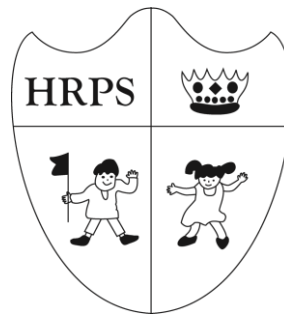


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# Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER



20 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

### Girls' Football Festival

On Friday, 13 September, a group of 10 Girls attended the Dunstable and Houghton Regis Year 5&6 Girls' Football Festival at Creasy Park. The girls played 5 matches, losing 4 and drawing 3. For some of the girls it was their first time playing in the team and they coped well showing great resilience and respect. Our only goal came from Kelsey-Jade.

Mrs White and Mr Newby were very proud of the girls' efforts. Well done, Kelsey-Jade, Lana, Lyra, Lyla, Alisia, Maya, Everly, Annabelle, Diana and Danielle.

### Message from PTA- Cashpot for schools

If any parents, grandparents, carers have an Asda points card, please could they sign up to the Joe Wicks Cashpot for Schools. Type in our school and then it explains how it all works.

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/join/active-membership>

**Cashpot for Schools is our mission to support primary schools across the UK.**

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot every time someone opts in.

Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to shop & scan and remind your school to sign up with Parentkind.

For more info, please see our **Terms & Conditions**.

You won't give up any of your own earnings, and your Cashpot will continue to grow! **Shop. Scan. We donate!**

## Message from PTA- AGM meeting



AGM meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 25 September at 6pm outside the hall. We welcome any new members and hope to see some new faces.

## School Admissions 2025

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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	23 September	4.30pm	Year 6	Parent meeting for year 6 residential trip
Tuesday	24 September	8.30am	Year 6	Parent meeting for year 6 residential trip
Tuesday	24 September	9.15 -11.15am	Years 2,3 & 4	Rescheduled Sports Day
		1.30-3pm	Years 5 & 6	Rescheduled Sports Day
Wednesday	25 September	6pm	PTA	PTA AGM
Wednesday	2 October		All Children	Book Fair
Thursday	3 October	9.00-9.45am	Reception	Phonics workshop for parents
		2.30-3:15pm	Reception	Phonics workshop for parents
Tuesday-Friday	8-11 October		Year 6	Year 6 residential visit
Thursday	10 October		Year 5	National Space Centre
Thursday	10 October		Years 3 & 4	Harvest Assembly
Monday	14 October	4-7pm	All Children	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
Friday	25 October		Years R-6	SLA Flu Immunisation Session
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			Prospective parents and children starting school Sept 2025
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
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."
Mason B	Willow D-S	Kierah-Lilly D	Ainsley C
Nico B		Evelyne P	Esmae T
Yasir K		Vlad R	Eva C
Ella P		George T	Israel A
Willis Y		Myles B	George F
Daniella c		Crystal C	Alexandra E
Zara A			Danyaal H
Toby P			
Aiza Z			
Andrei R			
Harper P			
Arber A			



## 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–  
Purple 97.4%

Lower KS2 Princess Charlotte –  
Yellow 97.7%

Upper KS2 Prince George–  
Elizabeth 98.6%



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

### **AUTUMN TERM**

Staff Training Days: Monday 2 September 2024; Monday 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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