

Where everyone matters and every day counts



Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter
Friday 4th April 2025

Acting Headteacher: Mrs R Parmar
Chair of Governors: Mr T Muldownie

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As we have reached the end of a very busy term, I would like to celebrate the hard work of our children and their ongoing achievements. They have engaged in a range of activities this term including assemblies, productions, workshops during cultural week and contributions to various charities. These opportunities have given the children a chance to excel and progress in various skills. As always, our wonderful staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the children have engaged in a rich and broad curriculum.

I was extremely impressed by the years 3 and 4 Easter performance this week. The children excelled in all areas and their performances were outstanding. Their singing was impeccable and their ability to learn, perform and execute their lines was remarkable. I am extremely proud of the children and I look forward to watching them excel even further. Thank you to all staff involved for their efforts and contributions to this wonderful performance and a huge thank you to parents and carers for your continued support.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Easter raffle this week. Congratulations to the following children for winning the following prizes:

Early Years & Key Stage 1:

1st prize (sleepover tepee/tent rental) - Riley T
2nd prize (Easter egg) - Grace D
3rd prize (Easter egg) - Joshua P



Key Stage 2:

1st prize (sleepover tepee/tent rental)—Mia C-T
2nd prize (Easter egg) —Fleano M
3rd prize (Easter egg) —Annabelle M



In our assembly today, we handed out bronze and silver attendance awards for children who have achieved 100% attendance for the autumn and spring terms. We presented certificates to almost 100 children—thank you for supporting us with improving our school attendance.

We have had a positive response to our clubs starting in the summer term. Some clubs are not running as there was not enough uptake, however, we have allocated your child with at least one of their preferences. Your child will have received a letter today if they have been allocated a place in a club. Clubs will commence during the week of Monday 28th April.

As we approach the summer term, children are welcome to wear school uniform as per the 'summer' school uniform list on our school website.

From 1st May, the price of school meals will be increasing—a separate letter with the relevant information will be sent home. If you have any queries around this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

As the two week break approaches, it is important for us all to share the meaning of this season to different cultures within our community. For some, the festival of Eid was celebrated earlier this week following a month of Ramadan and fasting. Our Sikh community will be preparing for the festival of Vaisakhi. Easter Sunday is widely celebrated and marks a significant event in history for the Christian community. Members of the Hindu community will be celebrating Rama Navami and Hanuman Jayanti. Enjoy making wonderful memories with your loved ones whilst celebrating these significant events.

A huge thank you to the continued support we receive from all the members of our community, particularly our wonderful and hard-working children, staff, parents, PTA and governors. We are grateful for your contributions and your efforts are much appreciated.

Wishing you all a great Easter break.

We have a training day on Tuesday 22nd April so school will be closed for children.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 23rd April.

Mrs R Parmar

**VALUE OF THE MONTH
FOR APRIL:**

Ambition
a strong desire to achieve goals and excel



**Kidz Zone Before and After
School Club
Information**

If you would like further information on Kidz Zone, please visit our website or book on www.kidzzoneclub.com.

**PTA School Disco
Friday 23rd May**



Thank you to the PTA for organising our annual school disco. Please see the timings below:

Reception—1:45-2:30pm
Years 1 & 2—2:30-3:30pm
Years 3 & 4—3:30-4:30pm
Years 5 & 6—4:30-5:30pm

A £2 entry fee will be charged and children will be provided with a drink and snack.

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is £2.20 for Nursery and £2.40 for Reception-Year 6 children. This can be paid via SchoolGrid.

Studybugs QR Code



Attendance Winners

EYFS/KS1: Green with 96.6%

KS2: Elizabeth with 97.2%

Whole School Attendance: 94%

Housepoint Winners

EYFS/KS1: Balmoral—62 points

KS2: Buckingham—98 points

Overall Winning House: Buckingham—143 points

EARLY YEARS

Nursery

This week, we have been busy learning all about The Easter Story. We have enjoyed making wonderful crafts and have learnt why Easter represents new life. The children have enjoyed sharing their own experiences of Easter and are looking forward to eating their chocolate eggs!



Reception

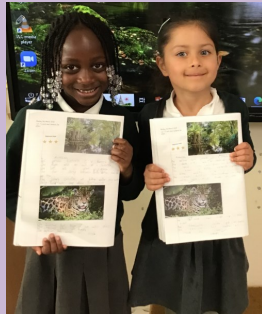
This week, we have enjoyed learning about the story Titch. By looking at the characters and setting of the story. In maths, we have been learning doubles. We became rappers and sang the song 'Doubles, Doubles, I can add doubles.' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ik_OAgzD-8&ab_channel=HarryKindergartenMusic. By using dominoes and numicon, we found doubles to calculate the total. We have learnt that Christians celebrate Easter with different traditions such as Easter egg hunts, giving Easter eggs and cards to friends and family.



KEY STAGE 1

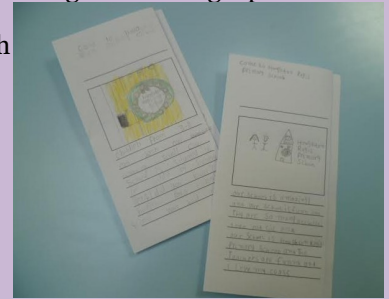
Year 1

Year 1 have been rather busy this week. They took a flight to the Amazon rainforest to investigate what plant and animal species they would discover. They used this information to write some extraordinary sentences. They remembered their punctuation and ensured that there were plenty of adventurous vocabulary choices.



Year 2

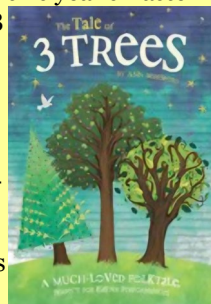
This week, we have been planning and writing a persuasive advert for our school. We included great features such as rhetorical questions, exclamations and statements to encourage new children to join our school. We even turned these into actual leaflets!



LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Year 3

It has been a busy week, as it was time for this year's Easter production, The Three Little Trees. Year 3 were playing a supporting role, and sounded positively angelic as they sang alongside the year 4 children. They have enjoyed learning a more gentle version of the Easter story and one that we know they won't forget! We received some wonderful reviews and who knew we had so many budding singers. Next year, they will have the starring roles so watch this space...



Year 4

We have had a very busy week. We wrote persuasive leaflets about visiting the Alps, which completed our geography unit about the Alpine region. We performed our Easter production to our parents and carers. We are so proud of all the children who learnt their lines and sang beautifully. It takes great courage to narrate and sing a solo in front of an audience - everyone did a brilliant job!



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

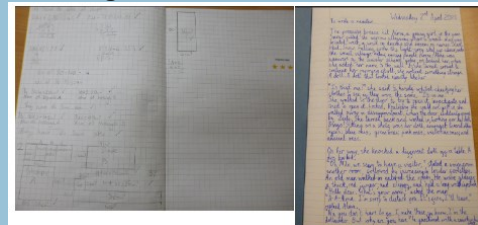
Year 5

We have had an exciting week learning about igloos in our DT lesson. This has been linked to our geography topic 'Frozen Kingdoms'. The children then designed, made and evaluated an igloo style shelter using milk cartons and card. The objective was to make a small model igloo that could keep strong in a cold climate and be sturdy enough to support an entrance/doorway. The children really enjoyed being creative and using their design skills. We also wrote poems in English lessons where the children used features such as metaphors, rhyme and onomatopoeia.



Year 6

In maths, we have been finding the area and perimeter of shapes. We have learnt that compound shapes are shapes that are made from two or more shapes put together. In English, we wrote a narrative which included dialogue. In science, we learnt about refraction and whether different objects would refract or reflect light.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Congratulations to the following children:

Early Years *Erik R, Hugo W, Vlad R, Isla D-S*
Years 1 & 2 *Jessica B, Arber A, Ruby W, Kray H*
Years 3 & 4 *Theo K, Iyla D, Ava S*
Years 5 & 6 *Xivaan G, Ronnie E, Lyla H, Shae E*



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Upcoming Events:

Summer Term

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Tuesday	22 April		All children	INSET Day—school closed for all children
Wednesday	23 April		All children	Children return to school
Monday	5 May		All children	School closed—May Bank Holiday
Tuesday	6 May		Year 4	Trip to Tring Museum
Tuesday	6 May	3:45-6:15pm	Year 1—Green Year 3—Yellow Year 5—Sapphire & Elizabeth	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday	8 May	4:00-7:00pm	Year 3—Yellow Year 5—Sapphire & Elizabeth	Parent Consultation Evening
Monday-Thursday	12-15 May		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Friday	16 May		Year 6	Bowling Trip
Monday-Friday	19-23 May		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs Week—Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Friday	23 May	1:45-2:30pm 2:30-3:30pm 3:30-4:30pm 4:30-5:30pm	Reception Years 1 & 2 Years 3 & 4 Years 5 & 6	PTA Disco
Monday-Friday	26-30 May		All children	Half-Term
Monday	2 June		All children	INSET Day—school closed for all children
Tuesday	3 June		Year 6	Go Construct Knex Challenge
Tuesday	3-6 June		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs Week—Maths
Monday	9 June		All children	School photographs - please ensure children have their full uniform in school for their photograph.
Monday-Friday	9-13 June		Year 1 & Year 2 resitting	Phonics Screening Check Week
Tuesday	10 June	9:30-10:30am	Nursery & Reception	Sports Day
		1:30-2:30pm	Nursery (PM)	Sports Day
Thursday	12 June	9:30-11:00am	Years 1 & 2	Sports Day
		1:30-3:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Sports Day
Wednesday	18 June	9:30-10:30am	Nursery & Reception	Sports Day (Reserve Day)
		1:30-2:30pm	Nursery (PM)	Sports Day (Reserve Day)
Wednesday	18 June		Year 3	Trip to Buckingham Railway Centre
Thursday	19 June	9:30-11:00am	Years 1 & 2	Sports Day (Reserve Day)
		1:30-3:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Sports Day (Reserve Day)
Monday-Friday	23-27 June	All day	Year 6	Careers Week/Enterprise Week
Thursday	26 June	3:00-3:45pm	Year 6	Year 6 Enterprise Fair
Wednesday	25 June		Year 2	Trip to Ashridge
Monday	7 July	5:00-6:00pm	Year 6	End of year production
Tuesday	8 July		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs results
Wednesday	9 July	9:30-10:30am	Year 6	End of year production
Thursday	10 July	2:00-3:00pm	Year 6	End of year production
Monday	21 July	9:15-10:00am	Year 6	Leavers' Assembly
Monday	21 July	4:00-5:30pm	Year 6	Leavers' Party
Tuesday	22 July		All children	Last day of term—school closes at 2pm

What Is a PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. Volunteer organisations like this are usually composed of parents, class reps, teachers and other school staff who come together for regular meetings to discuss the school year and upcoming events.

PTAs bridge the gap between parents, teachers and pupils, helping to build productive relationships and further ensure the school is a place where pupils can thrive.

PTAs are now established in most schools and parents enjoy working closely with teachers, creating bonds with other parents, fundraising for events, working with the local community and learning more about the curriculum.

What Do PTAs Do?

These groups may aim to accomplish a range of things, all usually geared at making the school a better place to learn.

Members of a PTA are likely to work together to raise money with a variety of creative events throughout the school year, encouraging the whole community to get involved.

PTA Events at Houghton Regis Primary School

In previous years, the Houghton Regis PTA has organised summer fetes, Santa's Christmas Grotto, discos and a sponsored walk to name a few.

Why are PTAs Important?

PTAs give parents more of a voice and get them feeling involved. Parents can provide the school community with a fresh perspective and highlight any concerns in a supportive environment.

The organisations are also instrumental in providing additional opportunities for pupils by strengthening the overall school experience.

Why Should You Join a PTA?

Being a part of your child's school PTA has several benefits:

- Scheduled meetings allow parents to keep up to date with upcoming academic events and socials.
- It creates stronger relationships with staff members, where they can easily communicate expectations and standards of learning.
- It allows parents to establish relationships and network with other parents.
- Parents can support the school in creating the best environment possible for their child and other pupils, helping make a real difference.
- PTA members can learn new skills, from fundraising and problem-solving to communication and creativity.
- As a member of the PTA, you'll be able to see measurable results and appreciate the impact of all your efforts!

Please email the Chair, Mrs R Reid-Stavrinos at: ptahrps@gmail.com if you would like to find out more information.

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:

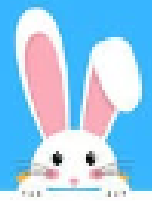
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025. Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1 with every adult meal.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, after 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

5A BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

Inclusive Football Sessions

**Every Sunday at
Venue 360,
Gypsy Lane,
Luton, LU1 3JH**



£8
per session

12.00pm – 1.00pm

Beginner session, including basic ball skills, gross motor skills and small sided games.

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Intermediate session, including ball mastery, technical drills and small sided games.

**After 6 sessions you
will receive:**

Personalised training top including
your name and choice of number
on the back



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