



THE
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Jan 30th, 2026

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Key dates for next week:

- **All week assembly—Storytelling**
- **2nd—School nurse Clinic**
- **3rd—Forest School Trip**



Holocaust Memorial Day Commemorations – KS3

Pupils Take Part

This week, our KS3 pupils took part in the National Literacy Trust's Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations, joining thousands of young people across the country in an important moment of learning and reflection. Pupils watched a live online event where author Tom Palmer spoke with Holocaust survivor Ruth Barnett and her son about her experiences during the Second World War, including her escape from Nazi Germany.

Our pupils listened with great respect and maturity as Ruth shared her story, learning about her remarkable resilience, courage and bravery. The event gave pupils a powerful first-hand insight into history and encouraged meaningful reflection on the importance of remembrance, tolerance and standing up against hatred in all its forms.

If you would like to watch a recording of the event, it can be found here:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=QTuHCe2ebXk&pp=0gcJCTMB07VqN5tD4gcSEhBTZXJ2aWNlIEFjY291bnQg>



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Dance Live 2026!

What a Night to Remember!

Wow. Just wow! What an absolutely incredible evening we had at the Guildhall on Wednesday 28th January for Dance Live!

The energy, the confidence, the commitment — it was all there and every single one of our pupils played their part brilliantly.

But what made it truly special wasn't just the amazing routines. It was the teamwork.

Dance Live isn't just about the steps (even though they nailed those!). It's about working together, supporting each other, staying focused during rehearsals, and pushing through when things feel challenging. They all showed resilience, dedication and real team spirit — and that's something to be incredibly proud of.

For five years now, our pupils have taken part in Dance Live, and every single year they raise the bar. The passion and the togetherness just keep growing. They represented our school with pride, positivity and professionalism from start to finish.

Most importantly, they had FUN!

A huge well done to every dancer, every helper, and everyone who supported behind the scenes. Events like this don't just happen — they're built on hard work, commitment and a lot of heart.

And the best part? We're already excited for 2027!



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Poetry Live Trip!

On Thursday, the English Department took 46 students to the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London for a special poetry event. They had the exciting opportunity to hear well-known poets Simon Armitage, John Agard, Carol Ann Duffy and Daljit Nagra read and discuss poems from our English Literature anthology.

Students also received helpful advice from Chief Examiners for Literature, who shared guidance on how to approach unseen poems in this summer's exams. They were given useful tips on how to compare anthology poems with unseen poems — an important skill for success in English Literature.

To top it off, Mrs De Gruchy even managed to get a collection of Imtiaz Dharker's poems signed!

It was a fantastic and valuable experience that will greatly support our students' understanding and exam preparation.



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English

This week in our tutor reading sessions, to mark Holocaust Memorial Day, students have been reading an extract from award winning novel 'Number the Stars' by Lois Lowry.

It is 1943 and life in Copenhagen is becoming complicated for Annemarie. There are food shortages and curfews, and soldiers on every corner.

But it is even worse for her Jewish best friend, Ellen, as the Nazis continue their brutal campaign. With Ellen's life in danger, Annemarie must summon all her courage to help stage a daring escape.

Inspired by true events of the Second World War, this gripping novel brings the past vividly to life for today's readers.



A quick reminder, Sparx Reader work is set every Tuesday at 4 pm and due the following Monday at 5pm. Sparx Reader is an essential piece of home learning, which helps to improve reading fluency, accuracy, and comprehension. Please speak to your child's English teacher or email lorraine.coram@hayling.hants.sch.uk if you have any questions or need any support.



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Attendance

This week’s attendance figures show a positive start from our younger year groups, with Year 7 leading the way at 94.1%. Year 8 and Year 9 also had strong attendance at 92.9% and 92.7% respectively, while Year 10 finished on 91%. Year 11’s attendance was 89.9% this week.

Regular attendance makes a significant difference to students’ progress and confidence in lessons, particularly as we move closer to the exam season for our older students. We are grateful for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day wherever possible, and we will continue working closely with families to support strong attendance across all year groups.

Year Group	Week Ending
7	94.1
8	92.9
9	92.7
10	91
11	89.9