

Friday, March 27, 2026

Spring Term Review

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of what has been a short but incredibly busy half term, I would like to take a moment to share all that has been achieved at Hamstel Infants. Over the past five **weeks, we have worked hard to provide our young learners with a rich variety of experiences** to inspire and engage them.

Early in the half term, the children thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic Book Week, which included special assemblies, storyteller workshops, and a wonderful costume parade. This was followed by an exciting visit from the British Transport Police, who spent two days in school teaching the children about their important role, as well as showcasing their equipment, vehicles, and dogs...including hand-cuffing some teachers!

Our pupils also took part in poetry workshops across the school, while our Year 2 children enhanced their learning with a visit to Colchester Castle, culminating in a splendid royal banquet to round off their topic. Undoubtedly, one of the highlights of the term was the arrival of the Happy Chicks. Watching the eggs hatch into eleven fluffy chicks brought great excitement to the school, and the children have loved observing them — both in person and via our 'chick cam'.

There have also been many opportunities for pupils to represent the school through sport. Team Hamstel participated in tag rugby, panathlon, girls' football, and gymnastics competitions, achieving an impressive set of silver medals along the way. Meanwhile, our choir performed beautifully at the Infant Music Festival, showcasing their enthusiasm and talent.

We are always grateful for the continued support of our parents and carers, who have played an important role in school life again this term. Many of you joined us for Reading Rocks workshops, Nursery Easter crafts, and our Reception Relatives afternoon tea. We also held two successful parent evenings. To round off the term, our Year 1 children delivered a fantastic spring show to packed audiences — truly a wonderful way to conclude the term.

Beyond the school, we have continued to strengthen our links with the wider community. Our outdoor learning garden project goes from strength to strength and has been generously supported by two local businesses Dewsons of Westcliff and Mark 1 Hire. In addition, we have begun working with The Storehouse food bank in Southend, helping to provide vital donations for those in need.



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It has been another highly successful and rewarding term, and I would like to thank our wonderful staff, and our amazing children for all their hard work and our entire school community for their continued support!

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming you back for the summer term on Monday 13th April.

Best regards,



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