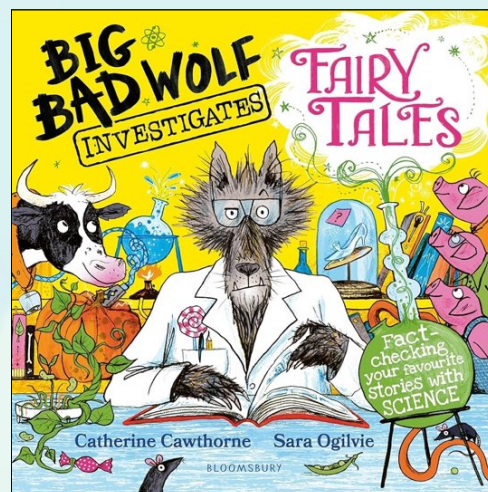
Ellie - Class 6

Grace - Class 11

Marcelina - class 15

who all won a voucher to spend at the book fair!

Year 4 took part in the Hampshire Information Book Awards, voting for their favourite non-fiction book along with 4000 other pupils in Hampshire. They were all very popular but the overall winner was **Big Bad Wolf Investigates Fairy Tales** by Catherine Cawthorne and illustrated by Sara Ogilvie which we really enjoyed in our library sessions.



We also had World Book Day, the highlight in a school library's year. It was a delight to see all the pupils and staff dressed in their costumes and hear about the books and characters that inspired them. Classes spent time enjoying poems by Joseph Coelho and had lots of opportunities to write and perform their own poetry. All children chose a free World Book Day book, kindly supplied by the Lee-on-Solent Book Shop.



Sports News



William (13) and Hugo (16) represented Fareham in the Hampshire County Trials held in Basingstoke.

The cross-country course was 1800m and the weather was perfect for the event. There were over 200 boys competing for the chance to represent Hampshire at county level.

The boys did extremely well and were up against runners who run for athletic clubs. Hugo finished 12th and William finished 42nd. The organiser of the Fareham branch said he was incredibly proud of all those who took part and to be in the top 200 for Hampshire is an amazing achievement.



In other sporting news, Running Club had the opportunity to compete at Crookhorn College's cross country event, Football Club have continued their league games and Netball Club have begun their league, playing their first three games this half term. It has been amazing to see so many children participate and thank you to the adults who allow these opportunities to happen.

Sports News

Twelve children represented the school at the Hampshire Primary Schools Relay Championships.

The girls collected the silver medal in the Medley Relay and placed 4th in the Freestyle Relay. The boys took the Bronze medal in both the Medley and Freestyle relay. Congratulations to all the swimmers who did themselves proud.



Also, well done to all the children who completed their swimming lessons this term—look out for certificates coming home in their book bags.

The football team have played against Ranvilles School this week. The squad won two games, drew one and lost one.

Mr Elsworth was really impressed with the way they played, showing excellent teamwork and a brilliant sporting attitude.

He would like to thank all the children who have represented the school this year for football and the parents for their ongoing support in travelling to matches. Also, a big thanks to all the members of staff who have supported the running of football this year.



Friends of Locks Heath



We are only few months away from our joint summer fair with the infant school. In the past this event has raised thousands of pounds which has been used to benefit our children, such as the purchase of our pirate ship and climbing wall. To make this year a success we are looking for your help.

We have space for local businesses to have a stall and we would love to welcome you. We are also looking for raffle prizes for our grand raffle, so if you or anyone you know would like to donate a prize, please contact me on the email below.

For the summer fair to take place we need volunteers to help set up, run stalls, and clear up after the event. If you or a family member could spare some time, it would be really appreciated. Please contact me on the email below.

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I would just like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all the support you give the Friends.

Lorna (Chair)

After School Clubs

We have had an exciting half term of clubs. On a Monday, we started with 'Funtastic' Club. The idea for this club came from a child, where the children could choose each week what they wanted to do. The children have enjoyed practising their times tables on TTRS (and challenging Mrs Cheesman!), playing scratch games and completing the daily Wordle challenge. We have also played Sudoku and have drawing and colouring available for those children who wanted to express their artistic side.

On Tuesdays we had our very first Nature Warrior club. The weather has been beautiful, and the children have really enjoyed being able to play in our wooded area. They have made dens, role played, drawn pictures of bugs and made pictures from twigs and leaves. It was lovely to be able to enjoy the nature area in our school.

Cooking Club this half term has seen the children make cheese and bacon turnovers, apple crumble, apple and cinnamon pastry bites and ham and cheese parcels. It is wonderful to see the children be creative, and when they come to see me the next day, it's so nice to hear they enjoyed eating what they made.

Thursday saw the return of our Build-it Club. The children love to make and design with the Lego and K'nex. The imagination they have is incredible and it is so nice to see the different year groups come together and use teamwork to make exciting creations!

Mrs Cheesman

Times Table Rock Stars



Well done to all of you who have been practicing your Times Tables this past term on TTRS- we have been able to celebrate many of you in our Friday celebration assemblies. If your child has forgotten their Times Table login, please do contact your child's class teacher.

Mrs Weatherill also was able to visit many of the classes to see Times Tables being taught this past term and was really impressed to see how enthusiastic the children were about their times table learning. There was a real buzz around the school as the children shared how they are using the counting stick to help support their understanding of times tables. Furthermore, the children demonstrated a range of exciting games they have been playing to deepen their understanding. Well done Locks Heath Junior School!



Music

Brookfield Cluster schools staged a “Music Extravaganza” in March. The schools provide a fantastic concert, with both joint and individual choirs.



Thank you to Mrs Hall and all the children that represented our school. They put on a great show and we are very proud of them all!

