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14th November 2025

Diary Dates

Week Beginning 17th November.

Assemblies: Healthy and Safe Behaviours

Next week, our assemblies will focus on Healthy and Safe Behaviours.

In addition, Year 10 and Year 11 students will have an extra session led by representatives from Chichester College and HSDC College, providing valuable insights into post-16 options and college life.

We're also delighted to welcome back our Careers Lead, who will be visiting throughout the week to speak with students and offer further guidance on their future pathways.

School dates for 2025 / 2026 have been published and can be found at

<https://hayling.hants.sch.uk/parents-carers/key-dates/>

Meet Our Staff

Meet Mr. Nelson – Science Teacher

We're delighted to welcome Mr. Nelson to our Science Department. A fourth-generation islander, Mr. Nelson knows the local area inside and out and has long hoped to teach here. He's thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the students and becoming part of the school community. Outside of the classroom, Mr. Nelson enjoys spending time outdoors with his family, working on his car, and keeping active at the gym.

Anti-Bullying!

As part of our Anti-bullying week, we were so pleased to be joined this week by Duke Harrison-Hunter.

Duke has previously visited the school and spoken with Year 9s and 10s. Today was the turn of Year 8.

He spoke of kindness, resilience, being proud of yourself and making the most of your life - great messages for our pupils who were really engaged and respectful.



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English

In tutor time this week, students have been reading and working on an extract from the award-winning Young Adult novel, *Martyn Pig* by Kevin Brooks.

Fifteen-year-old Martyn Pig has always been the target. His name alone makes him vulnerable to the unending cruelty of his peers. At home, life is no better: his only family is his alcoholic Dad, whose abuse and threats have trapped Martyn in a state of constant fear and isolation.



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Martyn lives by the rules of the crime novels he devours, but his life is anything but a storybook. When a shocking accident occurs, Martyn realizes one terrifying truth: if the authorities find out, they will take the only freedom he has left.

Fearing further institutional abuse, Martyn must use all his knowledge of detective stories to cover his tracks.

The story explores how far a person will go to protect their own freedom and how quickly the line between a fictional crime story and a real-life crisis can dissolve.

Kevin Brooks is an author renowned for his realistic, intense, and often dark young adult novels which feature complex, sometimes damaged protagonists dealing with extraordinary circumstances.

The Bunker Diary (2014) A terrifying first-person account of Linus, a young man who is kidnapped and held captive in a meticulously stocked underground bunker with five strangers. The book explores psychological endurance, the dynamics of captivity, and the descent into despair. (Winner of the Carnegie Medal).

Lucas (2002) A powerful story of forbidden love and prejudice. Teenage Caitlin falls for the enigmatic traveller Lucas, whose presence divides her remote island community. The novel explores the dangers of mob mentality, xenophobia, and finding identity outside of social norms.

iBoy (2010) After a violent attack, fragments of a shattered smartphone embed themselves in Tom Harvey's brain, giving him strange digital powers. This blends gritty realism with sci-fi elements as Tom uses his new abilities in a quest for justice and revenge in a tough urban setting.

Candy (2005) A haunting, cautionary tale about a middle-class boy, Joe, who becomes dangerously obsessed with Candy, a young prostitute in London. It explores themes of addiction, obsession, and the raw realities of life on the margins.

HAF winter 2025

Please see below flyer from the holiday activities and food programme.



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Free holiday activities & meals for eligible children this winter!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy fun activities and healthy meals for free this Christmas through Hampshire's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Spaces are limited - book now! Scan the QR code below to check if you're eligible, find local HAF schemes, and book your child(ren)'s place



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HAVANT WINTER HAF SCHEMES (1/2)

360 Degree Sports Coaching
Front Lawn Community Hub (PO9 5AN)

Active Kids
Dickinson Centre, Park Community School (PO9 4BU)

Active8 Minds
Bidbury Junior School (PO9 3EF)
Horizon Leisure Centre (PO9 2AY)
Mill Hill Primary School (PO7 7DB)
Springwood Junior School (PO7 8ED)
St James Primary School (PO10 7PX)
Woodcroft Primary School (PO8 9QD)

Active Me 360
Morelands Primary School (PO7 5QL)
Padnell Junior School (PO8 8EA)

CM Sports
Warren Park Primary School (PO9 4LR)

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Year 7 Netball Team – A Promising Start!

The Year 7 netball team made a fantastic start to their first round of fixtures this week. Despite being new to competitive play, the girls and boy, boys are allowed to take part, showed excellent teamwork, determination, and enthusiasm throughout all three matches.

They played three consecutive games — against Havant Academy, Cowplain School, and Oaklands B — and impressively, each game was decided by just a single goal. Although the team narrowly missed out on a win, their performances were full of promise and spirit.



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Shooting proved to be a challenge at times, but the players worked hard, encouraged one another, and pushed themselves beyond what they were used to. It was brilliant to see how well they gelled as a team and how supportive they were of each other on and off the court.

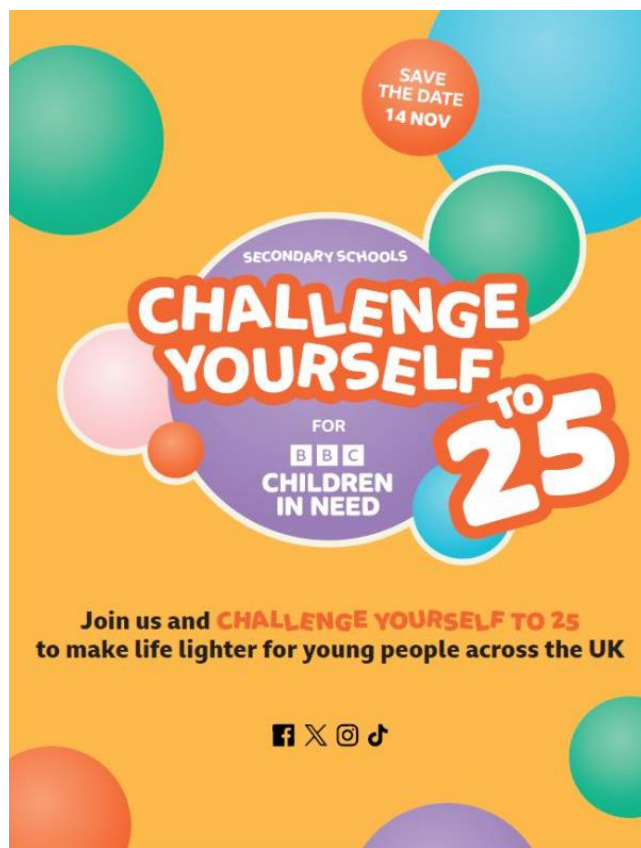
We are really proud of their efforts and attitude — an excellent foundation to build on for the rest of the season!

The next round of fixtures will take place next Wednesday against Purbrook A, Purbrook B, and Horndean Technical College. We're looking forward to seeing the team continue to grow in confidence — and hopefully secure their first win!

Well done to everyone who took part — a great start to your netball journey!

Children in Need!

#challengeyourselfto25





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Children in Need: A Fun and Successful Week!

This week, our school proudly took part in **Children in Need**, and our pupils rose to the challenge brilliantly! Learners enjoyed getting involved in a range of fun activities, including **karaoke, darts, golf, and badminton competitions**, all helping us raise money for this fantastic cause.

Our staff also joined in the excitement, taking on pupils in **staff vs. pupil badminton matches** and bravely volunteering for the always popular “**Splat the Teacher**” challenge!

It has been a joyful and memorable week, and we’re grateful to everyone who took part and supported the event. **Please enjoy some photos from our activities below!**





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Attendance

Attendance	10/11	11/11	12/11	13/11	14/11	Week Ending
7	93.1	92.6	92	92	94.7	94.2
8	95.8	91.8	90.5	91.6	92.6	93.9
9	93.5	91.5	90	89.8	94.9	92.4
10	93.2	90.6	93.2	91	97	93
11	87.4	89.3	91.1	91.1	93.9	90.6

Thank you to all families for your continued support with attendance. This week, our overall figures remained steady, with several year groups showing strong improvement towards the end of the week.

- Year 7 ended the week with a solid 94.2%.
- Year 8 achieved 93.9%, maintaining consistent attendance across the week.
- Year 9 finished at 92.4%, with a positive uplift on Friday.
- Year 10 reached 93%, boosted by excellent attendance at the end of the week.
- Year 11 closed the week at 90.6%, showing improvement as they move further into this important year.

We appreciate your ongoing efforts in helping pupils attend regularly—it makes a real difference to their progress and wellbeing.

The Hayling College.