



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

In faith and love, we learn and grow.

Weekly Newsletter



6th March 2026

Dates for the diary

March

9th Woking Music Festival
KS2 School Choir at G Live
10th Parents' Evening
12th Parents' Evening
13th INSET Day
20th Y1 Class Liturgy at
9am parents are welcome
23rd March Y4/Y5
Swimming week
27th Final day of Spring
term early finish 1pm

April

13th start of the Summer
Term

Mrs Grace

Matthew 17:1-9

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been so exciting in school. With World Book Day on Thursday, we celebrated with a Poetry Slam where every class confidently performed a poem off by heart to the whole school. We welcomed Steve Williams, author, into school on Wednesday. He kept the children entertained during his witty and educational assembly. Then he signed copies of his books for the children. I was particularly touched at how he spent time speaking with every child who came forward showing a genuine interest in them and our school. Parents have mentioned how much their children are enjoying reading his books and there are some signed copied in our library.

Our potato designing competition was linked to Steve's books as the children were asked to make a potato look like an alien. We had some truly incredible creations brought into school. Thank you to governors, Fr Rob and Mr Ellson for judging the winners.

In the Gospel of The Transfiguration, Jesus was changed. At their beautiful Liturgy this morning, Year 2 reflected:

Bianna. Our lives are changed by Jesus too.

Otis. Jesus lives in all of us and calls us to show God's love to others.

Emily. Our love for one another can also shine out like the sun.

Jewel. We treat all people as we would want to be treated.

Constantine. People all around the world are different but they are all made by God.

Emilia. Every person is unique and special.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. God bless! Mrs Grace

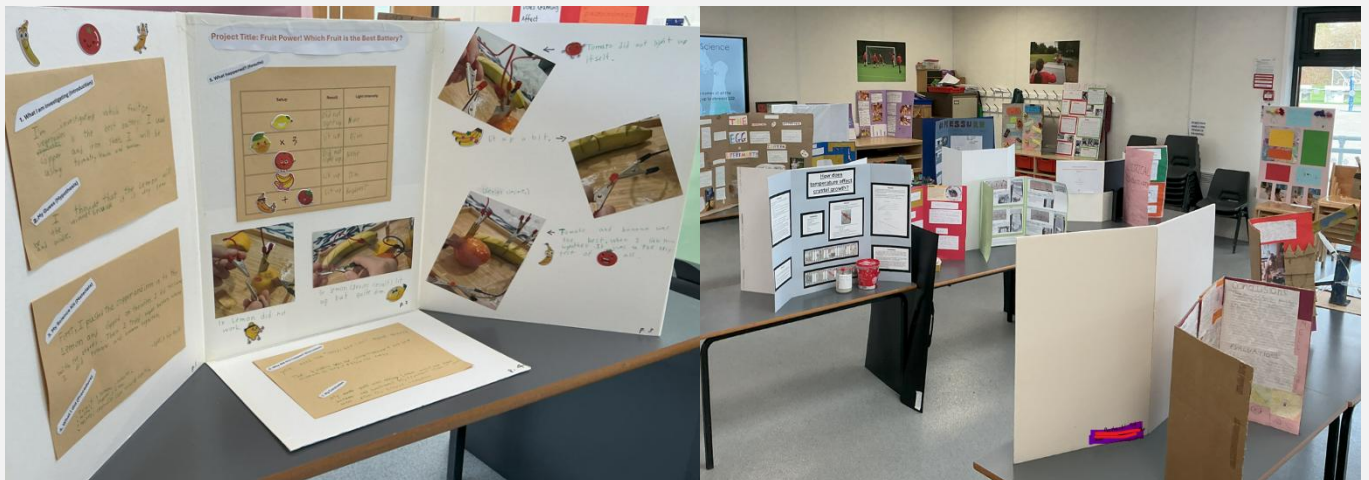


News at St Hughs

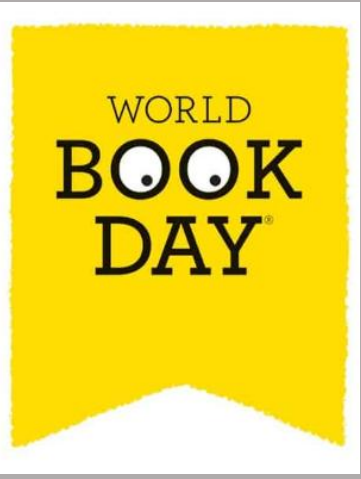
Science Fair 2026!

The St Hugh of Lincoln 2026 Science Fair has taken place this week. It was lovely to see some of the amazing work produced across the school. There were examples of detailed investigations that had taken place covering all areas of the science curriculum. There were also many research projects that centered on famous scientists and their discoveries. Children across the school were given the time to visit the fair and then after school parents, relatives and friends were invited in to see some of the great work produced.

We look forward to taking some of the winning KS2 projects to the grand final at ACS school in Cobham soon, when the children will have the opportunity to look at other projects produced by other schools and visit some of the exhibits that are run by people working in the field of science.



We welcomed author, Stephen Williams into school for a special assembly.

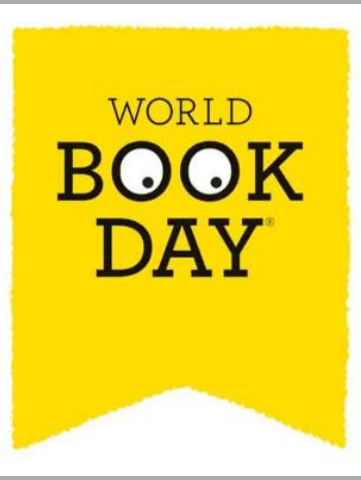


Stephen signed both copies of his books for children across the school, as well as the copies in our school library!



Thank you to our librarians and The Friends for setting up our Bring and Buy Book Sale.





Well done to the Reading Committee for leading our World Book Day Poetry Slam. We also wrote poems in our English lessons this week.



Thank you to everyone who entered the 'Design your own Potato' competition! We had so many fantastic entries.



Hampshire Book Recommendations

Dear parents and carers,

Please see below this month's book recommendations from Hampshire Library. This can support you with finding engaging books for your children at home. If your children love Roald Dahl, these books could be for them!

Best wishes,
Miss Butler





Hampshire
County Council

School Library
Service





If you enjoy Roald Dahl, you'll like these....















News at St Hughs



St Hugh's Chess Champion

Congratulations to Alys from year 5 on becoming the new St Hugh's school chess club champion. Alys has put a lot of effort into her chess in recent months and her dedication has paid off.

The school chess club have been playing the school chess club championships over the past few weeks and had many exciting chess battles, great fun and good sportsmanship.

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Our school are once again assisting **Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team** to undertake research with parents on pupils' types of travel to and from school. The objective of the research is to develop a better understanding of the different types of travel used, and to ascertain if this is changing over time. The Safer Travel Team's goal is to assist schools to continue to encourage safer and more active ways of travelling to school. Please could we ask that you take the time to complete the survey using the link below. The deadline for completion of the survey is **12th April 2026** and the survey should be completed for each child that attends our school.

Annual Primary School Travel Survey

(public URL): <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Primary-STS-2026>



As a thank you for taking the time to help them, The Safer Travel team will donate £25 for every 100 surveys completed* to your choice of the following two charities;

[Home - Stripey Stork](#)

[Charlie's Promise | Working to prevent knife crime](#)

Thank you for continuing to support our school to improve pupils' journeys to school.

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Could you be a Foundation Governor at our school?

There are potentially 2 vacancies for Foundation Governor posts at St Hugh Of Lincoln Catholic Primary School. You must be a regularly practising Catholic and a priest must be able to vouch for you. You don't need to be a parent of a child but an interest in education would be an advantage. For more information follow this link for Foundation Governor information on the Diocesan website.

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/education/governance>

To express an interest, please contact our Chair of Governors

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xZIUKD6ZNFubPIMVgIQeK3jYrwETx3G/view>

Support our School!!

A monthly donation to our School Development Fund would really help to maintain our Outstanding school!! Please see the following link for further information

[St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School - Governor Fund Page](#) or use the QR code to make a donation



[Wednesday Word | The Sunday Gospel | Catholic Church](#)

Click the link below for the latest Wednesday Word.



SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL
WITH SCHOOLS,
PARENTS & FAMILIES

Mr Ellson's Camino Francés pilgrimage

In April, Mr Ellson will be completing the 800km Camino Francés pilgrimage from France to Spain to raise money for music education St Hugh's school and the other eight primary schools he teaches at. All funds raised will be shared equally between the schools and ring-fenced for music, helping to support instrumental lessons, resources, and continued participation in the programme.

Please see the link below if you would like to support Mr Ellson's pilgrimage.

LINK: <https://gofund.me/00549fe33>





Upcoming Events

Thurs 12th March
During School

**Mothering
Day Shop**

Book tickets on
Classlist.
Deadline 10th March

Thurs 19th March
6.30pm
School Staff Room

**Friends
Meeting**

Agenda: Summer Fayre
Please join to help
shape this year's event.

TBC

**Easter
Activities**

Info to follow soonest.

Thurs 30th April
6.30pm
School Staff Room

**Friends
Meeting**

Agenda: TBC

Date for the Diary: Summer Fayre Sat 27th June

A huge THANK YOU to Sandy Khokhar & Emily Smith
for organising the fabulous disco, and all the parents
who very kindly helped to make it a success.

We raised around £700, which is amazing, and the
kids all had a great time!

Also a big thank you to the team for organising the
Book Sale, raising nearly £250.

Reception – Saint Bernadette

This week, Reception have been exploring seasons! They have thought about how the natural world changes as the seasons change and they have shown their learning through their small-world play. It has been a wonderful week to think about seasons as it finally feels like winter has come to an end and spring is on its way!



Read Write Inc.
Phonics

Group C – <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/lzpJcD35/GDrIL1Cm>

Ditty - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/dBjaJEes/V2mlFphC>

Green - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/r3votc7Z/v5VnnWDj>

Year 1 - Saint George

It has been a very fun-filled week in Year 1. To celebrate World Book Day, the children have been learning a short poem about rain. On Thursday, we were delighted to perform this poem to the whole school. The children spoke with wonderful expression, demonstrating their excellent oracy skills.

In English this week, Year 1 wrote poems about aliens. We were inspired by Stephen Williams, who led an engaging and exciting assembly on Tuesday. The children then created drawings of their own aliens to accompany their poems.

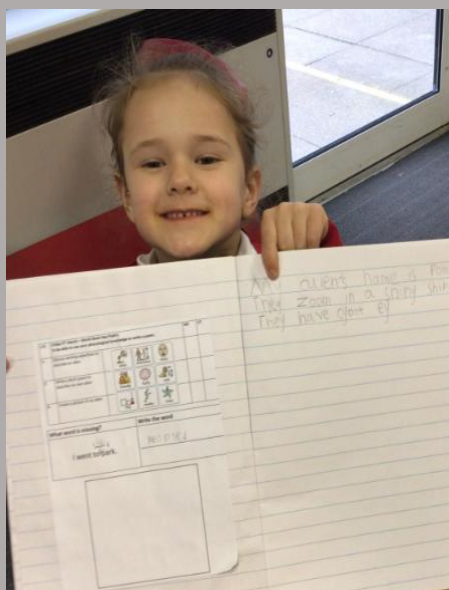
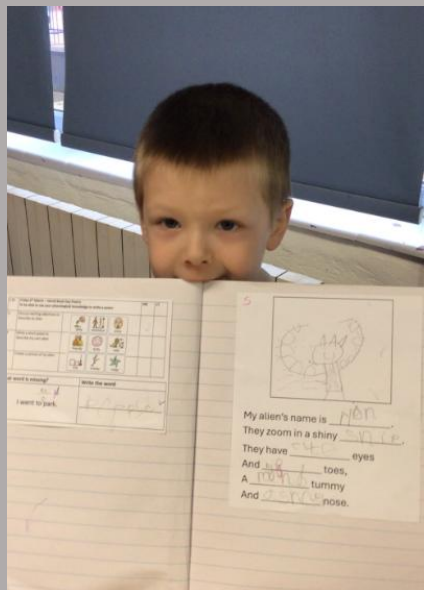


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Purple group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/KqLnHLSF/3TobbDwO>

Yellow group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/6H4BFpmo/GC9JGvFI>

Blue group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/6H4BFpmo/GC9JGvFI>



Year 2 - Saint Francis

Incredibly proud of Year 2 this week. It has been busy and they have shown resilience and positivity all week. In Literacy, we have learnt about rhyming words and the class wrote their own poems about animals and food, based on Robert Hull's poem 'Please do not feed the animals'. This coincides with the new Master Readers book 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' which we have begun studying. In Maths, we have moved onto measurement, looking at Length and Height this week. Last but very much not least, what a fantastic class Liturgy. The children spoke so clearly and were proud to celebrate with Father Rob and their families.



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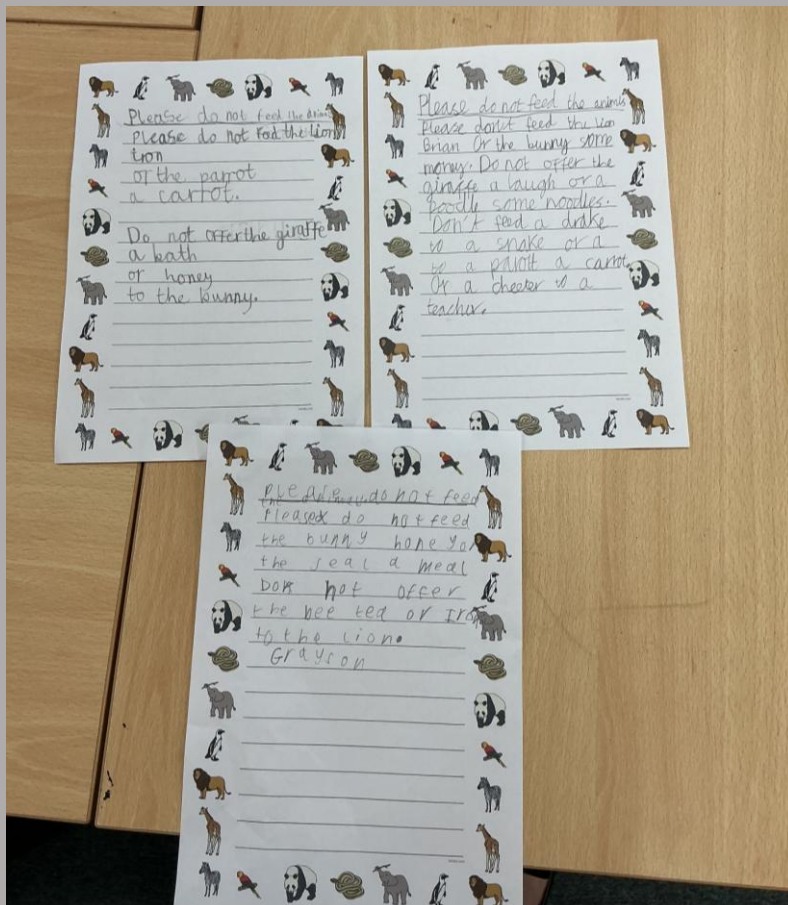
Grey Group:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ebB4B4ZS/mC4MWOKI>

Read Write Inc.
Spelling

This week's spelling rule: If the word ends in a consonant +y we swap the y for an i before adding -ed. Example: try - tried

Focus words: brother, ask, bought, parents, clothes



Year 3 – Saint Veronica

This week in RE, we explored the story of the Last Supper and thought about how it was similar to the Feeding of the Five Thousand, especially in the way Jesus blessed and shared bread with others. We spent time discussing what these moments might have felt like for the disciples before stepping into roleplay. We practised our lines, worked together to bring the scene to life, and then performed our version of the Last Supper in front of the rest of the class. We were very proud of how enthusiastically everyone took part.



Our spelling rule this week is: Adding the suffix -ly
For example: suddenly, humbly, gently, completely, carefully, finally
Orange words: separate, accident, build, naughty, imagine, quarter

Year 4 - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Year 4 have had another fantastic week of learning! It has been a busy week, with World Book Week celebrations and a special visit from Steve Williams, the author of Teachers Vs Aliens. Some of our children were lucky enough to receive a signed copy of his book! On World Book Day, the class celebrated by practising, reading, and acting out a poem, as well as decorating their own book-themed potatoes; with some wonderfully creative results! In PE, the children continued to learn the rules and regulations of tennis, focusing on developing their serving technique and aiming to accurately hit the ball across to their partner. They showed fantastic resilience and perseverance throughout their lesson.



Our special focus in spelling this week is: Adding the prefix super -
Examples: superhero, superstar, superglue.

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Spelling

Orange words: earth, famous, therefore, potatoes, possible, pressure.



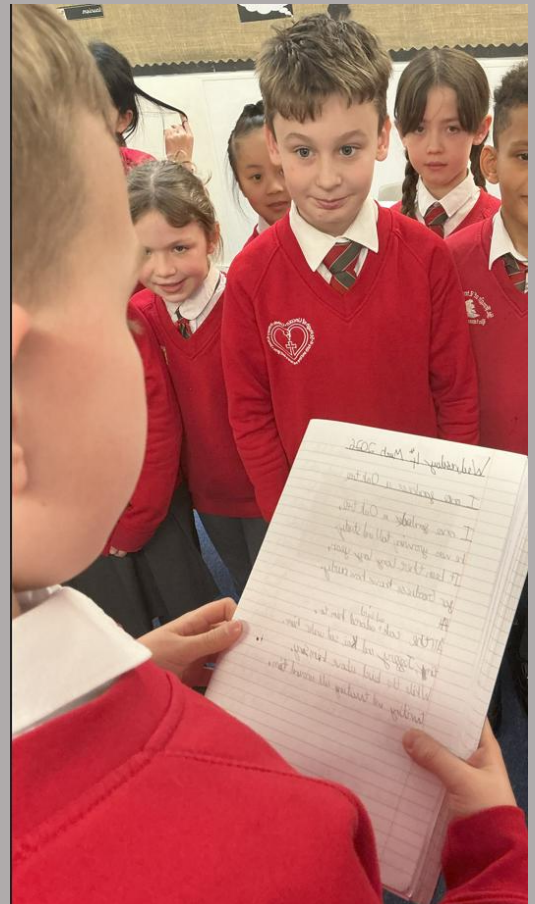
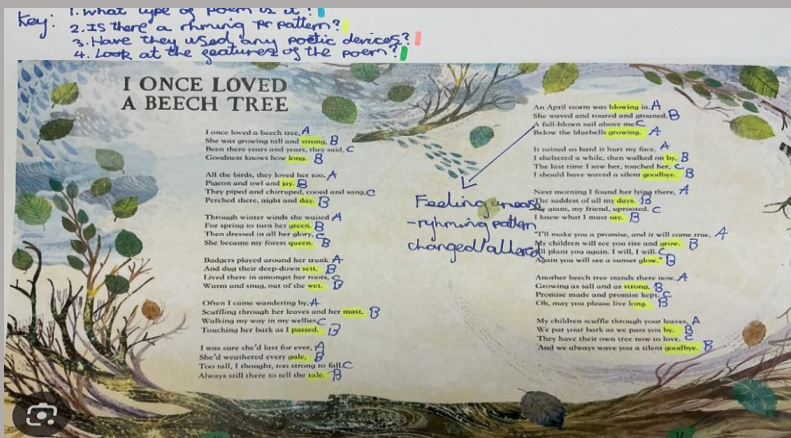
Year 5 Saint Raphael

This week, Year 5 had a wonderful time becoming poets and performers! Inspired by poems about trees written by Michael Morpurgo, the children created their own imaginative pieces and explored how poetry can be brought to life through performance. They set up a small "stage" in the classroom and took turns sharing their poems with their classmates, just like bards of old. The pupils discovered that performing poetry is about more than simply reading words on a page. They practised memorising lines, using expressive voices, adding movement, and engaging their audience to tell a story and share emotions. This focus on oral tradition and storytelling made the experience exciting and memorable, and the children thoroughly enjoyed showcasing their creativity and confidence in front of others.



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Spelling

Our 6 orange words are: awkward bargain bruise category cemetery committee



Year 6 – Saint Maximilian Kolbe

It has been lovely to be able to dive into poetry this week. We have looked at a range of poems – discussing which ones we like and which ones we are not so keen on. We have explored the meanings behind *The Tyger* by William Blake and the context in which it was written. Highlights of Book week have been the visit from the author Steven Williams who presented a great session on the ingredients for good writing, our poetry slam on Thursday where we took on the whole school and of course the potatoes.... In science we continued our exploration of circuits and electricity and had a fascinating session looking at all the projects that were submitted for the science fair. Our children produced the most interesting ideas and showed off great investigative skills. Thank you to Maja's family who completed our Home School RE Journal for the first time this week, it was a beautiful entry to start us off.

Our 6 orange words are: Prejudice, Privilege, Profession, Queue, Programme, Pronunciation

Read Write Inc.
Spelling



News

Logging Absence

All 'on the day' absences need to be reported through Arbor by 9am. This needs to be completed every morning that your child is absent. We have removed our absence line on our telephone system. Below is a reminder on how to report on the day absences on the Arbor parent portal:

- Log onto the Parent Portal in Arbor
- Select Attendance under Quick Actions
- If you are using a mobile device press the 'three lines' at the bottom left of the screen
- Select Log Absence
- Complete the absence time (only for that day) and the reason for absence
- Press Log Absence

To report a future absence such as a medical appointment please send a message to attendance@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk at least 48 hours prior to the appointment.

Any requests for an absence for exceptional circumstances requires you to submit a request for leave of absence using the Microsoft form linked [here](#). This link can also be found on our website under Parents/Useful Forms & Links or Parents/Attendance. Permission will not be granted for holidays booked in term-time.

Absences not reported in the correct way may result in an 'unauthorised absence' being recorded.

Can you please ensure that you have downloaded the Arbor app and are able to log on to Parent Portal. The app can be downloaded for free via the App Store of Google Play. Please log on and check all information for your child on Arbor especially emergency contacts and addresses. Any changes can be updated via the Arbor portal. The portal is also a good way to track your child's school attendance.

Further help and information on using Arbor can be found on our website -

<https://sthughoflincolnsurrey.ovw10.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+Portal+%2D+Arbor&pid=170>

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Safeguarding

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard and speak to Ms Grace (DSL) Mrs Pickard (DDSL) oof Mr Davies (DDSL) You can also email dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible the same day.