

Parent Newsletter

Friday 24 March 2023

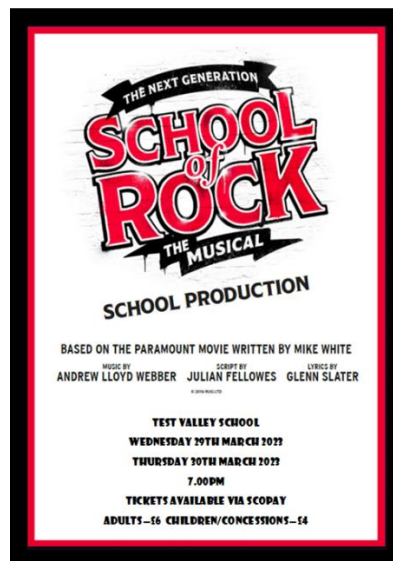
This week we have been delighted to involve our pupils in the Hampshire Book Awards.



All those involved were a credit to our school.

Over the next week we are going to be sending our welcome letters to Year 6 pupils who have been offered a place at Test Valley. Several open mornings will be available to visit our school after Easter.

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 5 and 6 primary school pupils to us school next Tuesday to be an audience for School of Rock. I hope you can join us too.



Best Wishes,
Mrs McKeown

Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 27 March – HPV 1 Vaccinations – Year 8 pupils
Tuesday 28 March – School Improvement Plan Q&A Session
Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 March – School Production
Thursday 30 March – Last day for Year 9 Option returns

Friday 31 March – INSET Day

Monday 3 – Friday 14 April – Easter Holidays
Monday 17 April – Grandstand Photographs (change of date)

More about all the activities occurring in and out of lessons at Test Valley School can be found on our Facebook page, Twitter Feed and Instagram Account. Reshares and likes are always appreciated!

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Clocks Go Forward



We would like to remind everyone that the clocks go forward this weekend – Sunday 26 March at 1am

Vacancies

Please see our website for current vacancies: [Test Valley School - Vacancies](#)

Venue Hire

Do you require a room for a meeting or sports event? School facilities are available to hire outside of the school day. Please email leisure@testvalley.hants.sch.uk for all enquiries.

Exam Invigilators

We are seeking a number of examination invigilators to support our Exams Officer. You will be working on a casual basis during the exam seasons from May-June, plus November and January. Successful candidates will be responsible for ensuring that exams are conducted in accordance with established

procedures and regulations, including supervising students during exams, distributing and collecting exam papers and materials, and reporting any irregularities or issues to the appropriate authorities.

This role welcomes candidates from any sector or experience and is a great opportunity to work in a rewarding and flexible role, and to play a key part in supporting the academic achievements of our students. Full training will be given.

If you are interested in this position, please apply today (recruitment@testvalley.hants.sch.uk) with your CV and a covering letter explaining your suitability for the role.

Remaining INSET Days

Friday 31 March

Friday 23 June

School Improvement Q&A Sessions

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school to hear about our school improvement plan from Mrs McKeown and Mrs Goodridge. The second opportunity to meet, is **Tuesday 28 March**. The meeting will be held in the school hall from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. There is no need to book a place, just turn up on the night, we look forward to meeting you.

Parents Consultation Evenings

We have 2 Parent Consultation Evenings when we return after the Easter break namely:

Thursday 20 April, 4-7pm in the school hall for **Year 7 pupils**

Thursday 27 April 4-7pm in the school hall for **Year 8 pupils**

Information about how you can book in for these important meetings will be sent out next week.

RESCHEDULED Grandstand Photograph

We have had to rearrange the whole year photograph for Year 11 pupils. This will now be taking place during Tutor time on **Monday 17th April**, the day school resumes after the Easter holiday. This is a wonderful memento for the pupils to have of Test Valley School as they move on to the next stage of their lives.

Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function

In assemblies this week we have shared the findings of the pupil safety survey we carried out. Pupils have also been given an update of what the actions are as we move into the Summer Term. Pupils have listened well to this information and come back to me with lots of questions and suggestions.

One of the actions is to ensure that everyone is aware of the anonymous reporting system we have for our pupils. Below is the QR code for pupils to use; this will also be displayed in every classroom and the toilets. It is essential our pupils can tell us things when they need to.

If you would like further information around this, please contact Mrs Collins.

Anonymous - Reporting bullying or
other concerns you have



Pupil Drop Off and Collection

Please can we remind parents/carers that pupils should not be dropped off in the School car parks at the end of Roman Road or block the entrance to these car parks. These are intended for School Staff and School Visitors, which may on occasion include parents coming for meetings with staff. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER HPV 1 Immunisations – Year 8 Pupils

School Age Immunisation Service



What is our role?

The School Age Immunisation Service offers vaccinations to children and young people (aged 4-16) across all Hampshire schools, including those who are electively home educated.

The Service works in partnership with health professionals, children and their families to provide access to the UK childhood immunisation programme, to ensure they receive their vaccinations when they are due.

Vaccinations offered: 

- Flu (Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine-Nasal Spray)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio (known as Td/IPV)
- Human Papillomavirus (known as HPV)
- Meningococcal groups A,C,W,Y (known as MenACWY)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (known as MMR)

Giving consent 

For your child to be vaccinated, you must have submitted a consent form.

You will receive information in advance of each vaccination due, including details of how to give consent.

For more information on School Age Immunisations on our [website](#), scan the QR code

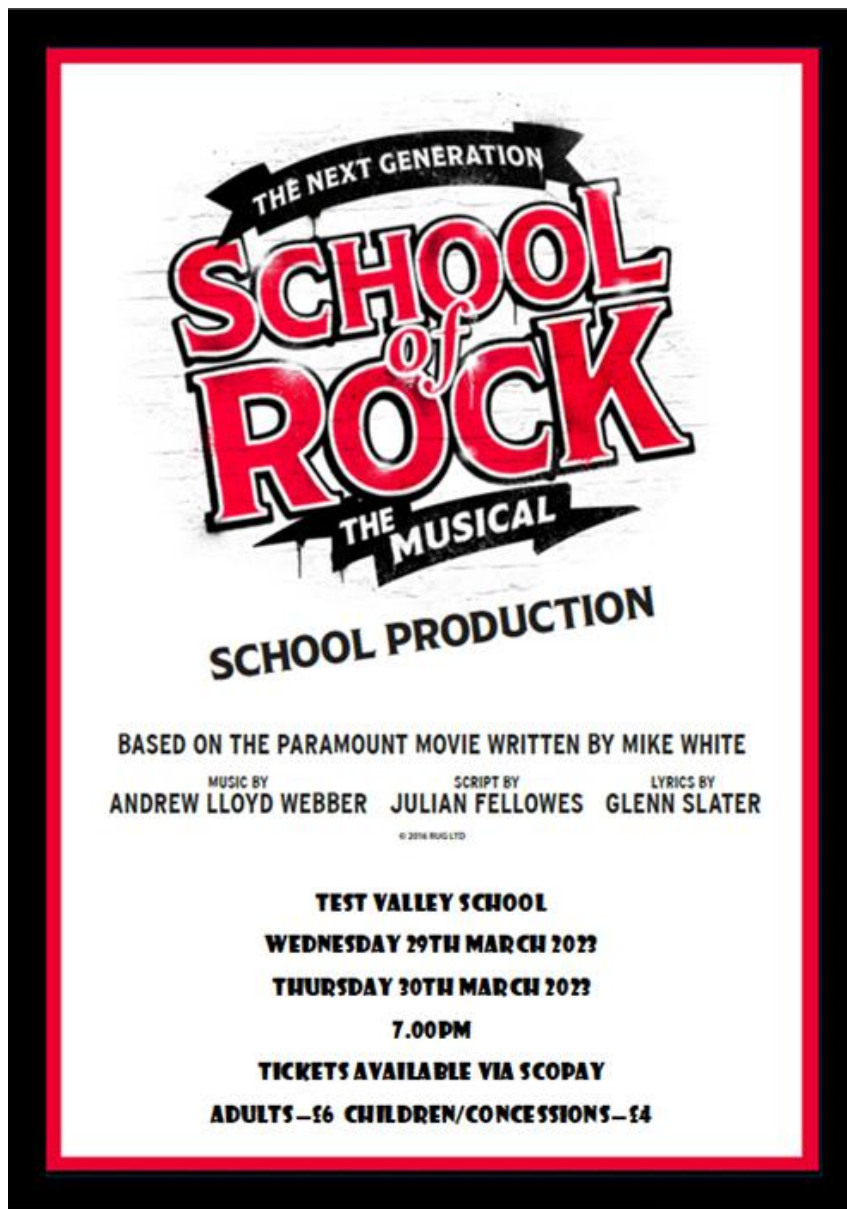




A reminder to parents/carers that the School Age Immunisation team will be at School to administer the HPV immunisations on **Monday 27 March**. Year 8 pupils should wear short sleeves, if they don't have short sleeved shirts then they should bring their PE T-shirts.

School Production

We are really excited to let you know that this year's school production is **School of Rock!** Pupils are working really hard on the production and cannot wait to show our school community. Information is below and tickets will be available to purchase via Scopy only.



KS3 & KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners

Year 7

Rosie C
Violet HS
Michelle A
Kathryn V
Darcy B
Finley W
Ted J

Year 8

Livvy S
Lucas R
Julita C
Annabel A
Bethany B
Lucy F
Evie H
Margot D

Year 9

Shavana AP
Sohni J
Alisa S
Evie K
Megan R
Bethany H
Makayla S

Year 10

Ruby A
Harriet D
Jake R
Gideon B
Amy S
Ryan N

Year 11

Asha P
Jemima L
Jack F
Ian T
Elizabeth F
Iona S

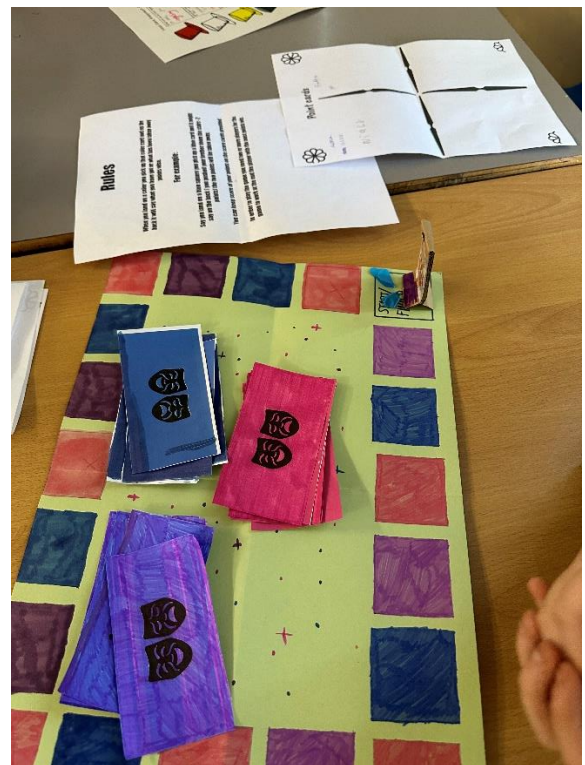
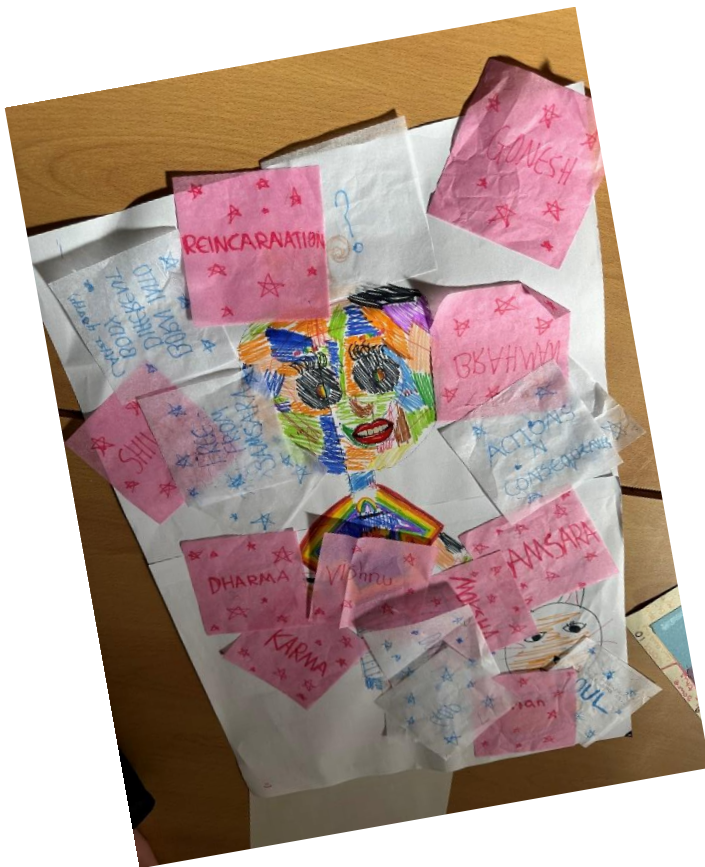
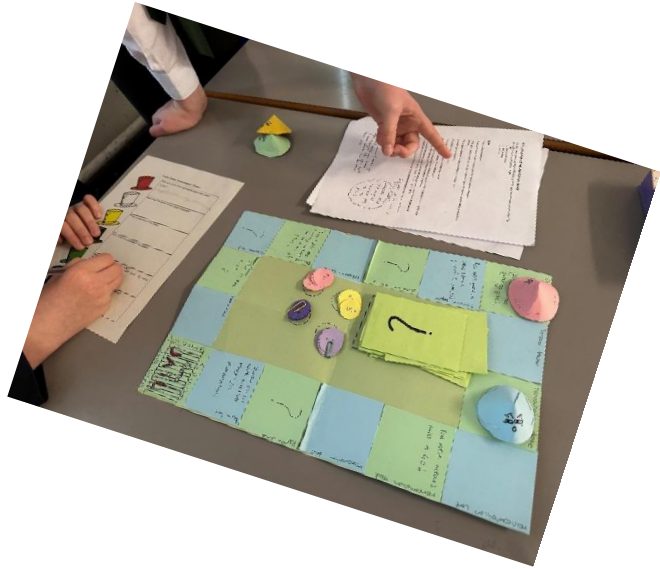
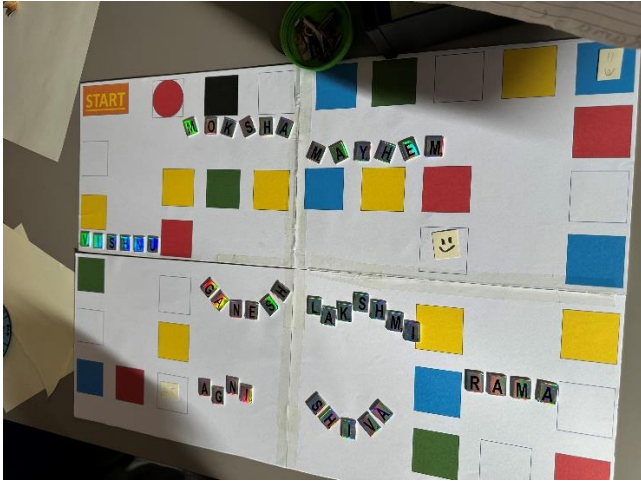
Examples of year 7's recent work in clay

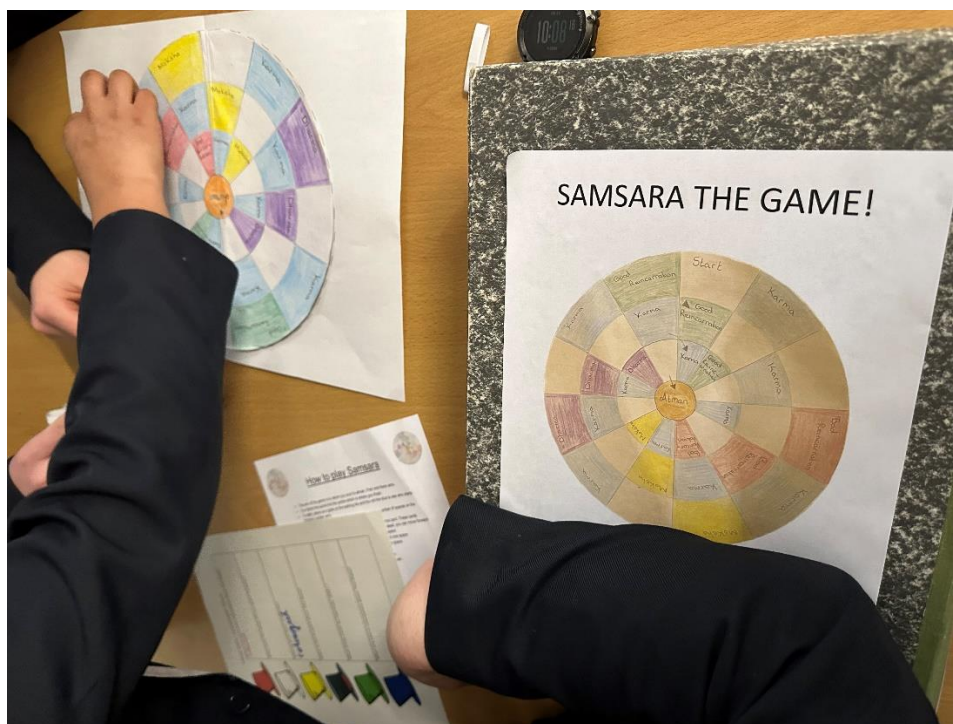


Year 11 sample of Artwork – final piece, theme outfit (summer and winter)



Some of the amazing games that Year 8 pupils have created as part of their work on Hinduism. It has been a real pleasure talking to pupils about what they have learnt and seeing their enthusiasm for creating the best work they can.





GCSE Summer Exam Timetable

Please use the below link to access timetable information for the summer GCSE exams

[Test Valley School - Yr 11 Exam Information](#)

Hampshire County Youth Orchestra Open Day

Hampshire County Youth Orchestra is holding an **Open Day** on Saturday 25 March 2023 at Thornden School Concert Hall in Chandler's Ford, the Orchestra's rehearsal base

Players will have the opportunity to play alongside current members of one of our two main ensembles:

- String Orchestra = for string players grades 4 +
- County Youth Orchestra = for orchestral players grades 6 + (strings / woodwind / brass / percussion and harp)

I hope very much that players will think of auditioning this June and July to join HCYO for next academic year.

The Open Day is not a part of the audition process, but rather a chance for players to get a taste of the Youth Orchestra ensembles and what it might be like to be part of them

Hampshire County Youth Orchestra OPEN DAY



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WANT TO IMPROVE

Saturday 25 March 2023, 10.15am - 2.30pm
Thornden Hall – Chandler's Ford

- Thinking of joining the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra?
- Come along to join in and see what it's all about!
- Play alongside current members, meet other players, and take part in a short, informal performance for parents at 2.00pm.
- Orchestral musicians welcome- including harps and percussion.
- If you are unable to come along, but would like to audition later this term, do get in touch
- The day is aimed at String players grades 4+ and Brass/Wind/Percussion/Harp players grades 6+




MAKE NEW FRIENDS

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Stitch-A-Logo

Stitch-a-Logo Ltd are offering a 10% discount in store only for parents/guardians looking to buy school uniform for all schools we supply.

The offer of 10% off will be available **IN STORE ONLY** from March 6th to the 28th of April 2023.

This information can be viewed via the rolling banner on our website, in addition we are publishing it through the local social media sites.

Year 11 How to Revise Workshop

HOW TO REVISE

Year 11 Workshops

With mock exams out of the way it is time for the big preparation drive towards the GCSE examinations. In addition to the classroom preparations, lunchtime and after school workshops, immediately after half term during Monday tutor times we will be running workshops in the school hall for Year 11 pupils. The details of these are shown below.

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Delivered by
Monday 20 th February	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	The basics, the place, the resources, and the techniques	Mr <u>Langdown</u>
Monday 27 th February	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	How to use past exam papers to revise	Mr <u>Langdown</u>
Monday 6 th March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	The tailored revision planner	Mr <u>Langdown</u>
Monday 13 th March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	Maximising your revision techniques with English	Miss Barton
Monday 20 th March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	Maximising your revision techniques with Mathematics	Mr Whatley
Monday 27 th March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	Maximising your revision techniques with science	Mrs White

[Test Valley School - Yr 11 Exam Information](#)

College Open Events

Please see our website for the latest information on College open events with information on how to book a place.

[Test Valley School - College Open Events 2022-23](#)

[Queen Mary's College Open Evening](#)

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The Big Life Journal is beyond great!

I have a twelve-year-old son who has had difficulty, in the past, dealing with struggles with school. I never really knew how to help him until I purchased this journal. Together, my son and I found excellent exercises that helped him learn how to handle his struggles. Thanks to the Big Life Journal, his anxiety and stress has reduced to the point where he can self-soothe when he's feeling upset.

Community News

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FOR MORE INFO PLEASE EMAIL LUCY
AT
CEC@VALLEYPARKCOMMUNITY.CO.UK

Extra Curricular Activities – Spring 2023

Time	Venue	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 0830-0850	Library			Drop in Session with Mrs Whitehead (All)	Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All)	Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All)
Lunchtime	Rm 40		Keyboard Club and Band Practice (All)			
	Rm 1			Coding Club		
	Drama	School Production Rehearsals			School Production Rehearsals	
	Rm 21	Geography Club (All)				

	Library				Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All)	Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All)
	Library	-	Quiet Reading and Research (All)	Quiet Reading and Research (All)	Quiet Reading and Research (All)	-
	Sports Hall	Mixed Basketball (Yr 7 & 8)		All years mixed Trampolining & Badminton	Football (Yr 10 & 11)	Yr 9, 10 & 11 mixed Basketball
	Mr Page's Office	Take Hope for a walk	Take Hope for a walk	Take Hope for a walk	Take Hope for a walk	
	Various special activities taking place at lunchtime in the Modern Foreign Languages Block during the term					
After School	Drama		Staff Meetings	School Production Rehearsals		
	Sports Hall	Yr7 Mixed Football (hall/field)		All Years Netball	Yr 8 & 9 Mixed Football	
	Rm 1	Homework and Revision Support (All)	Homework and Revision Support (All)	Homework and Revision Support (All)	Homework and Revision Support (All)	

Ethos, Values and Vision

Ethos – (characteristic spirit of a community):
 “In Pursuit of **Personal** Excellence”

Values

- Readiness to learn
- Respect for self and others
- Individual responsibility
- Determination and Ambition
- Enjoyment through belonging

Vision – To develop Test Valley as a small, rural, high achieving school