



# HANNAH BALL ACADEMY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**4th May 2026**

BANK HOLIDAY-SCHOOL  
CLOSED

**6th May**

Year 6 Netball match vs  
Holmer Green School

**7th May 2026**

Year 6 Netball match vs  
Hamilton Academy

**11th - 14th May 2026**

Year 6 Sats

**21st May**

Year 6 Girls Football vs  
Hazlmere CE. School

**22nd May**

End of Summer 1 Term

**25th - 29th May**

HALF TERM

**Monday 1st June**

Inset-School Closed

**2nd June**

Summer 2 Term strts

**8th-12th June**

Year 1 Phonics Screening

**8th-19th June**

Year 4 Multiplication Tables  
Check

**10th June**

Park Federation Year 5 Strictly  
Speaking Competition

**11th June**

Year 3 & 4 Mini Tennis  
Competition

**16th June**

Year 5 Opera Workshop

## NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the eighth edition of the Hannah Ball newsletter. It has been a busy and exciting term – pupils are working incredibly hard and we can see their progress every day. Our clubs and trips remain a highlight, giving pupils memorable experiences that bring the curriculum to life.

Our school priorities continue to focus on:

- Oracy: teaching confident speaking and listening skills.
- Reading: building fluency and comprehension so every pupil can access the full curriculum.
- Vocabulary: widening children's word knowledge to support learning across subjects.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community for.

## Parentkind

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Hannah Ball Academy achieved the Standard Award accreditation from Parent-Friendly Schools. This means our school's policies, procedures, and practices demonstrate a good standard of parent participation. To achieve this, our school was measured against 485 different criteria. The Parent-Friendly Schools accreditation is based on five years of research conducted in collaboration with the University of Canterbury Christ Church. As well as completing the accreditation process, Hannah Ball Academy is committed to membership of the community, which supports an ongoing journey of improvement. Thanks to you our parents for participating in all the events we invite you into school

### Attendance

#### League

Year 6 - 94.6%  
Year 5 - 94.4%  
Year 3 - 93.3%  
Year 4 - 92.9%  
Year 1 - 92.3%  
Year 2 - 92.1%  
Year R - 89.4%

### WOW Badges

We have had 136 children achieve their April wow badges! Now that it is the summer term and the sun is shining more, there is even more reason to walk, cycle or scoot to school! Let's enjoy some healthy travel to and from school.



# Safeguarding

## Safeguarding - Mobile Phone use



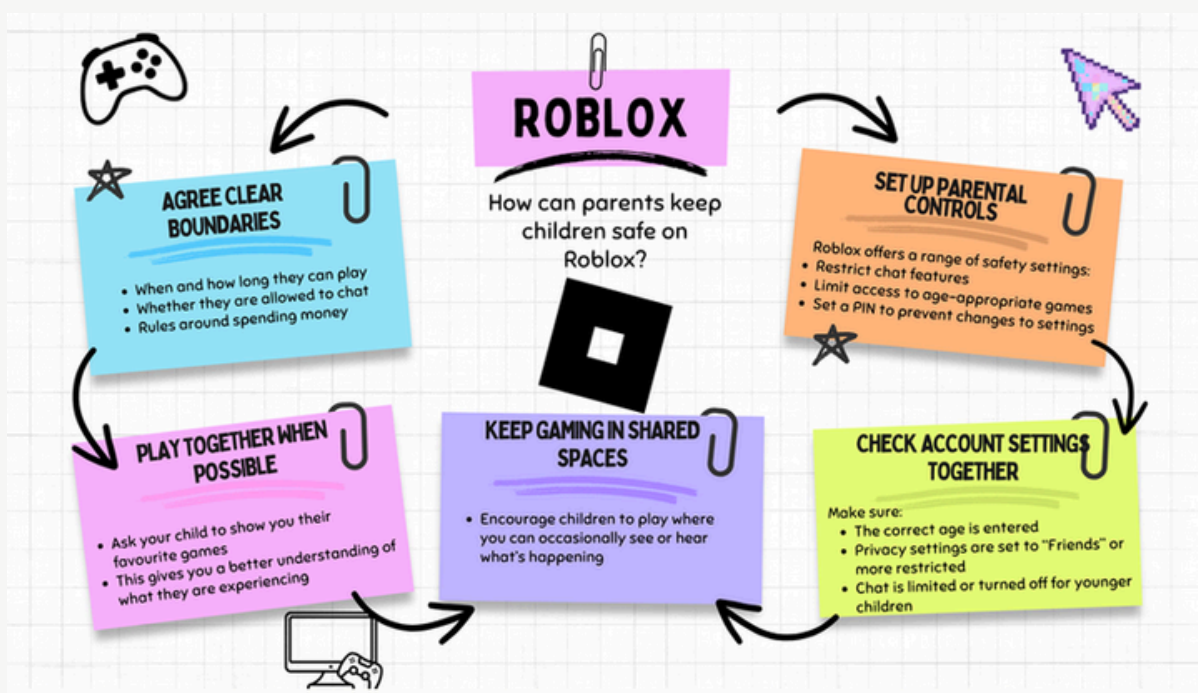
It has come to our attention that some pupils who have mobile phones are using chat apps and group messaging outside school hours to communicate with one another. We are concerned to learn that a number of these conversations have included inappropriate language, including racist comments and bullying behaviour.

We cannot monitor your child's online activity at home and so we are asking for your support. We teach online safety and address cyberbullying regularly at school, but this will be far more effective if school and home work together.

What we ask of parents and carers:

- Please check which apps and platforms your child is using and who they are communicating with.
- Review privacy settings and remove unknown contacts. Where possible, limit group chats to trusted adults and family members.
- Talk with your child about respectful behaviour online and why racist language, threats or repeated harassment are harmful – and may, in some cases, amount to criminal offences.
- If your child uses a phone during the school day, ensure it is used only as the school policy allows and is handed in as required.
- Monitor your child's phone and device regularly (messages, group chats and social media). Consider using parental controls if appropriate.

## Understanding Roblox



# Reception Highlights

As we begin our summer term, it is truly remarkable the progress all the children have made.



On Wednesday 22nd April, we celebrated Earth Day. This links in well with our topic this half term 'How can we take care of our planet?'. We have been talking about reducing, reusing and recycling. The children made puppets out of old socks and posters to encourage people to recycle.

We had our long-awaited trip to the farm on Friday 24th April. The children loved bringing their learning to life, talking about different animals. We discussed what animals need and matched animals to their young. We even had time for the soft play and playground! Ask them a question about the farm! We love to talk about it.



The children have been inspired to write and they are applying their phonics to write about a variety of things. Well done Zoya, Erik and Olivia.



## English

In Literacy, we have been reading a warning tale called 'Gunny Wolf'. Well done Eisa for recreating the setting of the story. Well done Leonardo and Ayzal for pretending to be characters in the story and hiding from the big, scary Gunny Wolf!



## Year 1 Highlights

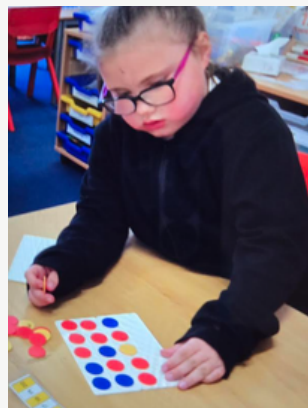
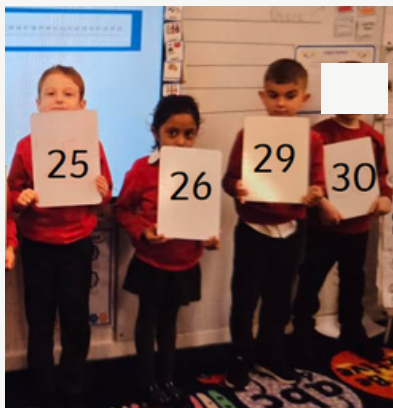


In year 1 we have been making the most of the dry weather and taking our learning outside the classroom. From demonstrating how we can show trust and make agreements, as part of our RE topic to exploring physical and human features outside as part of our geography lessons, the children have enjoyed learning outside. Learning outside provides a hands-on experience that boost confidence, social skills, and academic performance and we hope to continue this throughout the rest of the summer term.

RE Topic - Demonstrating how to trust others and stick to the agreement to move the hoop around without letting go.

In maths this term we have been learning about and working with numbers up to 50. This has been the next small step up from numbers up to 20.

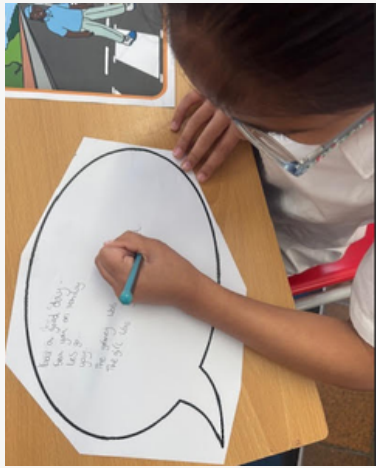
This has provided a great opportunity for Year one to use a wider range of manipulatives in class. They have worked hard at counting in 10s and ones and demonstrating their knowledge using dienes/base10, various pictorial representations and tens frames to solidify their knowledge. It has been wonderful to see them enjoying counting forwards and backwards and making up numbers of their own, explaining how they have made them.



If you were wondering why Year 1 had ice pops last Friday, it was due to our class winning the 100% attendance trophy yet again. We were over the moon. What a lovely and fitting treat to end the week with. Well done to everyone.

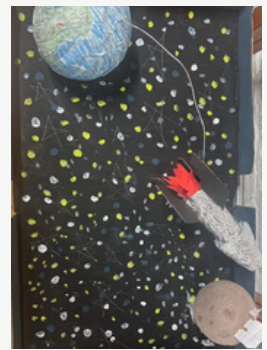


## Year 2 Highlights



We have been learning a new story this term called 'The Magic Paintbrush'. The children are becoming excellent story tellers and are actively using new vocabulary daily! We have started to look at speech and how it is used in writing. The children have really enjoyed creating speech bubbles and then turning them into sentences using speech marks!

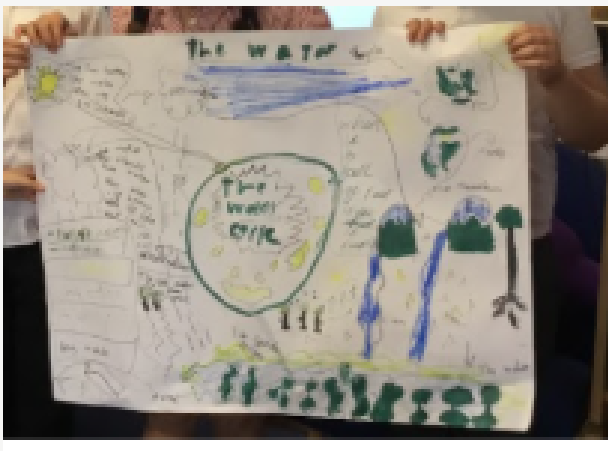
We are extremely creative in Year 2! The children throw themselves into projects and constantly think of new ways they can add to their work or make it more interesting. I am so impressed with all the incredible creations the children have made for Earth Day – they have all made incredible items.



## Year 3 Highlights

### Geography

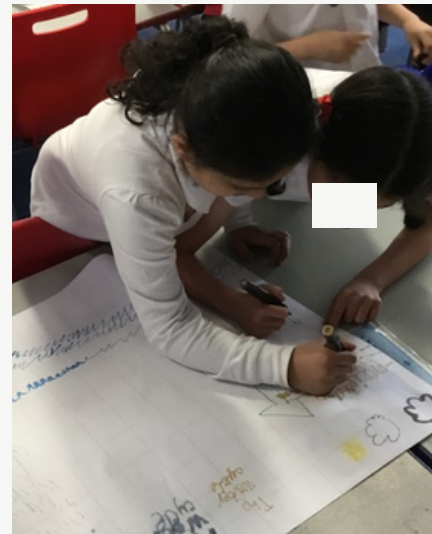
In our geography lessons we have been looking at rivers! We started off by looking at the water cycle and we learnt lots of new keywords such as evaporation, condensation, perspiration and transpiration. We then moved on to look at the features of a river and we also learnt lots of new keywords such as delta, tributary, waterfall, mouth and lots more.



### Science



In Science we have been looking at climate change and how our Earth is changing. We looked at the causes of climate change and what we can do to help our world. During our Science lesson last week we carried out an experiment where we had two sets of paper plates. One set of plates was placed near the car park and the other away from the car park. When collect the plates, we are going to look at the differences between the two sets and see the effect fossil fuel has on our environment.

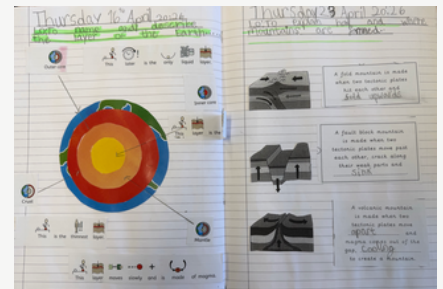


### English

In English we have started our new text called King of the Fishes which the children are thoroughly enjoying. This is a wishing tale filled with lots of dialogue and it has been amazing to see the children's success with using inverted commas in their writing!

## Year 4 Highlights

Our bake sale was a success and we raised £159 for the charity, Action Aid. This would not have been possible without the kindness of the wonderful Year 4 parents. Thank you to everyone for bringing in donations and baking those sweet treats! They tasted amazing and were a big hit across the whole school.



We have had a good start to our new Geography topic, Why do people live near volcanoes? Children researched the different layers of the earth and found out some fun facts. They have also learnt about the different types of mountains and how they form.



Just a reminder that the national times table test will take place in June. Please keep practicing with your child to ensure they stay consistent in getting 25/25. Thank you.

# Year 5 Highlights

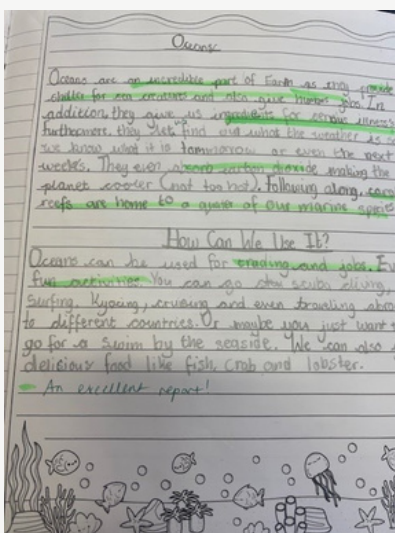
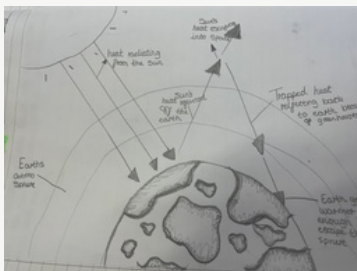
## Oceans in Peril

In our Geography unit and within Science this term, Year 5 are studying what's happening to our oceans.

To start, we studied the effects of thermal expansion and had to predict whether land ice or ice in our oceans is melting the fastest. (The land ice was because of the Albedo effect.)

In Geography, we looked at the different ways humans are impacting our oceans, specifically exploring plastic pollution. We looked at the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and how scientists are trying to clean it up.

After, we were given our own 'oceans' and had to clean these using different tools. We found it hard to remove the glitter, which represented micro plastics which can be harmful for humans and animals.



# Smart savings, Sustainable Style

Pre-Loved uniforms are located in the main entrance.

Help the planet and your pocket -give quality uniform a second life.

Why buy Pre-loved?

It is a fantastic way to reduce waste, support the whole school community and grab a bargain for those inevitable growth spurts!

What is the cost?



£3



£2



£1

We are also appealing for donations.

Please donate only clean, serviceable items (free from rips, heavy stains or missing buttons). Leave donations at the school office or in the clearly labelled donation box in the main entrance.

Suggested Donations:

- Polo shirts and school shirts
- Jumpers and cardigans
- Trousers and skirts
- PE kit (T-shirts, shorts, tracksuit bottoms)
- Coats and waterproofs
- School shoes (in wearable condition)
- Book bags, rucksacks and lunch bags
- Ties and belts

Have you tried these places in High Wycombe with your child?

Click on the place and it will take you to their website.



[Hollywood Bowl](#)

[Adventure Bounce](#)



[Wildway Wildlife Mini Zoo](#)

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## FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

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### Hannah Ball Academy

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

***We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:***

**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**

**(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)**

***The more we weigh the more we pay!***

***Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit***

***Please return your Bag2School on:***

Monday 13th July 2026 by 9am



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