

Houghton Regis

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NEWSLETTER

15 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers



Remembrance Day

Miss Viks, myself, Elizabeth Class and the Head Girl and Head Boy attended the Special Service of Remembrance in Houghton Regis. Here we joined the Mayor and other schools in a short service and two minute silence. Our school wreath was then placed by the Head Boy and Head Girl next to the memorial stone, along with the others from the local community.

Year 1 trip around the local area

The Year 1 children took a stroll in the deep, dark... local area! Over the past several weeks, the children have been learning all about our school and the community in which they live in. They put their geographical skills to the test by identifying signs and symbols on their walk around shops, homes and the open grounds. The children remembered what a zebra crossing was, how to cross the road safely singing... 'Stop, look and listen, before you cross the road'.

Our NSPCC class friend- Buddy also ensured that the children kept ourselves safe.

Jigsaw Jack also took part in our trip too. He helped the children to identify characteristics associated with the season of autumn. They had a go at collecting natural resources linked to the season of autumn.



The children had lots of fun walking around and exploring our local area alongside Pudsey bear.

The children had a fantastic time and they can't wait to go on another trip!

Parking issue

Unfortunately, the issue of parents parking on the grass verges on Watling Place has been reported by the neighbours again. The parking is not only causing inconvenience but is now resulting in significant damage, with deep ruts forming on the verges.

I would like to kindly remind parents to avoid parking on the verges and to be considerate of the residents' efforts in maintaining these areas.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe and accessible for all.

Reporting child's absence at school

It is important to inform the school if your child is absent. We ask that you contact the school office before 8.45am if your child is off school for any reason. You can call the school office on 01582 867487 or email office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk to let us know your child's name, class, and reason for their absence. If we have not heard from you and your child is not in school, this becomes a safeguarding concern as we need to know their whereabouts. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

School money

If you are struggling to log into your School Money account, the school office will be more than happy to assist. You will need to bring your phone with you to enable them to help. Please note that we are not able to accept cash payments.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please come to the school office.

Nut free school

We would like to remind parents that we are a nut free school. Therefore, please ensure that your child's packed lunch or breaktime snack does not include nuts or contain any ingredients relating to nuts such as peanut butter or chocolate spread. This is a very important rule as it keeps members of our school community with certain allergies safe and well.

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
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
Friday	10 January		Year 6	Heights & Weights



Star Awards

			
Danny DETERMINATION says, "DON'T GIVE UP."	Colin CURIOSITY says, "THINK FOR YOURSELF."	Chloe COMMUNICATION says, "RESPECT OTHERS."	Izzy INDEPENDENCE says, "DO YOUR BEST."
Othman H	Mollie G	Aurelia D	Ayan A
Primrose H	Oliver W-H	Adam A	Patrick M
Logan S	Siya A		Jude E
Lola S	Adam B		Kira A
Edward M	Lilah M		Harry C
Adrianna L	Medina N		Sonny G
Daniella A	Freddie H		Andrei R
	Philip S		
	Arthur D		
	Malachi B		



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 –
Gold & Green 100%

Lower KS2 Princess Charlotte –
Yellow 98.3%

Upper KS2 Prince George –
Sapphire 97.5%



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 3 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

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

15 January 2025

- Starting School 2025
- Transfer to Middle 2025



EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19th 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



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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**

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

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