



HUNTLEY NEWS June- July 2025

Our School Vision

Nurtured individuals, learning together with God's love, living life to the full.

Curriculum:

Class Estuary's performance at Birmingham Symphony Hall

The children in Class Estuary were invited to perform as part of a Brass ensemble at the Birmingham Symphony Hall. Following their performance at a



showcase concert at Cheltenham Town Hall they were invited to perform at the Music for Youth National Festival. The children had an amazing experience playing their trumpets as part



of a larger Gloucestershire ensemble. Not that many people can say they have performed at Birmingham Symphony Hall – we are very proud of them!

150 years of Huntley School– Victorian Day

We spent the day finding out what life would have been like for children in Huntley School, during Victorian times. The children looked amazing in their outfits and the staff enjoyed being strict Victorians for the day!



The morning started with drills in the playground led by Mrs Wilkins. When the school bell rang, the children were then led into school – boys first who could use the main entrance and then the girls who went in through the side gate.

In the classroom the boys sat at the front and the girls at the back. Lessons for the day included chanting times tables, handwriting practice and needlework.

Children had to stand when a teacher entered the room and answered 'present ma'am' when the register was called.

In the afternoon we had a range of past students from different decades who came to speak to the children about their time at Huntley.

At the beginning of the week, we had a visitor to who had come to school in from 1950 and remembers the coke fired boilers in the classrooms. The caretaker used to come in before the children and get coke from the cellar and light the fires to warm the boilers. The playground used to be where class River and Estuary are now originally and the toilets were outside the school. Indoor toilets were not actually built until the late 1990s.

We also had a visit from the lady who had actually designed our current school log. She brought her designs with her to show us and also showed us some photographs of the school when she came here in the late 1970s.

Founder's day Fete and evening

Because this is such a special year for the school, our amazing PTFA organised a summer fete in the school field to celebrate 150 years! It was an amazing afternoon with so much going on, including a dog show, kindly organised by one of our governors Amanda with her husband local vet Nick Horniman. There were lots of stalls, competitions, tug of war and a Punch and Judy show – to name but a few!

I had the privilege of being in the school hall with a fantastic school time line which our chair of governors Fiona Gordon had very kindly researched and put together. I got the chance to meet past pupils from over the decades and share their memories of their time at Huntley. The school tours were enlightening and I found out so much about the changes over the years.



This year's our Founders Day performance is linked to all we have found out about 150 years of Huntley school. We will be looking at how the school has changed and share what we have found out about key events over the years

Thank you to everyone what made the day so special – a lovely memory to mark an incredible landmark in our school's history!





Viking day Class River

Class River spent the day finding out what life was like as a Viking. Viking Bjorn visited our school to tell us about his life, his Gods and his warfare! He began by telling us about Dane, Norse and Swedes and about why raiding was so popular. We heard stories of the creation of Midgard and helped Bjorn to tell stories about the Viking Gods; Thor, Loki and Freya. We had a meeting in the longhouse exploring Viking food, community rankings and games. We were fantastic at solving riddles! We handled replica artefacts and learnt about their purpose and design. After lunch, we had a weapons and armour display, and practised raiding, marching and tactics. We even raided Class Stream!



Multisport event Year Five

All the children in year five took part in a multi-sports event hosted at Newent School. The children carried out lots of different activities including cricket, athletics and scaling a climbing wall. They worked really well as a team and won the event over all!



Residential Y4-6

Children in years 4-6 spent a fantastic three days at a residential centre near Bromyard. There were a wide range of exciting activities to do including the crate stack, a very long zipwire, the giant swing, high ropes, team challenges and swimming. We stayed in our own little village which was fun! Everyone was just amazing and gave everything a go!



Class Stream's trip to Bristol Aquarium

We had a great day out at Bristol aquarium learning about life at the seashore. We liked feeding the fish, looking at the seahorses, turtles, hermit crab, jelly fish and touching the shark teeth!



Sports day

Lucky for us sports day saw the heat drop after a scorcher of a week and we managed to go ahead as planned. Thank you to the PTFA for organising ice lollies for all the children and for the lovely house banners and cool boxes they provided! It was great afternoon, with Rowling coming out as the overall winners! A huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help make the afternoon a success. Please see the website for plenty more photos



Cricket league and festivals

This term we have been part of a cricket league. There was some great cricket played and the bowling was particularly impressive. The team was as always amazing and it was great to see the enthusiasm all round. Well done!!

We also entered the Gloucestershire schools U3/4 festival at Three Ashes in Newent, and the girls Y5/6 event at the same club. We also entered the Y5/6 festival at Ruardean Hill and were the overall winners. We qualified for the Gloucestershire schools final to be held at the Cheltenham Festival ground but unfortunately it clashed with our school sports day this year.



Personal Development:

Certificates: These children have been awarded certificates over the past few weeks.

Head teacher award-

Class Stream- Whole class for excellent behaviour during class visit to the aquarium. Finley T, Amelia, Quinn, Finian, Tabby and Ollie G.

Class River- Rafael, Matthew, Luna

Class Estuary- Y4 for an excellent attitude towards their times tables check

Class Ocean – Jessie, George, Joanne

Writers of the week- Imogen Reuben, Teo

Pen Licences: Arlo, Martha, Matilda, Henry AK, Monty, Harlow

Times Table Rockstar – Rupert

Numbots

Chrome – Harley
Steel Rafael
Gold Charlotte
Aluminium – Jacob and Jude
Copper- Harlow
Brass- Felix

99 Club passes

Matthew, Rafael, Angus, Teo, Arlo
Brody, Elsa
Valentino, Darcy, Lydia, Jessie, Esmae, (2)
Kieran

Other awards:

Congratulations to the reading raffle winners. When the children finish a reading challenge, each time they continue to read, they receive a raffle ticket for the reading raffle draw.

Class Stream: Luan and Isabella

Class River : Henry and James

Class Estuary: Ralph and Cecelia

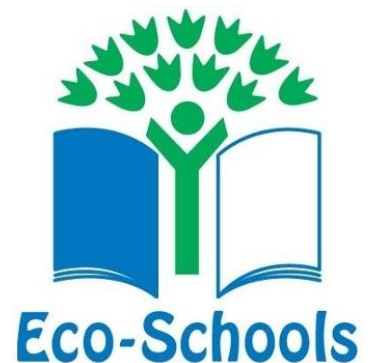
Class Ocean: Jessie

Musical Theatre Club and Performance

What an amazing performance to showcase what you have achieved in musical theatre club- well done to all the following children. Charlotte, Amelia, Emilia, Guy, Ollie Arlie and Quinn

Eco Schools

We are very proud to have been awarded our Eco-Schools Green flag award again this year- with DISTINCTION! This year we have been working hard with the Eco committee leading three main projects: Reducing food waste, reducing plastic usage and increases recycling and making our school grounds more wildlife friendly.



Leadership and Management:

Anne Bryson

After 25 years as a governor here at Huntley School Anne is stepping down. She will still be a big part of the school and is still coming back to help and run photography club. We just want to say the biggest of 'thank yous' for everything Anne has done for the school in her role as a governor. After a career in finance for the LA she brought this expertise to the role and has been a mentor to many. Her passion and enthusiasm towards the school has been endless and her support greatly appreciated. Thank you Mrs Bryson!!