



Park Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2025!

The final week of term has been packed with fantastic examples of Park students demonstrating creativity, confidence and care. The highlight has been the whole school election for our representative for Hampshire Youth Parliament. 805 votes were cast and the winning candidate will be announced on our first assembly after Christmas. All candidates were superb ambassadors, presenting compelling visions for the role and showing us all what it means to use your voice to make a difference.

Our Business and Enterprise students filled the restaurant with stalls and activities this week as they competed to put their business plans into action and raise the most money. Meanwhile, students working with Miss Wingham visited a local residential home for the elderly with the aim of making the residents' Christmas a little brighter.

We have ended the term with our traditional Park Christmas. Delicious Christmas dinner, fabulous performances and fun on the inflatables. We have also said goodbye to the following staff who leave us today: Mrs Powell, Miss Moore, Mr Cobb, Miss Miah. We wish them luck for the future.

We wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New year and look forward to seeing students back in school on Monday 5 January 2026.



Mr Anders



Mrs Capaldi

Remember Year 8 and 10 parents evening:
Thursday 15 January 4.30pm-6.30pm

19 December 2025
Return to School
Monday 5 January 2026
At 8.25am. Breakfast for 8am as usual



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





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Frozen Musical

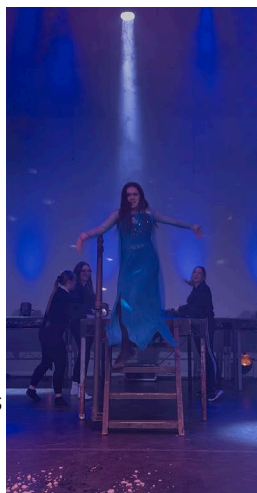
Our recent production of Frozen was a truly magical experience and a wonderful showcase of the talent, teamwork, and dedication within our school community.

The show was double cast, giving over 60 students the opportunity to take on principal roles and demonstrate their skills on stage. Both casts brought their own energy and interpretation to the production, making each performance unique and exciting. Audiences were delighted by the use of puppetry, which added creativity and visual impact to the storytelling, as well as the impressive quick changes performed on stage, requiring precision, confidence, and seamless teamwork. The production was further elevated by engaging choreography that brought the world of Arendelle to life, alongside complex vocal performances that challenged and showcased our students' musical abilities.

This production would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of so many people. A huge thank you to all of the students involved, both on stage and behind the scenes, for their enthusiasm, resilience, and professionalism throughout rehearsals and performances. We are also incredibly grateful to the staff who gave their time, expertise, and support to make this production such a success.

Frozen was a fantastic celebration of creativity, collaboration, and confidence, and we are immensely proud of everyone who helped bring it to life. Keep an eye out for auditions of our Summer Production to be confirmed soon!

Miss Brown



Stem Christmas Market 2025

As part of the school production the STEM Ambassadors ran a Christmas craft market with lots of stocking fillers and treats. The girls had spent several weeks in the run up to the event designing and manufacturing the glitter themed stock. The sale was a great success and allowed the Ambassadors to experience the responsibility of setting up and running a craft business. A highlight of the market was the chance to see and buy the 3D printed creations of Millie Mae from 8AGR. Thank you to everyone who supported us and well done to all the STEM team. Great entrepreneur skills shown by all.

Mr Green





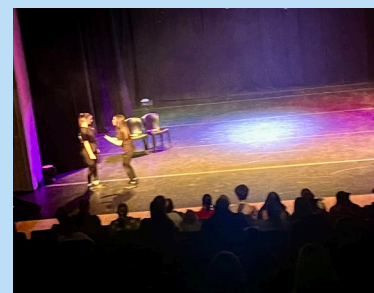
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Musical Theatre

Year 9 and 10 students who are taking musical theatre performed their unit one assessment pieces to friends and family. Our students, as always, went above and beyond, and I am very proud of all their hard work. Each student performed two numbers from different musicals in a big group and small groups from Wicked to Hercules and even Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We also had students who are taking LAMDA exams perform their solo songs as an opportunity to test it out before their exam in May.

The parents said how lovely it was to see what their children had been working on this term, and it was fantastic to give the students the opportunity to perform fully with lights too! (Thank you Barry).

Miss Brown



MyBank Programme

This term, students took part in a fun and practical personal finance maths programme run by MyBank. The sessions helped students build confidence with money by looking at real-life situations such as budgeting, saving, borrowing, and managing everyday costs.

Students really engaged with the activities and enjoyed putting their maths skills into practice. At the end of the programme, everyone who took part received an official accreditation, recognising their hard work and new financial skills.

Mr Penlington





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Speakers for Schools – Professor Michael Kolling, Kings College

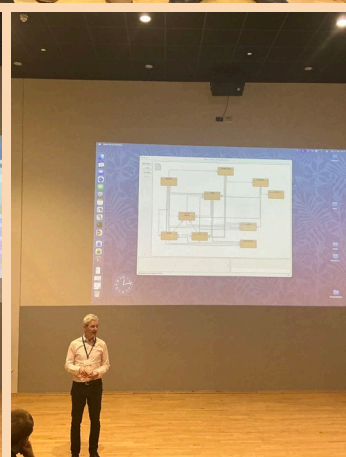
Last week we had Professor Michael Kolling from Kings College, London visit us to talk to our IT, computer science and electronics club students. He is a computer science lecturer and focuses on designing software to help students learn programming and coding.

He shared a range of different ways to practise programming and Mr Wray has already downloaded these to use in lessons. He made links to how computer games work including how the code can be changed to make the actions more complicated.

It was very clear that programming has changed over the last 20 years and he has had to evolve and develop a new range of skills. Students were able to ask a range of questions, including impact of AI on the future and which programming language is the best.

An amazing opportunity for our IT, computer science and electronics club students to learn more about programming languages and how this could lead to future careers in games programming and beyond!

Mrs Conner



Rock 2 the Beat

The Rock 2 the Beat concert on the last week of term was a brilliant success. For the new band formed of Year 7s it was their very first performance ever on stage and they showed incredible resilience. Both Rock 2 the Beat bands showed excellent commitment, teamwork, and musical progress, and they should be very proud of their progress and achievement this term.

The project is delivered in partnership with Hampshire Music Service and has been a brilliant opportunity for students to build confidence, learn a new instrument and experience live performance.

The project is set to continue next term with many students showing interest - so much so that there is a waiting list to join!

Mr Alcantara





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Park's Voice at Hampshire's Youth Parliament

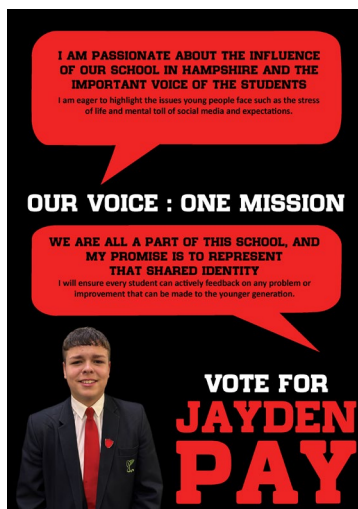
Having a voice, being heard and making a difference are three qualities we believe all students should experience at Park Community School. Our student voice group has increased in number with every year group represented. The student voice team meet fortnightly to discuss in school themes that they wish to address and share the views of their peers.

Our most recent event involved 64 students working with Havant Borough Council to gain the views of young people within the community for the developments of Leigh Park. We have also had an amazing opportunity for a student to represent Park and the young people of Hampshire as a Hampshire Youth Parliament Candidate. We are really proud of the 7 students across Year 7 to Year 10 who completed a nomination form to put themselves forward. Each candidate worked extremely hard to develop their manifesto and worked at Park Design and Print to create an appealing poster to support their campaign.

Each student presented their campaign manifesto in House assemblies. To conclude this process a whole school election took place giving every student and member of staff the opportunity to vote.

Our activity studio was transformed into a polling station, all students completed their voting slip in a voting booth and posted their submission into a ballot box. Our winning candidate will be revealed in the New Year. Well done to all candidates.

Mrs Pearce





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The Lion King Musical Visit

On Wednesday 10 December we took 50 students across Years 7 and 8 to watch The Lion King. The students really enjoyed Covent Garden and watching the street performers and were amazed by The Lion King.

For some, this was their first experience of watching a live show and also their first time in London. They were an absolute pleasure to take and we look forward to offering more trips in the new year.

Mrs Chuter



Year 10 students learn about Polymers

Students had fun in Science making slime and modelling the formation of a long chain Polymer from many monomers.

Mrs Balch

2:22 A Ghost Story

Mrs Marr and Mrs Cramman recently took 30 Year 9 and 10 drama students to see 2:22 A Ghost Story. The performance proved to be a huge success, with students captivated from start to finish. Both thrilled and scared, many described it as the best play they had ever seen, remaining on the edge of their seats throughout the evening.

Mrs Cramman

Performing Arts Ambassadors This Term

This term, our Performing Arts Ambassadors have been visiting Riders to choreograph their Dance Live entry.

Working collaboratively, students have developed the story and choreography alongside the Riders students. Throughout the project, all students have been excellent ambassadors for Park and have thoroughly enjoyed building positive relationships with the Riders community.

Mrs Marr



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Finding What You Love – 2026

The wide range of after school enrichment opportunities for our students to 'Find What They Love' -

	Club Title	Department	Time	Location	Year group	Lead staff
Monday	Girls Football Academy	PE	15.00-16.00	STP	All years	ABW/TMO
	Boys Football Academy	PE	15.00-16.00	STP	All years	KPO
	Programming Club	Computer Science	15.00-16.00	J04	All years	CWR
	Boys Dance Group	Performing Arts	15.00-16.00	KAS	All years	CMR
	Language Ambassadors	MFL	15.00-16.00	C10	All years	ANU
	Bookbusters Book Club	Library	15.00-16.00	KDC	All years	AMH
	Science Club	Science	15.00-16.00	G06	All years	ZTH
	Warhammer and D&D Club	Art	15.00-16.00	S01	All years	JWA
	Textiles	Art	15.00-16.00	S04	All years	HTU
	Chinese Lessons	International Connections	15.00 – 16.30	JO6	All years	LCV
	Musical Theatre Group	Performing Arts	15.00-16.00	KDS	All years	JBW
	STEM Ambassadors	Technology/Science	14.45-15.45	F04	Years 7-9	AGR/LGR
	KS3 Homework Club	SEND	14.45-15.45	Hub	Years 7-9	SRO/SEND
	KS3 Handwriting Club	SEND	14.45-15.45	Hub	Years 7-9	SRO/SEND
	Future Food	Horticulture	14.45-15.45	Y01	All years	TSH
	National Education Nature Park	Horticulture	14.45-15.45	Y01	Year 8	TSH
	Cricknet Club	PE	14.45-15.45	KSH	Years 7-10	CHR
Tues	Sports Ambassador Training	PE	13.45-14.45	KSH	Years 7-10	KPO
	Dance Live	PA	13.45-14.45	KTH	All years	LCH
	Becoming a Barista	Catering Team	13.45-14.45	TT	Years 10-11	SCR
	Swimming	PE	10.30 – 12.30	OS	Years 7 & 8	FPE
	Netball Club	PE	13.45-14.45	OS	Years 7-10	ABW
Wednesday	Fitness Club	PE	15.00-16.00	KFS	All years	KPO
	Bee Buddies	Catering Team	14.45-16.45	KRS	Years 8, 9 & 10	SCR
	APEX	Technology	15.00-16.00	APEX	Years 10 & 11	DDA
	Robotics and coding Club	Computer Science	15.00-16.00	J04	All years	CWR
	LG8TQ+	SMSC	15.00-16.00	S02	All years	HTU/SLO
	Drum Club	Performing Arts	15.00-16.00	K02	All years	BFO
	Butterfly Broadcast Production	English	15.00-16.00	Y03	All years	AMA
	Musical Theatre Group	Performing Arts	15.00-16.00	KDS	All years	JBW
	Girls running Club	MFL	15.00-16.00	C07	All	NHA
	Cooking Club	Technology	15.00-16.00	F01	Years 7-9	TCU
	Hair and Beauty Club	Hair and Beauty	15.00-16.00	S03	Years 7-9	ECH
	GGS Club (Geography, Geology and Sustainability)	Geography	15.00-16.00	J01	All years	JMA
	All About Books Quiz Club	Library	15.00-16.00	KDC	All years	AMH
	Maths Homework Club	Maths	15.00-16.00	KO1	All years	TMO
	Swimming	PE	11.00 – 13.30	OS	Years 7 & 8	FPE
Thursday	Greenpower (by invitation only)	Technology	14.45-16.00	Tech	All years	DPA
	Music/Guitar Club	Performing Arts	15.00-16.00	K02	All years	JAC
	Musical Theatre Group	Performing Arts	15.00-16.00	KDS	All years	JBW
	Choir Club	Performing Arts	15.00-16.00	KO3	Staff & Students	HCR
	Badminton/Basketball Club	PE	15.00-16.00	KSH	All years	KPO
	Dance Live	PA	13.45-14.45	KTH	All years	LCH
	Student Librarian Training	Library	15.00-16.00	KDS	All years	AMH
	Food Ambassadors	Catering Team	13.45-15.00	KRS	All years	RMO/SCM
Friday	Tech Club	Performing Arts	15.00-16.00	KTH	All years	BFO
	Chess Club	Maths	15.00-16.00	C04	All Years	SDA
	Musical Theatre Group	Performing Arts	15.00-16.00	KDS	All years	JBW

FWYL at Park 2026



Finding What You Love at Park incorporates our enrichment opportunities for students to spark an interest and develop a passion. Our enrichment programme incorporates all areas of the school and at the start of the year students in Years 7-9 experienced our Finding What You Love Fair hearing more about the super activities on offer.

Students are encouraged to start 2026 with an enrichment activity.

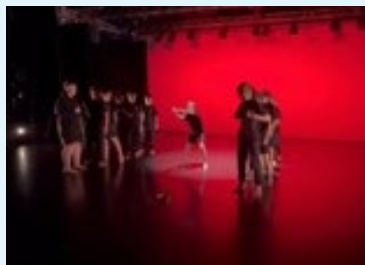
Mrs Cavanagh



Boys Showcase at Chichester University

This term, 15 Year 7 boys have been working with Mrs Marr and Miss Privett to create a dance piece inspired by the theme Mission: Impossible. The boys have developed their performance skills during lessons and proudly showcased their work at the Boys' Dance Showcase held at the University of Chichester. This is an annual event that we attend each year and it continues to go from strength to strength, providing a supportive and encouraging environment for boys to share their passion for dance.

Mrs Marr



Leadership award- Performing Arts Ambassadors

Twelve Year 10 Performing Arts Ambassadors have successfully achieved a Level 2 Dance Leadership Award in recognition of their outstanding contribution to leadership during the last academic year. This is a fantastic achievement and will look great on their CVs when they leave Park, supporting them in their future education and career pathways.



Front Lawn Concert

The Performing Arts Department hosted a mini concert for students from Front Lawn. During their visit, Barry provided the students with a tour of our performing arts facilities, including the technical box, and delivered a demonstration of how the lighting system operates.

The students were amazed by the high-quality facilities and thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment provided, making the visit both engaging and inspiring.

Mrs Marr



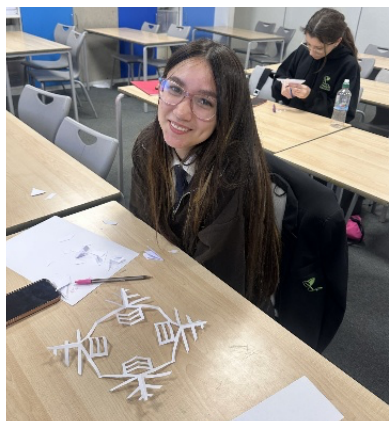
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Chinese Lessons

This term students have been given the opportunity to be involved in Chinese lessons. They have been developing their speaking, reading and writing skills within these lessons.

Over the last few weeks students have been practising paper cutting and calligraphy, learning how to hold the brush, how to write the strokes etc. Chinese calligraphy is not just writing, it's a traditional art form that combines skill, patience and aesthetics. Lessons continue in the New Year and all students are welcome.

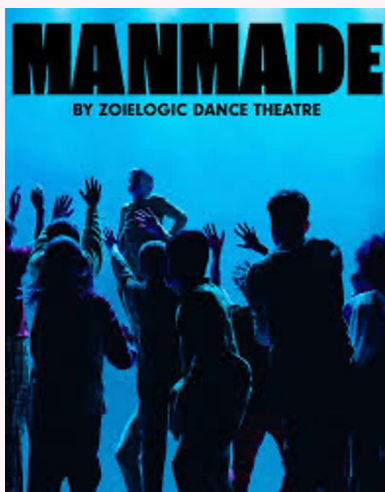
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Manmade Project

This term, 45 boys from Park, Barncroft, Trosnant, and Riders have been taking part in a boys-only dance project for Manmade, a dance platform run by ZoieLogic Dance Theatre. Manmade hosts an annual event celebrating boys' dance across the South Coast.

For the first time, primary schools and Park are collaborating to create a joint performance piece. Guided by Ollie and Lizanne, choreographers from ZoieLogic Dance Theatre, the boys have been meeting every Thursday afternoon to develop a dance piece inspired by the theme of time travel. Students have thoroughly enjoyed their first two workshops and will take part in two additional sessions to complete their choreography.



The final piece will be performed at the MAST Studios on 18th March, where the students will have the opportunity to showcase their creativity, teamwork, and hard work on stage. Tickets are on sale on the Mayflower website.

Mrs Marr



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PE DECEMBER 2025

Miss Brown

Year 7 Football

The Year 7 football team has gone from strength to strength over this term with an unbeaten streak! The boys have consistently attended training on a Monday which has been highlighted in the strong performances displayed by the boys!

Currently the scores for the fixtures played are:

Park vs Petersfield – 3-3

Park vs Horndean A – 1-1

Park vs Horndean B – 4-1

Park vs Warblington – 2-1

Park vs Purbrook- 2-1



Sports Ambassadors

Sports Ambassadors training has continued every Tuesday this half term, with students from Y7-10 running a variety of sports and activities for each other. This has given them a chance to develop their leadership skills and knowledge ahead of events in the new year.



Badminton

Badminton club has continued to be popular throughout the term with a range of year groups attending.

The students play matches with a range of year groups with some intense games going on!



Year 8 Football

The Year 8s have followed the Year 7s in a strong start to their fixtures with multiple wins to add to their tally. The boys again have been consistent with training on a Monday and are showing this up within their games!

Year 8s results so far:

Park vs Havant academy – 1-0

Park vs Cowplain – 4-3

Park vs Warblington – 2-0

Park vs Purbrook – 5-0



In the New Year, Year 7 and 8 will have the chance to participate in Basketball fixtures! If students are interested there will be a taster session in the New Year where a team will be picked for the upcoming fixtures!



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What is the Southern School Book Awards?

The Southern School Book Awards was created by a librarian who wanted a 'book thing' where students had ownership of the outcome. The award is held annually and continues to grow; currently over 250 students take part from schools across the south of England. But what makes this book award so special is the wonderful award event. Held at Hurstpierpoint College Theatre, the ceremony is hosted by notable writers and illustrators and all the shortlisted authors attend, in person, to speak about their nominated book. Plus, our students then get the opportunity to meet and talk with the hosts and authors at a book-signing event after the ceremony!

Over the past term Park students from years 9, 10 & 11 have been reading, reviewing and discussing the 5 shortlisted books, ready to place their final vote in January and debates over which book is best have already begun. Who will get their vote?

Want to know more? Just ask Ms.Hucklebridge



PARK CANON CLOSE-UP: Black Flamingo by Dean Atta

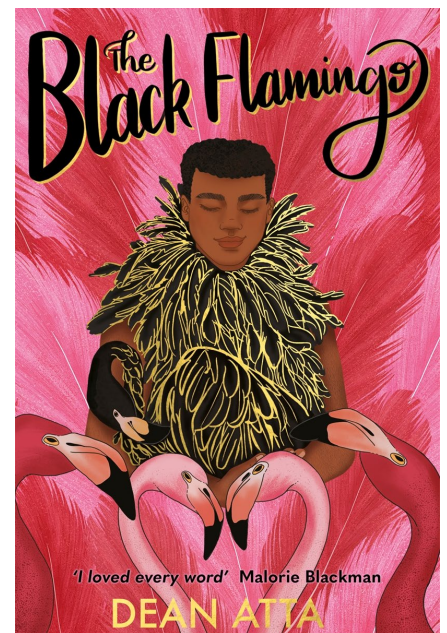
Each term all students at Park get together in their tutor groups to read a book chosen from our canon. This past term our Year10 students have been reading *The Black Flamingo* by Dean Atta.

This award-winning book is a beautifully written coming of age story with moments of humour, poignancy and hope. The stunning illustrations and verse poetry combine to create a moving, lyrical, uplifting tale which continues to be a firm favourite with our students and staff alike.

"This is not about being ready, Its not even about being fierce, or fearless. It's about being free"

AWARDS:
Shortlisted - Waterstones Children's Book Prize (Older fiction) 2021
Shortlisted - The Diverse Book Awards YA Longlist 2020
Shortlisted - Carnegie Medal 2020
Shortlisted - YA Book Prize 2020
Longlisted - UKLA Book Awards (Ages 11-14+) 2021

"Don't let anyone tell you that you are half black and half white. You are a full human being"



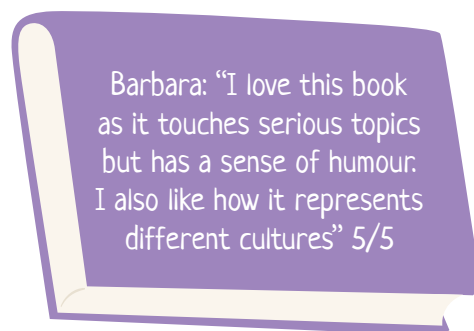
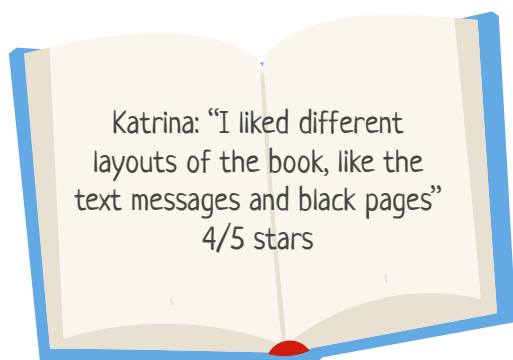
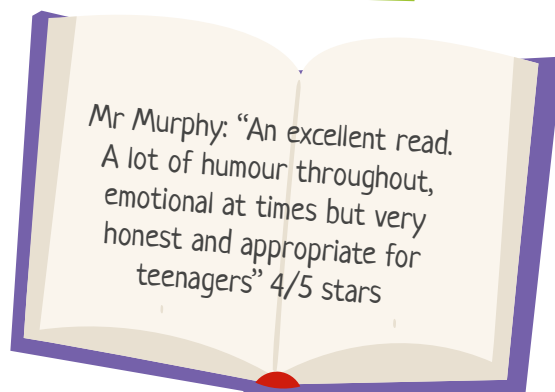
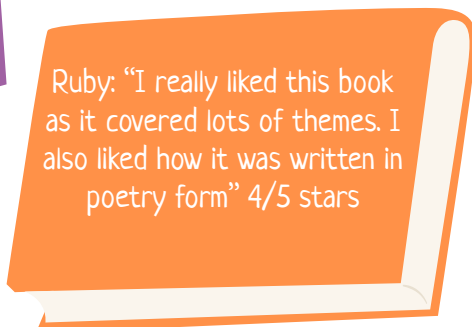
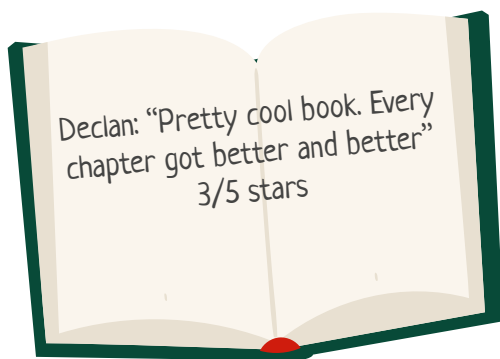
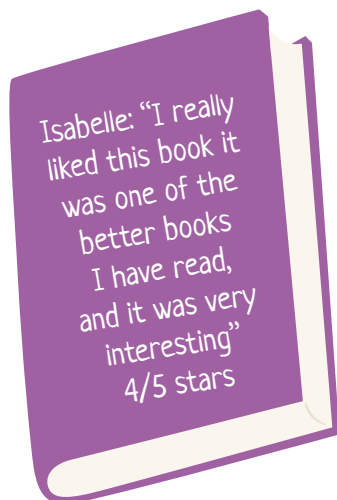
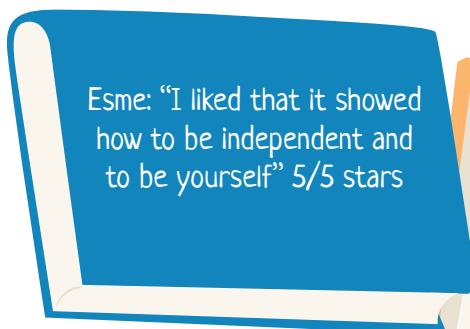
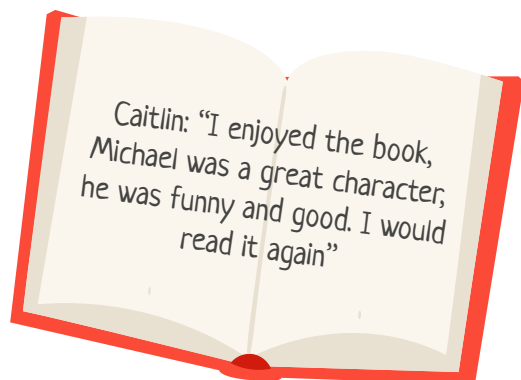


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THE BLURB: This is Michael's story. Join him as he enters the world, with tiny feather eyelashes. Travel from school to college, where he discovers his flock, and comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen. At university, take a seat in the audience and watch him find his wings as a drag artist, *The Black Flamingo*.

A bold story about discovering that only YOU get the privilege of choosing who you are. There is power in embracing your uniqueness. What's your story?

These are extracts from some of the reviews written by our Year 10 students who have read and enjoyed *The Black Flamingo* this year:





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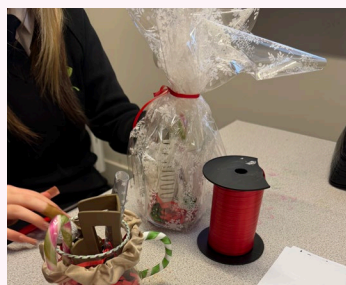
Book Buzz!

Sponsored Walk for Cancer Spartans

Mrs Challinor, Mrs Clarke and Miss Cobb took the KS4 Hub students on a sponsored walk from school to Eastney and back to raise money and awareness for Cancer Spartans, supporting the incredible nurses on the MacMillan Acute Oncology Ward at Southampton General Hospital, and in honour of Shayne Wilkinson.

Our students showed amazing strength, teamwork and compassion throughout the walk. They were determined to make a difference and gifts were made for the nurses to support the people who provide life-changing care every single day.

Mrs Challinor





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FREE AI Essential Training

AI is transforming the world, and as a beginner, getting familiar with its key concepts, technologies, and applications is a great first step.

Whether you're curious about AI for personal interest or for career advancement this training will help to -

- Increase knowledge and awareness of AI models such as Gemini, an AI model developed by Google
- Increase confidence in using AI in life and work
- Improve career opportunities

Online 5pm-8pm
Wednesday 28th January
Wednesday 4th February
Wednesday 11th February

In person 11am-2pm
At the Dickinson Centre,
Middle Park Way, PO9 4DQ
Monday 26th January
Monday 2nd February
Monday 9th February

Training will be delivered in person and independently

Receive a £60 supermarket voucher on course completion.

We can support with transport and IT

For more information:

bookings@pcs.hants.sch.uk
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Middle Park Way, Havant, PO9 4BU

End of Term – Football Tournament!

This week, Year 7's competed in an end of term Football tournament.

Three different teams competed against each other to win the tournament with a group stage bracket being played. Some excellence performances from all players, with goal of the tournament coming from Preston-Jack.

The blue and yellow having the same amount of points meant that they made it into the final.

The game ended in 2-2 with it going to penalties, with winning goal coming from Alfie securing the win for the yellow's.

Heros of the Tournament:

Callum	Vinnie
Evan	Finlay
Lyle	Morgan
Riley	



Christmas 2025

at Park Community School, Havant

Family Fun Days

20TH DECEMBER
Trip to the Kings Theatre- Aladdin the Panto

21ST DECEMBER
Family Funday at Park Community School with Christmas themed activities including crafts cooking and entertainment.

22ND DECEMBER
Family Funday at Park Community School with Christmas themed activities including crafts cooking and entertainment.

Transport provided, see website for booking conditions

FREE two-course hot lunch provided

Located at Park Community School, Middle Park Way, Havant PO9 4BU
These events are free to attend.

Before booking please ensure you have registered with HCC for your unique HAF code. If you registered for your HAF code in 2024 you will not need to register again for Christmas 2025. We have a limited number of discretionary places for children with EHCP's. Please email admin@connect4.org.uk. These events are free for those who receive benefit related Free School Meals.

To book visit www.connect4.org.uk Info: 02392489811



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Connect4Youth Activities

20TH DECEMBER
Festive Cooking Fun- Homemade Tasty Turkey Feast and Dessert

21ST DECEMBER
Creative Festive Fun Day

22ND DECEMBER
Trip to Portsmouth on Ice - Ice Skating

Transport provided, see website for booking conditions

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Winter Hours

Mon - Thur - 9.30am - 3.00pm

Friday - 9.30am - 4.00pm

Sat - Sun - 9.00am - 4.00pm

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@TEAROOMS2020

Breakfast | Lunch
Cakes
Drinks | High Tea



**Staunton Country
Park, Petersfield Road,
Havant, PO9 5HD**

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