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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 Caythorpe PGL- Residential Trip

Year 6 had a fantastic time on their residential last week. The children enjoyed many activities including canoeing, giant swing, zip line, abseiling and laser tag. They were incredibly well behaved during our stay and we are very proud of how hard they tried during all of the activities.

Lexie- "I enjoyed the giant swing, as when you got to the top, you got to pull a string and it released you. You are then swinging really high in the air."

Cezary- "I enjoyed vertical challenge. I pushed myself to make it all the way to the top."

Fleano- "I enjoyed learning how to use a canoe and being on the lake. It was a fun experience even though I did capsize and ended up in the lake!"



Open Day - Starting School 2025

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 they will start school in September 2025. You need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2025.

We are organising two open days for parents in our school:

- Wednesday, 6 November at 9:30am
- Friday, 6 December at 9:30am

Please contact the school office to book your place.

Parking issue

As part of our ongoing efforts to maintain a safe and accessible environment for everyone, we would like to remind you not to park in front of the garages opposite the town houses on St Michaels Avenue (Block of four garages). The four garages belong to elderly people. We encourage you to park on other roads and walk up the alley way.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe and accessible for all. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us.

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
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

			
Danny DETERMINATION says, "DON'T GIVE UP."	Colin CURIOSITY says, "THINK FOR YOURSELF."	Chloe COMMUNICATION says, "RESPECT OTHERS."	Izzy INDEPENDENCE says, "DO YOUR BEST."
Marcus D	Finley A	Noah E	Logan S
Jaden T	Bradley E	Frankie S	Saoirse D
Darcie T	Keyan M		Jack O
Zaki I			Cillian M
Amelia M			Millie-Rose E
Darin A			Jason E
Lexie S			Joshua H
Elizabeth U			Darin A
Marley R			Elsie H
			Sienna W



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 99.5%

Lower KS2 Princess Charlotte –
Yellow 99.2%

Upper KS2 Prince George–
Elizabeth 100%



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

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 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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