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Article 29: Children have the right to develop their personality and talents to the full.

Dear Parents / Carers,

There goes another year! I think that as I grow older the years are definitely getting faster and faster. This year has absolutely flown by – I must be getting very old! This has been a fantastic year, with so much achieved and so many memories made. Here are some of the highlights:

### Year 3

What a fantastic first year at Haymoor Junior School for our Year 3 pupils! Our children have spent the year learning and growing into exemplary junior school pupils, and we are so proud of how much they have achieved. We ventured on 3 trips this year: The Ancient Technology Centre, Lulworth Cove and Canford Heath Nature Reserve. We have enjoyed learning all about France and the Caribbean, learning about French food and games and using bright colours to design then sew our own flags. The children have really enjoyed our art projects, from Stone Age cave drawing to painting a flower in the style of Georgia O’Keeffe. We have developed our writing skills this year; writing stories and poems of varying genres. We particularly enjoyed the creative flair shown in this year’s suspense stories!



### Year 4

Year 4 has been a year full of memorable learning and amazing experiences. One of the most thrilling days had to be the Viking day. The classrooms were transformed into a Viking village and we became fierce Norse warriors, charging into battle. Then there was our journey back in time to Ancient Egypt, where we explored the fascinating process of mummification. Wrapping up our own pharaohs and building pyramids was very exciting. On possibly the wettest day of the year, we braved the elements to build shelters, start fires, and work as a team to survive the great outdoors. Our boat trip around Brownsea Island was unforgettable. We cruised around the island spotting wildlife, including birds, seals and (if we were lucky) red squirrels.



## Year 5

The children in year 5 have had a brilliant year, enjoying everything to the max and pushing themselves in their learning, making friends and in physical challenges. They have taken on and explored different roles including: carpenters, sewers, chefs, ancient Greek philosophers and athletes, space explorers and many, many more. Thank you all at home for your support with the home learning and the homework, it has made a huge difference in your child's education. As a year 5 team, we hope you have a lovely and restful summer holidays filled with lots of exciting books to read!



## Year 6

What an incredible final year it has been for our Year 6 children at Haymoor Junior School. They've been an absolute joy, and we've loved every moment with them. The year began with a brilliant trip to the River Piddle. There was no better way to get to know their new classmates by standing in a river with them! We then stepped back in time for Evacuee Day, with some outstanding costumes and role play. After showing real determination through the year, they celebrated in style with a well-earned SATs party. Activities Week was packed with fun, especially the campsite—where the children secretly plotted all-nighters and successfully kept the teachers awake far longer than planned! Their fantastic performance was a true highlight, showcasing just how talented and committed they are. We wrapped up the year with a high-energy leavers' disco and an emotional final assembly. What a journey it's been—Year 6, you've been amazing!



### **Our amazing PTA:**

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible PTA. Their dedication and hard work in raising additional funds for the school make a huge difference to the experiences we can offer our children. Thanks to their efforts, we're able to keep the cost of trips and visits affordable - and in some cases, make them possible at all.

The PTA's support also enables us to provide valuable extras, such as our mini-bus for sports events and swimming sessions, and the special leavers' gifts for each Year 6 child. These contributions help create lasting memories and enrich the time our pupils spend at school.

This year the PTA have funded some new furniture for our school library. This will be delivered to school ready for September and will give the library a fabulous new look – making it even more inviting for the children.

We are truly grateful to every PTA member and to all the parents who have supported their events. Your involvement is greatly appreciated. If you're interested in joining the PTA, we'd love to hear from you - new members are always welcome! Please send an email to: [HaymoorPTA@teachpoole.com](mailto:HaymoorPTA@teachpoole.com)

### **Summer works in school:**

While most of the staff take a well-deserved break, the summer holiday is often the busiest time of year for our dedicated site team. This summer, we have some really exciting projects taking place over the holiday.

It is not often I find myself getting excited about toilets but I am really excited that over the summer we will have a complete refurbishment of all the pupil toilets in school. They really will be unrecognisable and absolutely lovely for the children when they return in September. It will be a great improvement and I am so grateful to TEACH for financially supporting the project.

We were also successful in securing funding through BCP to have a full sensory room installed where the snug currently is, next to the pastoral care office. This will be a gorgeous space with different scents, lights and furnishings for the children to relax and regulate themselves in. The space will be completely transformed and will be absolutely beautiful. As soon as it is completed, I will share pictures of it on our social media pages and website pages. A big thank you to Mr Proffitt who wrote the successful bid and to the site team, who will be overseeing the installation.

### **A warm welcome:**

We have welcomed recently a new caretaker to Haymoor. Phil Wollington has joined our caretaker team. A warm welcome to Phil who brings an excellent set of skills to our estates team.

We also welcome in September two new teachers to the school. The first is Angel Marshallsay who will be joining the Year 3 team. Mrs Marshallsay has been in and out of school the last few weeks and already feels like she is part of the Haymoor family. We will also welcome to the school Daniel Bishop. Mr Bishop will be teaching in Year 5 and has also been spending some time in school getting to know the Haymoor way! I know that both new teachers will be fantastic and will be great additions to the Haymoor family.

In September we will also be welcoming Mrs Tudor-Murphy who will be working as an MDSA in school.

We will also be welcoming from Ad Astra three staff members; Mr Walters, who will be the Year 3 leader and also welcoming back to Haymoor Mrs Clarke, who will be teaching in the mornings in the LSG and Mrs James as a new teaching assistant.

I know that everyone will make all of our new staff members welcome.

### **A fond farewell:**

This time of year, each year, we have to say some sad farewells.

Our first farewell is to Jan Hooper, our lead MDSA. Mrs Hooper has worked at Haymoor, in the school kitchen for 29 years! She has been the most dedicated member of the school team and in her time has served up thousands of meals. Mrs Hooper will be greatly missed and we wish her all the very best for her retirement.

We will also be saying a very fond farewell to our amazing Mrs Hurlstone. Mrs Hurlstone has been an incredibly dedicated member of the staff whose dedication to sport has been exceptional. I honestly, cannot thank Mrs Hurlstone for all she has done for the school and for the children and we wish her all the very best. Sports at Haymoor will be in good hands with Mr Ballard taking a lead on sport in the new academic year.

We are also saying a fond farewell to Mrs Smith. Mrs Smith has been an incredible librarian and also helps support us with the house captains and housepoints. I am delighted though that she has offered to still come in and support us on a voluntary basis – which is wonderful for us.

Mrs Sinfield will also be leaving us and is hoping to spend some time travelling the world with her partner and who could blame her! We wish her the very best with her adventures and thank her for all her hard work this year.

We are also saying a fond farewell to Mrs Kellock. Our loss as a school is definitely the NHS's gain. She will be retraining to help support young people in a wide range of schools with their mental health and well-being. This is such a key role and I can't think of anyone better to take it on. I wish her the very best in her new career and know that she will be wonderful.

We also have some staff who are moving schools. Mr Doman will be joining the Ad Astra team as the Year 2 leader. Mrs Campbell-Bell will be joining as the Year 2 HLTA at Ad Astra and Mrs Noyce will be joining the office staff at Canford Heath Junior School. For all of the staff who are staying in the TEACH family, but moving schools, we are delighted that we will still get to work with you and wish you the very best in the new schools.

And last but definitely not least, a heartfelt farewell goes to our incredible Year 6 pupils, who have truly made us proud. This cohort has been nothing short of exceptional - hardworking, kind, and full of fun! They consistently give their best, embrace every opportunity with enthusiasm, and bring a wonderful energy to our school community.

Thank you to each and every one of you. You've made a lasting impact and helped make our school a better place. We will miss you dearly, but we know you're more than ready for the exciting journey ahead in Secondary School.

Go forward with confidence - you'll continue to shine and make your next school just as proud. Please stay in touch and let us know how you're getting on!

#### **Preparation for September:**


Please encourage your children to keep reading over the summer. A child who leaves primary school as a fluent and confident reader is equipped with the key to lifelong learning, unlocking greater success in education, broader career opportunities, and the confidence to engage fully with the world around them. Likewise, to help support your child's maths skills being kept sharp, please keep rehearsing times tables over the holidays.

I know that many of you will use the holiday to get back to school ready! Please may I remind you to make sure that all school shoes are shoes and not trainers or boots. Skirts and trousers should be smart and tailored and all children should have a school jumper or cardigan with the school logo. The children will return to school in September wearing their winter uniform and so should have a shirt and tie. All school uniform expectations can be found on the school website.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer break!

Thank you for your continued support and for everything you do to make Haymoor such a special place. I hope the sunshine shines throughout the holiday and that you enjoy a well-deserved rest with your loved ones.

With best wishes,

Miss Waterhouse and Dottie 

## Useful dates for your diaries:

The school calendar can be found on the school website: [Haymoor Junior School - Home](#)

## Academic Year 2026/2027

**Autumn Term:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

**Half Term:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2026 - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026

**Christmas Holiday:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2026 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027

**Spring Term:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2027

**Half Term:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2027 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027

**Easter Holiday:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2027

**Summer Term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027 to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

**Half Term:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027

**Summer Holiday:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2027

**Staff Inset Days:** ***Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026***  
***Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026***  
***Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2026***  
***Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027***  
***Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2027***

**Key Stage 2 Tests** - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2027 to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2027 (Juniors only)

## What's on in the first weeks:

4<sup>th</sup> September – Children return to school

4<sup>th</sup> September – Welcome to base meetings – these will start in the hall and will finish in the children's new classroom with their new teacher.

- Year 3: 5:00pm start in the hall
- Year 4: 5:20pm start in the hall
- Year 5: 5:40pm start in the hall
- Year 6: 6:00pm start in the hall

8<sup>th</sup> September - Year 3 hook day, Year 3 children can wear own clothes

8<sup>th</sup> September - River Piddle Trip – 6H

9<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 River Piddle trip – 6W and 6B

10<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5 Space Dome experience in school

12<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 Anglo-Saxon Hook Day