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# Hapton's Weekly News

8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Our Christian Value this half term:

**Compassion**

Let us not love with  
words or speech  
but with actions and  
in truth.

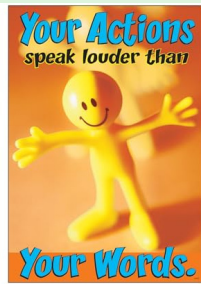
1 John 3:18

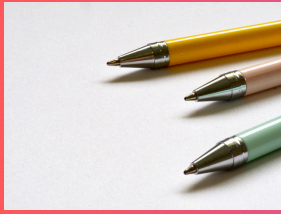


## Compassion in Action

**Compassion**—is not just as something we talk about at Hapton, but something we *do*. We have been reminding our children that **actions often speak louder than words**, and that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a powerful difference to others.

We are proud to share a wonderful example of actions speaking louder than words—two of our pupils kindly volunteered to clean the staff cars.





Congratulations to our Pen License recipients! 🖋️

Well done to Aimee, Zienna, Luke and Sienna who have all proudly earned their Pen Licenses. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects their hard work, dedication, and excellent handwriting.

Keep up the great work—we're very proud of you all! 🙌🌟



## Achievements!

	Star	Star	Value
Class 1	Archie	Willow	Phoenix
Class 2	Elias	Annabelle	Nancy-Lou
Class 3	Harper	Betsy	Milly
Class 4	Alfie	Florence	Harvey

Attendance winners- Class 1, well done!! 🏆🏆🏆

### Dates for the diary

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May- Class photos.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May- Break the Rules Day!
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May- Break up for half term at 3.15pm.



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Break as many of these rules as you like, but remember to PAY the price!

50p per rule break

Rules that can be broken:

1. Wear a football shirt
2. Wear trainers
3. Crazy hair (Hair accessories, glitter etc.)
4. Wear nail varnish
5. Bring an unhealthy break time snack
6. Wear a hoodie.

Money to be brought in on the day and given to class teacher.

### Visitors to Class 1!



We were delighted to welcome more visitors into Class One this week. The children had a wonderful time during the visit from the post and police services.

## Menu

School dinners for week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May are:

**Monday-** Chicken Goujon, Pasta and Tomato Sauce or Jacket potato

**Tuesday-** Chilli, Picnic Lunch or Jacket Potato

**Wednesday-** Sausage and Mash, Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta or Sandwiches

**Thursday-** Curry, Cheese Flan or Jacket Potato

**Friday-** Fish Fingers, Pizza or Sandwiches.

## **Important Information!**

This is a gentle reminder that if there is an outstanding balance on your child's school money account, please could you arrange the payments as soon as possible.

We understand that sometimes payments can be overlooked or delayed. If you have already made this payment, please accept our thanks and disregard this message.

If you are experiencing any difficulties or need to discuss a payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact the school office—our staff will be happy to support you confidentially.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Summer Term!

As we are now in Summer Term we are hoping the weather may improve! Children may wear grey shorts or red checked dresses as part of our uniform. On hot, sunny days, pupils may also bring a cap and sun cream to apply themselves when they are outside. Thank you!

## Parental Advice and Support!

# EMOJIS

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

#### SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

#### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

#### MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🍷 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

#### NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🔥 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like [emojipedia.org](http://emojipedia.org) or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

### CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

### ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

### PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

### EMOJI CHEAT SHEET -

The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:	POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS
🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	🍷 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🔥 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	💧 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
😬 (Mood) Stare-faced, unbothered	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🍝 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)
🙏 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'	
👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold	🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
👑 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)	❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
😏 (Wink) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference	🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour	🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
	💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse

### Meet Our Expert

Keith Bruni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of [emojipedia.org](http://emojipedia.org), the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.

## #WakeUpWednesday

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121 v 1-2