



# HALE PREP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

	RECEPTION		YEAR 1	Year 2			
STAR OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE	Alfie		Ismael	Ameer & Adam			
	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
	Amin	Eiliyah & Eisa	Annabelle & Antonia	Ammie & Lily			
NUMBOTS	RECEPTION		YEAR 1		YEAR 2		
	Clever Cubs	Wise Owls	CleverComets	SuperStars			
		Alexander		Jude	Miraya		
TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS - these children earned the most coins on TTRS in their year group this week.			YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
	--	--	Miraya	Atulya 3K Elle 3L	Elisa 4L Eisa 4M	Liyana 5G Ruby 5R	-- 6O -- 6P
	BRONZE	Year 6 - Mina, Temi					
	SILVER	Year 1 - Adelyn Year 2 - Hugo Bax, Nico, Theo Year 4 - Cillian, Taayna Year 5 - Ethan, Georgia, Juliet, Liyana Year 6 - Alice					
	Gold	Year 4 - Eiliyah Year 6 - Georgia, Lily, Zero					
ATTENDANCE	Congratulations to Year 3 and Year 4L on achieving 100% attendance this week						





## EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We have received an email from Friends of Rosie (Children's Cancer Research Fund) letting us know that our raffle raised an incredible £369.65, more than double the figure we were asked to aim for. Thank you so much for your generosity.



#### YEAR 4 THEATRE TRIP

On Tuesday, Year 4 walked to the station and then travelled on the Metro to the Waterside Theatre in Sale to watch a performance of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. They laughed at Bottom's dramatics, delighted in Puck's mischief and loved seeing the scenes they knew from their drama and English lessons come to life.

Thank you to Miss Rodgers for organising the trip, and Mrs Levy and Mrs Webb for accompanying the trip

#### NETBALL – Mrs Busby

What a great week it has been for our netball players! On Tuesday, two teams travelled to Forest Prep, where some superb moves and great teamwork resulted in both teams achieving comfortable wins. On Thursday, the 'A' team participated in the 'Altrincham Primary Netball Tournament' organised by Wellington High School.

After topping their group, the girls played against Stamford Park in the final. Again, the girls displayed some really excellent netball but, unfortunately, suffered a narrow defeat; thus resulting in the girls coming away as well-deserved silver medallists.

Well done to all the girls who represented the school so brilliantly. Thank you, as always, to all the parents for their support and for helping transport the girls to and from these matches.



## YEARS 3 & 4 AUTHOR TALK

On Thursday morning, Years 3 and 4 walked to Blessed Thomas Holford School to hear a talk by Neil Cameron, the author of the Donut Squad series. The children loved hearing how he invents his characters and even had a go at drawing some themselves! Thank you to Mrs Ali, Mrs Kelly, and Mrs Slater for accompanying us on the trip, and to Mrs McIntee for organising it.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to the members of the school council for taking Wednesday's assembly. They spoke to the school about what they had enjoyed most about their time as school councillors and why children should consider applying for next year.

The campaign to elect next year's councillors is now underway. Children have until next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, to submit their application if they would like to run. Speeches and voting will then take place during the last two weeks of the half-term.

## PTA MESSAGE - EXCITING NEW NUTRITION & WELLBEING INITIATIVE AT HALE PREP

### Exciting New Nutrition & Wellbeing Initiative at Hale Prep

We are delighted to share the launch of our new School Nutrition & Wellbeing Committee. This is an exciting step forward in supporting our pupils' current and future health, happiness, and learning. This initiative brings together staff, parents and pupils to build a positive, whole-school approach to food, with a focus on creating enjoyable dining experiences and encouraging healthy, balanced habits that support both wellbeing and academic success.

The committee's members include, Mrs Busby (Head Mistress), Carolyn Humphries (Head Cook), Claire Humphries (Assistant Head Cook), Amelia Cartwright (Nutritional Therapist), Jaya Verma (Specialist Eating Disorder GP), Karishma Arora (Consultant Gastroenterologist) and Hannah Westwood (Counselling Psychologist).

*Over the past few weeks, we've already started making some small but meaningful changes, including:*

- *Trialling healthier dessert options, such as natural yoghurt with fresh fruit*
- *Planting vegetables in our new vegetable troughs*
- *Gradually incorporating wholegrain options into meals*
- *Exploring ways to reduce highly processed ingredients*

*We have lots of ideas planned, including:*

- *Taster sessions to give pupils a chance to try new dishes and help shape future menus*
- *Small improvements to the dining environment to make lunchtimes calmer and more enjoyable*
- *A fun Food Explorer Challenge to encourage children to try new foods in a positive, low-pressure way*
- *Workshops and activities to support children (and parents) in understanding how food can support energy, focus and wellbeing*
- *Food Heroes: we will be introducing a group of pupil Food Heroes across the school, giving children the opportunity to take an active role in shaping our food culture. Our Food Heroes will:*
  - *Support younger pupils at lunchtime, helping to build confidence with trying new foods*
  - *Take part in tasting sessions and share ideas for future menus*
  - *Help promote a positive, inclusive approach to food across the school*
  - *Act as role models, encouraging good habits and a supportive dining environment.*
  - *We hope to involve children from different year groups so that all pupils feel represented and inspired, while also giving older pupils the opportunity to develop leadership and responsibility.*

### *A whole-school approach*

*Our aim is to make food a positive and enjoyable part of the school day, while helping children develop healthy habits that will support them long into the future. This initiative will link into wider school life, including workshops and PTA events.*

*We are really excited about this journey and look forward to sharing updates with you along the way. We will also be inviting feedback from parents at the end of each term.*

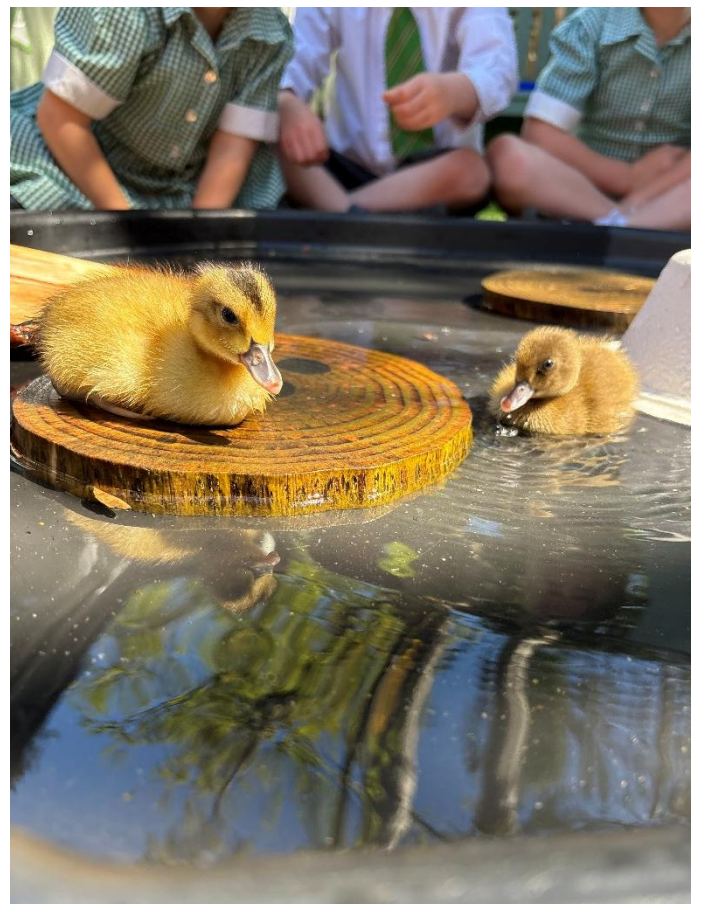
### **RECEPTION DUCKLINGS**

*What a wonderful week it has been for Reception's ducklings, Sunny, Waffle, David (named after Sir David Attenborough) and Neil (named after Neil Armstrong)! Having been delivered as eggs on Monday, the children arrived at school on Tuesday morning to find the four ducklings had hatched. Since then, they have gone from strength to strength, and the children have loved spending time with them in the afternoons, in particular watching them splash about in their pool!*

*The ducklings will be collected next Thursday, and we have been assured they will go to a farm. However, if any parents would like to adopt a duckling, that would be lovely. Last year, the Eckersley family adopted the chickens, and another family adopted the previous year's chicks.*

*If you are interested in giving one or more of the ducklings a home, please see the Reception staff or let the office know.*





*Have a lovely bank holiday weekend, and we will see you on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May.*