

Hope Brook News

**Week ending:
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the close of the academic year, it is wonderful to reflect back on all that has been achieved at Hope Brook this year. Our vision is that we may be 'Growing together with God's love to bring hope to the world' and I feel so proud as I see how much each and every child has grown and developed academically, socially, physically, emotionally and in so many other ways. Along the way, children and staff have supported each other, picking each other up when we have faced difficulties and sharing the joy in each other's successes.

Over the year we have focused on each of our six values of respect, perseverance, trust, service, forgiveness and justice, reflecting on how we can use the values to bring hope to the world right now and in the future. Most recently, we have been considering justice and I have encouraged the children to focus on the charity Water Aid who aim to ensure every person in the world can access clean water, sanitary toilets and be able to practise good basic hygiene. It has been wonderful to see some children responding by holding sales of crafts they have made to raise money for the charity. I would be delighted to hear of any other initiatives children take over the summer to support the work of Water Aid – keep me updated on Class Dojo!



Over the summer term, Year 3 worked towards the Archbishops' Youth Leadership Award (AYLA). They completed a range of challenges to help them learn the attributes of good leaders, learnt about inspirational leaders and then took on a range of activities in school and at home to help them develop these leadership skills. They then undertook some community action; litter picking at the Recreation Ground and building bug hotels to encourage local wildlife. It has been wonderful to

see them developing these skills and living out our vision of 'bringing hope to the world'. Congratulations to all of Year 3 who achieved their award and were presented with badges and certificates this week. I hope you are inspired to continue to 'be the change' in the years to come!

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As we come to the end of the year we wish a special goodbye to all our Year 6 pupils as they move to their new schools—we will miss you very much but look forward to hearing about your adventures! We also wish our very best to Mrs Livermore who has led Kestrels class so well through the last half term, and wish her well as she starts a new job at another school. Finally, We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Alison McGinley, who after many years of service at Hope Brook is moving to work in the central team at Primary QuEST. Mrs McGinley's incredible knowledge of the administrative side of the school is second to none and she will be greatly missed. Thank you for all you have done to make Hope Brook a special place, Mrs McGinley.

I wish all our staff, friends and family a happy summer and look forward to seeing the children back for another exciting year in September.

Miss Rosie Marks

July 2025

Diary Dates 2025/2026

| Date | Event |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Monday 1 September | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 2 September | Back to School - Gates open 8.35am. Registration at 8.45am |
| Thursday 2 October | Kingfishers and Kestrels' trip to Windsor Castle |
| Friday 17 October | Flu Immunisations |
| Wednesday 22 October | Break up for Half Term |
| Thursday 23 and Friday 24 October | INSET Days |
| Monday 3 November | Return to School |
| Tuesday 11 November | Remembrance Service |
| Wednesday 12 November | School Photos |
| Friday 19 December | Break up for the Christmas Holidays |
| Monday 7 January | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 6 January | Back to School |
| Friday 16 January | Young Voices |
| Monday 16 -Friday 20 February | Half Term |
| Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April | Easter Holidays |
| Monday 11 - Thursday 14 May | KS2 SATS |
| Monday 25 - Friday 29 May | Half Term |
| Friday 17 July | Break up for Summer Holidays |

We hope an overview of events in the year is helpful and will try to stick to these dates as closely as possible. However, there may have to be some changes made for reasons we have not yet anticipated. Please check future newsletters for any changes, the calendar on our school website or on Class Dojo.

Our term dates for next academic year are published on our website.

School Dinners

If you believe that you may be eligible for free school meals, please visit <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/> to apply online.



Assessment Results

We are thrilled with all our statutory assessment results for this year. Thank you to all the children and staff for your incredible work!

| Assessment | Hope Brook | National (tbc) |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| EYFS Good levels of Development | 76% | 69% |
| Y1 Phonics Screening | 63% | 80% |
| Y4 Multiplication Tables Check | 89% | 38% |

| Assessment | | Expected Standard | | Greater Depth | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| | | Hope Brook | National | Hope Brook | National |
| Reading | Percentage | 78% | 75% | 56% | 33% |
| | Average scaled scores | 109.5 | 106.0 | | |
| Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling | Percentage | 78% | 73% | 39% | 30% |
| | Average scaled scores | 108.3 | 105.0 | | |
| Mathematics | Percentage | 83% | 74% | 50% | 26% |
| | Average scaled scores | 109.1 | 105.0 | | |
| Writing | Percentage | 72% | 72% | 22% | 13% |
| Combined (Reading, Writing and Maths) | | 67% | 62% | 17% | 8% |

Good Work Awards

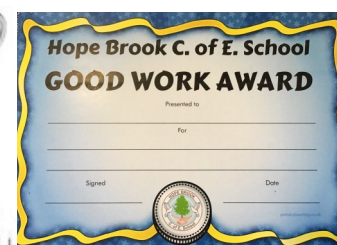
Each week children from each class may be given a 'Good Work Award' in our Friday celebration assembly. If your child gains five good work awards, please ask them to hand them to the school office before Wednesday each week so that we can award them with a Head Teacher's Award certificate and cup in the celebration assembly.

Well done to Pippa Clark, Oliver Hysom, Daniel Swaine, Harry Wilband and Scarlett Wilband who have achieved a Head Teacher's Award this term.

If they work really hard and are presented with the cup five times in their time at Hope Brook - they get to keep it! Congratulations to Evelyn Beard who achieved this, this term!



Award' in our Friday



Good Work Award Cup

This year, the winner of the most good work awards went to Nottwood (Yellow House). Well done!

The totals were - Breakheart (Red House) - 155, Chessgrove (Blue House) - 153 and Nottwood (Yellow House) - 158. The cup was presented to the Year 6 House representatives - Evelyn and Rory

Netball Final 2025

Our netball teams were part of a very exciting final on Monday 9th June. First to play were Hope Brook B and Soudley B. In a thrilling and closely contested netball final, the children of both schools displayed exceptional teamwork, determination and resilience. The match was evenly balanced from the first whistle, with both teams defending well.

With steely determination, Hope Brook B team managed to surge forward to take the lead in the last 3 minutes of the game, winning 2-1 overall. Well done to the whole team with a special mention for Oliver who scored both goals.

Up next was the match between Primrose Hill A and Hope Brook A. Despite Primrose Hill showing superb skill, Hope Brook were in a league of their own as they stormed to an emphatic 27-1 victory (highest score in the history of the tournament!).

Many thanks to Alan Beard and the umpires, Janice and Sandra for giving the children the opportunity. Many thanks also to all the parents for their support today and over the past year.



GPJ Multi Sports Festival

On Thursday, 10th July, some of the Year 6 children put in yet another sterling performance at the Multi Sports Festival. From non-stop cricket to sprints to throwing, the children showed true grit and determination, despite the soaring temperature. Hope Brook came second and third for teamwork. Many thanks to Mr Yearley for leading the children at the event who reported that all the children's behaved beautifully.



Kingfishers Trip to Hopewell Colliery

It was a pleasure to take the Kingfishers to Hopewell Colliery on Friday, 4th July. They were thoroughly immersed in the experiential learning and asked some very insightful questions.

After getting kitted up with miners' helmets and lights to shine the way, we descended down the 'dipple' into the depths of the drift mine. We saw where miners had to crawl into very small, tight spaces to hack out the coal and how this was placed on a chute that led into a wagon, which was then hauled to the surface.

The children re-enacted how dynamite was used to cut out rock and they showed great courage when everyone switched off their head lights and stood in total darkness for a few seconds.

Rick, our tour guide (and a freeminer), was impressed by the children's curiosity and the many questions they asked. Well done, Kingfishers.



Kestrels Trip to West Midlands Safari Park

On Tuesday 15th July, Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous day out at West Midlands Safari Park. Although the weather was not quite the glorious sunshine of previous days, we still did manage to see plenty of animals on the safari and we even spotted the lemurs, who were hunkered down high up in the trees!

The high point of the day was the afternoon, when everyone enjoyed going on the rides in the funfair area. Plenty of smiles, laughter and happy faces throughout the day.



Summer Production

Years 5 and 6 treated us to another superb summer production this year. With mysterious creatures lurking in the woods and teachers disappearing, *The Wrong Way Round* had everyone gripped!

All the children performed their parts brilliantly showing the effort they have all put into learning their lines and really embracing their characters. It was an amazing show. Well done to all of the children and thanks to Mrs Livermore and Mrs Barnes for working so hard on the show. Thank you also to parents for helping the cast learn their lines and arranging costumes.



Coffee Morning

On Wednesday 2nd July, we held our first coffee morning for parents to drop in for refreshment and to give an opportunity to talk through any concerns with Mrs Southwell, Miss Marks and Mrs Hodgson, the pastoral lead from PQ. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to see us. It was lovely to see so many parents and to get so many ideas for future coffee mornings. We look forward to seeing you at the

Owls and Woodpeckers trip to Bristol Aquarium

Owls and Woodpeckers enjoyed a fabulous and interesting trip to Bristol Aquarium on Wednesday, 16th July. They were fascinated by all the incredible sea creatures they encountered! They were also superbly behaved and really impressed us with their knowledge of life under water.



Year 6 Leavers Service

It's that time of year where we have to say goodbye to our current Year 6.

On Thursday 12 June they participated in the Diocese Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral, and during our own leavers' service for their families, on Friday 18 July, the children were presented with bibles from All Saints Church in Longhope. The leavers' service is always an emotional event as we are reminded of the journey each child has taken with us and we are always sad to see them go. Congratulations to Evie Webb for being awarded the Marshall Cup for progress, donated last year by Mrs Marshall on her retirement.

We wish all of the children every success as they embark on the next phase of their journey and we thank them all for shining their light so brightly at Hope Brook.

