



HUNTLEY NEWS April 2026

Our School Vision

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

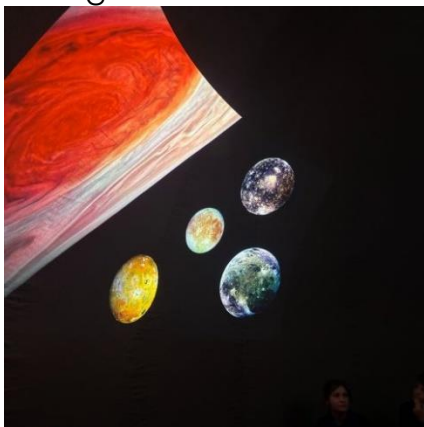
Curriculum:

Career sessions: It has been lovely to invite in a couple of parents to talk to the children about their jobs. We start the sessions sharing the skills needed for the job giving the children a chance to think about what the job might be. Then we look at how they got into the job, training etc and then equipment/ other things they may need. The children can then think about what the job might be.

We then look at a typical day and our visitors give the children top tips, if this an area they may be interested in. The children then have time to ask questions – they always have plenty! We have had a couple of really great sessions with Mrs Green, a hairdresser and Mr Williams, a landscape designer. We have other parents coming in soon so thank you so much to all of you who have offered to come in.

Eco Walk: We have been invited to be involved in a walk to school scheme, The children in the Eco Committee carried out a survey of the local area with an outside agency to see how the routes to school could be improved. They mapped the local area and looked at ways to improve the walk to school.

Explore Dome: Every other year we are very lucky to have the Explorer dome visit school and take over the hall! It is such an amazing experience and we learn so much about space. Year 5 and 6 were very lucky and had two sessions! In their first session they learned more about space including visiting different planets and learning about their features, finding out about the constellations (they can now use the stars to find the North Star!) and the stories that the ancient people told from the stars. In their second session they learned more about the Earth, tectonic plates and their movements and how the land has changed overtime.



Year 3 and 4 looked at the water cycle, how clouds are formed and the different chemicals that make up water. They showed where water comes from across the Earth and how water features were formed. They also looked at the formation of islands and linked to the movement of water. It was amazing to find out how many different chemicals are in tap water!

Class Stream and Year 2 looked at forces. Quinn said ' We looked at how magnets work. The blue ends pushed away from each other. The ends had to be different colours to attract. They had to be different. We also saw that when you rub a balloon and put it near you head your hair stands on end. Felix told be that they found out about friction which is

a force.' They also made a dry ice pressure rocket which was fun, the pressure built up and then it flew.

Visit from wildlife cinematographer Justine Evans

Class River were visited by wildlife cinematographer Justine Evans. She spoke with us about her rainforest filming experiences; sharing images and videos of wildlife and animals she has captured. The children also learnt about the practicalities and logistics of this type of filming! If you would like to see some of Justine's work you might like to search and explore; Night on Earth; BBC Americas; and most David Attenborough series - especially Life of Mammals.



Planting the raised beds

Year 1 & 2 science class, have been working hard in the playground weeding and replanting the raised beds. They have planted carrot seeds, garlic bulbs and pea shoots.



Moon Science

As part of their science about Space, year 5 and 6 children learnt about the phases of the moon and how we see different parts of the moon through the lunar cycle. To represent this, the children used Jaffa cakes to show the changes in the moon, labelled the type of moon and used percentages to show much of the moon would be visible.



Rev Lara RE visit to Class River

In RE lessons with Mrs Andrews, Class River have been finding out what it is like to grow up in a Christian family in Britain. Rev Lara came to visit and they found out what happens during a Sunday service. The children had written lots of questions beforehand to ask her. Lara answered all the questions and showed them the artefacts used during and Sunday service and the children could try a wafer. They compared what they learnt with a Trinity Baptist service. Mrs Andrews had interviewed a lady who goes there on a Sunday.



Music Works

We are very excited that the children in Y5 and 6 are taking part in a song writing project with Music Works. The children will have ten sessions in school and then will visit the recording studios in Gloucester to record their very own song. We are very excited to hear this year's composition!

Behaviour/ Attendance

A reminder that term dates for this year and next are on the website to refer to when booking any holidays.

Personal Development:

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

Class Stream-Cody, Estrella, Raffy, Rafa, Eddie and Lilah-Mae

Class River- Jessica, Zack, Charlotte and Oliver

Class Estuary- Eli, Martha, James D, Ralph and Freya

Class Ocean – Will, Imogen, Elsa and Rupert

Science: Oliver T

Writers of the week- Matilda

Hand writer of the week- Jacob

Times Table Rockstar- James G

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Primary School's nature quiz

Congratulations to our school nature quiz team who have got through to the next round of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trusts Primary school's nature quiz. Well done Daisy, Ida, Freya and Cecilia. Good luck in the next round!

Huntley village Decorated Egg Competition

A big thank you to the organisers of the Huntley village Easter fun day and decorated egg competition. Lots of children entered and their designs were great. Mrs Jenny Green came into school the first week back to give out prizes to the winners.

Well done to R:Lily Y1:Albert Y2:Guy Y3:Charlotte Y4: Harley Y5:Olivia Y6: Rupert

Cerebral Palsy- Wear it Green day

We had a 'Wear it Green' day to raise awareness of Cerebral Palsy

Georgia was amazing in worship – sharing lots of information and answering any questions the children had. The fact that surprised us all the most was when Georgia explained that she uses four times more energy than other children when carrying out activities. It made us all appreciate that this makes some things a bit trickier and more tiring for her sometimes. We raised an amazing £170 which we have donated to a local sports charity who arrange local events for children with disabilities.



Well done!

A big congratulation to Emilia. In a recent competition, she won a rosette for coming 2nd for best turned out on her horse Pirate and a certificate for coming 1st in the gymkhana pony games.

Baby news

The year sixes were very excited to be able to tell the rest of the school that Mrs Andrews is expecting a girl. They made bibs to break the news



Other news

Welcome to Mrs Horniman – our new pastoral support worker.

We are really pleased to welcome Mrs Horniman to our team. Mrs Horniman will be taking on our newly founded role of pastoral support worker. She will be in school 2 afternoons a week and will be working with a range of children to offer emotional wellbeing and support.

Mrs Horniman has been in education for over 30 years and has a real passion for supporting the mental health of young people to ensure they reach their full potential. She has been an early years teacher, later opening her own nursery and working with the department of education as an early years specialist. She later moved on to take on the role of head teacher of a local primary school. We are really excited to be working with Mrs Horniman and she brings a wealth of experience to the role. Welcome!

Work experience

It has been lovely having a student working with us over the last few weeks from Hartpury college. Cameron is studying to be a sports coach and has been working with Mr Wilkins in PE lessons and after school club.

We also welcomed back a couple of past students as part of the Newent School, work experience shadowing day. It was lovely to have them back with us – I bet school seems small to them now!