

# Houghton Regis

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## NEWSLETTER

11 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers



### Harvest Festival- Monday, 7 October 2024

During Harvest Festival the children sang a variety of songs very well. There was also some lovely poetry recitals.

The Year 5 children sang a very special harvest song called 'Seeds of Friendship.' There were some lovely solos and duets as part of this performance. Elizabeth Class were very proud of their class members, Brianna and Evie who sang solos.

Daniel said - "We sang a variety of Harvest Songs during Harvest Festival. We sang them as if we were praying. I liked the church, particularly the stained glass windows. I also liked Fr Diageo, who was really nice and welcoming."

Maya said - "I liked hearing the Harvest poems. The Year 3s and Year 4s performed them confidently. I particular liked Levi's poem. I also liked the choir area behind where Year 5 sat. The ceiling and cross were very old and carved from special wood.

### Book Fair

Over the past week the book fair has been in town! It was fantastic to see so many of you coming to have a look and purchase some new books. Thank you to everyone who bought a book, we managed to raise £425.50 to buy new books for our school!



### Competition winners

Thank you to everyone who entered our book fair competition. It was so tricky to choose a winner! Below is a list of the winners:

Oliver - Year 1 Green  
Tattva - Year 2 Charlotte  
Jasmine - Year 4 Amber  
Bailey - Year 5 Sapphire  
Kelsey - Year 6 William



## National Space Centre trip- Thursday, 10 October 2024

Year 5 had an amazing day at the National Space Centre in Leicester yesterday. It started off with a visit to the Sir Patrick Moore planetarium to watch an overhead tour of space and an overview of how astronauts survive when leaving Earth's atmosphere. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and listened very carefully to the information. After lunch, the children then explored the museum learning about how humans are changing the Earth, looked through telescopes and discovered facts about the solar system. The children then climbed the four exhibition decks of the Rocket Tower to find out about the history of sending rockets into space. They were shocked at how a television looked from the 1970s!



Jayla said – “On our school trip we watched a show in a planetarium which made us feel like we were moving in space. The best part of the day was walking up 127 steps to get to the top of the rocket! They had real rockets on display in the museum.”

Lois said - “When we climbed up the stairs towards the rockets, we could solve lots of puzzles and view old items from the past, it was awesome!”

Maya said – “I liked the planetarium because it made you feel like you were actually in space.”



The teachers were really impressed with how well the children represented the school, a great day had by all!

## Miss Odoi

I am pleased to report that Miss Odoi has returned to HRPS after some time away teaching in further education. Miss Odoi will be sharing Yellow Class with Mr D who will now spend some of his timetable teaching PE throughout the school. During times when both teachers are present the class will be split and taught in smaller groups.



## **Parents' Consultation Evenings**

We will be holding parents' consultation meetings for all year groups on:

**Monday, 14 October 2024 – 4:00pm-7:00pm**

**Monday, 14 October 2024 – 5:30pm-7:00pm (Platinum Jubilee Nursery only)**

**Tuesday, 15 October 2024- 3:30pm-5:30pm (William Class only)**

**Thursday, 17 October 2024 – 3:30pm-5:30pm (except William and Charles Class)**

Appointment signup sheets are displayed outside your child's classroom or on the main playground.

If you are unable to attend an appointment on this day, please speak to your child's class teacher about arranging this for an alternative day.

The teachers will be based in the rooms below for parents' evenings:

**Platinum Classroom** – Mrs White & Mrs Gammon (Nursery Teachers)

**Gold Classroom** – Mrs Baldwin & Mrs Green (Reception Teachers)

**Blue Classroom** – Mr D, Mrs March & Miss Vikneswaran (Year 3 Teachers)

**Amber Classroom** – Miss Rogers, Mrs Jenkins & Miss Bhadresa (Year 4 and Year 1 Teachers)

**Purple Classroom** - Miss Davidson, Miss Hayat & Mrs Scott-Hyde (Year 1 and Year 2 Teachers)

**Hall** - Mrs Boland & Miss Egdell, Miss Naisby & Miss Coleman (On Tuesday, Miss Naisby will be based in Amber Classroom and parents will enter via the classroom door).

**Waiting areas** – Hall, Charles Room & area outside kitchen

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr James Edwards

Headteacher



## Upcoming Events

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Monday	14 October	4-7pm	All Children	Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday	15 October	3.30-5.30pm	William Class	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday	17 October	3.30-5.30pm	All Children	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday	23 October		Year 6	World War 2 Wow Day
Thursday	24 October		Year 4	WOW Day
Friday	25 October			School closes for half-term
Thursday	31 October			Deadline for submitting High School application to the Local Authority
Monday	4 November		School Closed for All Children	INSET Day
Tuesday	5 November		All Children	Return to school
Wednesday	6 November	9.30am		Prospective parents and children starting school Sept 2025
Wednesday	13 November		Years R-6	SLA Flu Immunisation Session
Friday	15 November		All Children	Children In Need
Tuesday	3 December	11.00-11.30am	Choir	Visit to All Saints View
Thursday	5 December	9.15am and 2.30pm		Reception Nativity
Friday	6 December	9.30am		Prospective parents and children starting school Sept 2025
Wednesday	11 December	9.10am and 2.00pm	Nursery	Jingle and Mingle
Thursday	12 December	10.30am and 2pm		Year 1 Nativity
Monday	16 December	1pm-2.30pm	Years 2, 3, & 4	Christmas Carol Concert- All Saints Church
Wednesday	18 December			Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Friday	20 December		All Children	Last day of term – school finishes at 2pm
Monday	6 January		School Closed for All Children	INSET Day
Tuesday	7 January		All Children	Return to school



## Star Awards

			
<b>Danny DETERMINATION</b> says, "DON'T GIVE UP."	<b>Colin CURIOSITY</b> says, "THINK FOR YOURSELF."	<b>Chloe COMMUNICATION</b> says, "RESPECT OTHERS."	<b>Izzy INDEPENDENCE</b> says, "DO YOUR BEST."
Lewis P	Othman H	Ezekiel J	Hope F
Freddie M	Iustin V	Kayla T	Charles N
Jeremie B	Louie M	Sarah B	Julia Z
Niko S	Theo K	Mia G	Jaxon- Jay R
Eva C	Annabelle L	George F	Ava S
Amira M-E	Hanna C	Jack H	
Ellie S	William	Bella S	
	Charles		





## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM 2024

Club	Year group involved	Day	Time of Day
Ballet	Year 3- 6	Tuesday	Afternoon
Ballet	Nursery-Year 2	Wednesday	Morning
Football	KS2 (Boys)	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Netball	Year 3-5 (Boys and Girls)	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Football	KS2 (Girls)	Wednesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Science Club	Year 3	Thursday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Street Dance	Year 1-4	Thursday	3:30 - 4:30pm
Taekwondo	Reception- Year 6	Friday	Afternoon

### ***This week's Attendance Awards***

Reception/KS1 Prince Louis –  
Green 99.2%

Lower KS2 Princess Charlotte –  
Blue 100%

Upper KS2 Prince George –  
William 98.7%



## **School Admissions 2025**

Central Bedfordshire Council have produced a booklet to help you with applying for your child's school place for 2025.

The following link will take you to the booklet

[https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school\\_admissions](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school_admissions)

The national closing dates for applications to be received by the School Admissions Team are:

### **31 October 2024**

- Transfer to Secondary 2025
- Transfer to Upper 2025

### **15 January 2025**

- Starting School 2025
- Transfer to Middle 2025

## **School Term dates for the academic year 2024/25**

### **AUTUMN TERM**

Staff Training Days: Monday 2 September 2024; Monday 4 November 2024

Term Starts: Tuesday September 2024

Half-Term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024

Term Ends: Friday 20 December 2024 at 2pm

### **SPRING TERM**

Staff Training Days: Monday 6 January 2025

Term Starts: Tuesday 7 January 2024

Half-Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Term Ends: Friday 4 April 2025 at 2pm

### **SUMMER TERM**

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 5 May 2025

Staff Training Days: Tuesday 22 April 2025; Monday 2 June 2025

Term Starts: Wednesday 23 April 2025

Half-Term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025

Term Ends: Tuesday 22 July 2025 at 2pm



# EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



## Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 Penalty Notice fines  
increase to £160 for each parent, for each child.



You can be fined if your child has  
a total of 5 days of unauthorised  
absences in 10 school weeks, for  
things like:

- being late after the register  
has closed
- truancy
- taking a holiday without  
permission from the school
- or if a headteacher isn't satisfied  
for the reason for missing school

Over a rolling 3-year period the  
sanctions are:

- 1st offence – £160 reduced  
to £80 if paid within 21 days
- 2nd offence – £160
- 3rd offence – Court hearing  
and up to £2,500 fine, or  
up to 3 months in prison  
and a criminal record

For more information go to:  
[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school)



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**Was your child born between  
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?**

**They will start school in September 2025, so you  
need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2025.**

 **Apply online at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)**

You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school  
or by contacting School Admissions  [admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)  **0300 300 8037**

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