



**Respect – Responsibility – Resilience – Kindness – Teamwork**

### Mrs Thirkill's Blog 13.2.26

Good afternoon,

This half term has zoomed by, and next half term is even shorter, being only 5 weeks.

We've had visits from our school improvement partner and partnership headteachers over this half term, and we have been delighted that they can see the continuous journey of success that we are on as a school. We are very proud of our school. Our children are happy and positive with fantastic behaviours for learning. Our academic outcomes are above the national picture. At Hoyle Court Primary School, we will always continue to learn and develop and be the best we can be.

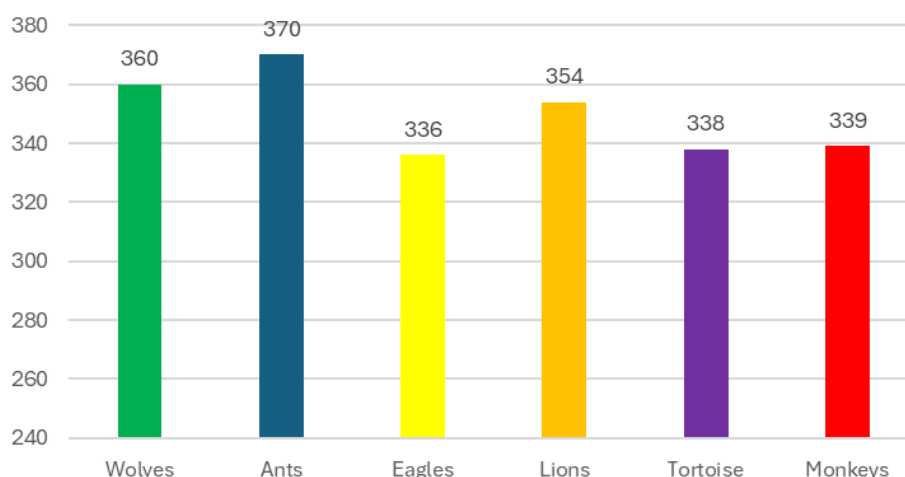
It's been a very wet half term and I'm sure we are all ready for a change in the weather now. No doubt we will continue to face cold and rain next half term so please make sure your children are wrapped up warm and also have suitable footwear for forest school.

Yesterday our  $\frac{3}{4}$  girls competed in a football tournament. It was great to see them all getting stuck in and representing our school.

#### House Points

We have seen some dramatic changes in the house points this week, as children have received additional house points for 100% attendance and also for representing school, in sporting events. Our collaborative ants are in the lead at the moment, but everybody still has a chance to catch up.

Hoyle Court House Points - 2025 - 2026



#### Safeguarding

Over the holidays, please work hard to limit your children's screen time. Screen time at any age (including adults), leads to lack of patience, poor communication and a loss of positive interactions. Screen time in the earliest years affects brain development. We have seen children swiping at pages of a book rather than turning them, this is obviously worrying.

<https://health.choc.org/how-to-limit-screen-time-for-teenagers/>

## Attendance

### A great week for attendance and punctuality!

Target 96%	Owls	Beech	Aspen	Sycamore	Ash	Hazel	Birch	Willow	Rowan	Oak	Maple
96.2	96.7	98.2	95.8	89.7	96.4	97.4	100	95	96.7	91.4	97.4

**Phrase of the week – Happy Holidays**

**Have a great weekend. Mrs Thirkill**

**We have lots of exciting things in the diary for next half term.**

Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day!	Dress as your favourite character from a book!
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Residential	Buckden House
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Rocksteady Concert 2pm	Parents of attendee's only
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Residential	Lake Windemere
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day	Non-Uniform £1 donation! Red Theme.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Spring Disco	More info to follow.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Swimming Starts	