



Growing minds, shaping futures and inspiring lifelong learning

# Houghton Regis Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026



Headteacher: Mrs R Parmar  
Chair of Governors: Mrs D Pargeter

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

The weather this week has certainly lifted our spirits and the children have enjoyed using the outdoor spaces to develop their learning, particularly the children in Early Years. I had a lovely time with them earlier this week - they were very keen to make me hot chocolate from a creative selection of ingredients!

Well done to the children in Coral Class for sharing a fantastic class assembly this week. It is great to see how much progress the children have made this year. They all learnt their lines and spoke clearly and confidently. We are very proud of them. Thank you to Mrs Everitt, Mrs Hill and Miss Coca for their continued encouragement and support. An extended thank you to all families who came along to celebrate their children's achievements.

Next Thursday, we look forward to welcoming parents to Platinum's class assembly at 2:45pm in the hall.

The trim trail on the playground is currently out of use - please ensure you keep your children safe by ensuring they are not using this equipment until it has been fixed.

A reminder that children must not be scooting or riding their bikes on the playground before school and at the end of the day. Staff patrolling the playground will be reminding children to 'walk their wheels' in order to keep everyone safe by preventing any accidents from happening.

There are still spaces left in the following Key Stage 2 clubs - netball and art. If your child is interested in joining these clubs, please register for a place.

We are very excited for our upcoming Summer Fayre on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The Friends of HRPS are working hard behind the scenes to organise a fantastic day of fun activities and stalls. We would appreciate any additional help on the day. Please contact the Chair, Mrs R Reid-Stavrinides at: ptahrps@gmail.com if you have any availability.

To raise funds for this event, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May and are asking for a contribution of £1. Thank you for your continued support.

Please remember that school is closed on Monday for the bank holiday—I wish you all a lovely long weekend!

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Kind regards

*Mrs R Parmar*

Headteacher

### Uniform Expectations

- White plain polo shirt/blouse or white shirt and school tie (optional)
- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo - optional)
  - Grey trousers or grey skirt/pinafore (knee length)
- Leggings are not permitted
  - White or grey socks
  - White or grey tights
  - Black school shoes

### PE Days

- Nursery—Monday
- Reception—Wednesday
- Year 1—Thursday & Friday
- Year 2—Tuesday & Wednesday
- Year 3—Monday & Friday
- Year 4—Monday & Thursday (Yellow) Friday (Blue)
- Year 5—Monday & Thursday
- Year 6—Monday & Wednesday

### Attendance Winners

EYFS: Gold with 95.6%  
Reward - Play games

KS1: Purple with 100%  
Reward - Have a fun afternoon

LKS2: Teal with 98.6%  
Reward - Early lunch

UKS2: Indigo with 97.7%  
Reward - Have a Chromebook day

Whole School: 94.4%

### Housepoint Winners

Curie - 27 points

Bell - 26 points

Johnson - 23 points

Brunel - 22 points

Happiness - Independence - Excellence - Respect - Ambition

# Headteacher Awards

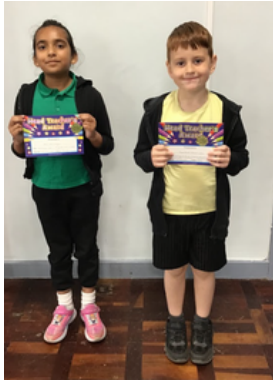
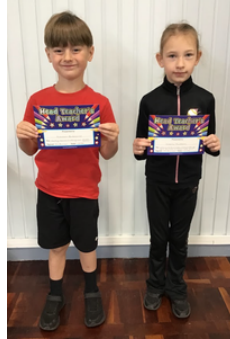
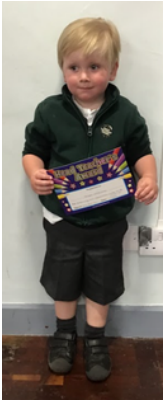
Congratulations to the following children:

Early Years: Casper W, Riley T, Murray B

Years 1 & 2: Natalie M, Nikodem B, Adam R, Adam G

Years 3 & 4: Theo R-S, Arvi K, Rosalie F, Philip S

Years 5 & 6: Jasmine I, Arthur D, Marcus S, Riley S



## Kidz Zone Before & After School Club Information

If you would like further information on Kidz Zone, please visit their website or book on [www.kidzzoneclub.com](http://www.kidzzoneclub.com)

## Staff Values Champion of the Week

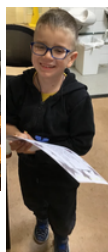
Congratulations to Miss Coleman for... displaying the value of **Excellence** and always going above and beyond for the children and staff.



## Bronze Awards - 100 Dojo Points



## Silver Awards - 200 Dojo Points



## Gold Awards - 300 Dojo Points



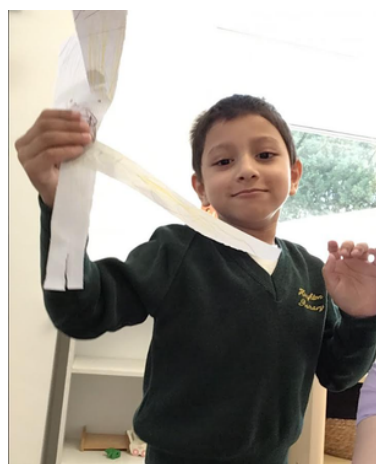
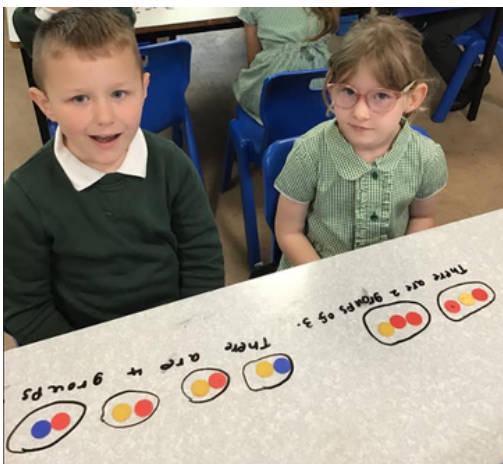
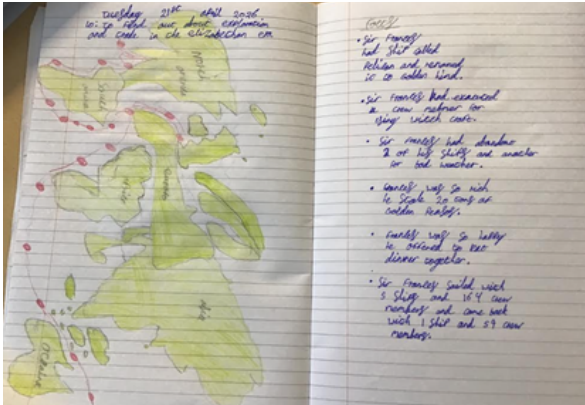
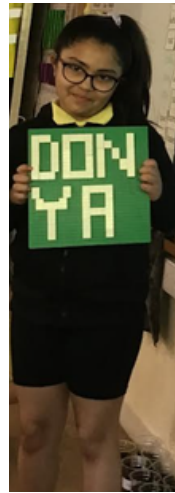
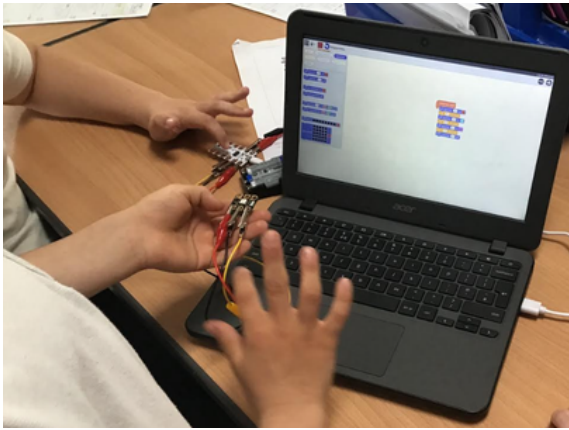
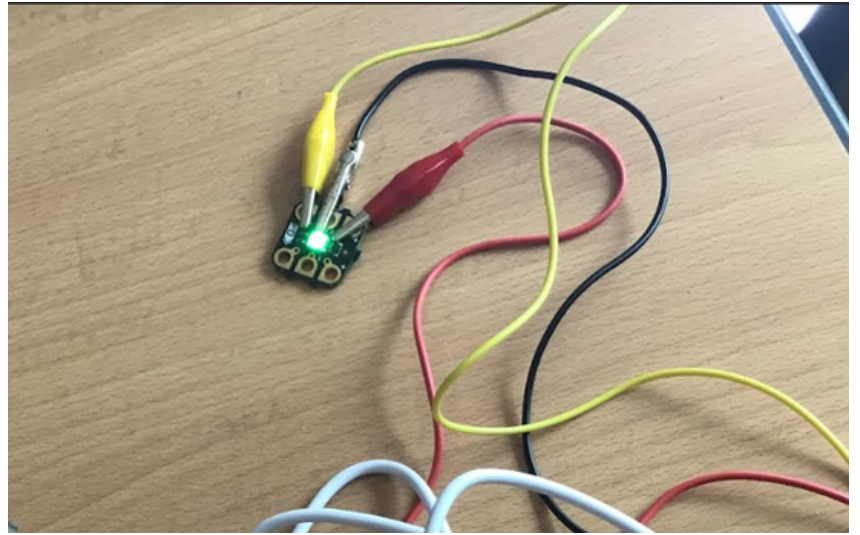
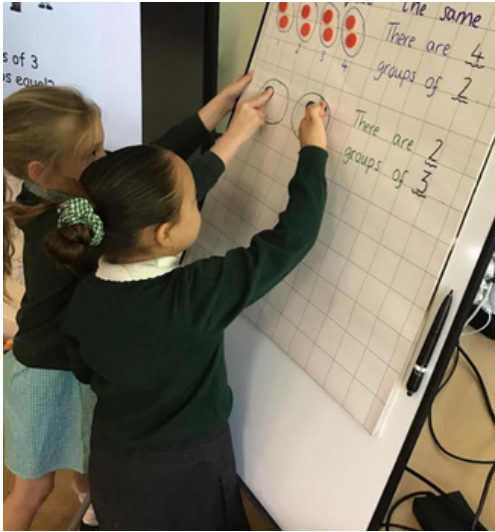
## Platinum Awards - 400 Dojo Points



## Special Award - 500 Dojo Points



# Our learning this week...



# Summer Term Events

Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May		All	Early May Bank Holiday - school closed	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	2:45pm	Reception - Platinum Class	Class Assembly - parents invited	Hall
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May		All	Non-uniform day to raise funds for Summer Fayre - £1 contribution	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs - English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Papers 1 and 2	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs - English Reading	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6	Mathematics Papers 1 and 2	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6	Mathematics Paper 3	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	4-7pm	Year 5 - Amber Class	Parent Consultation Evening - rescheduled from 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Classroom
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	2:45pm	Reception - Gold Class	Class Assembly - parents invited	Hall
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	2:45pm	Nursery - Silver & Ruby Classes	Workshop - parents invited	Hall
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May		All	Half-Term	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June		All	Children return to school	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	12-3pm	All	Summer Fayre - organised by Friends of HRPS	

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Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June		All	School photographs for class groups and siblings. Please ensure children have their full uniform in school for their photograph.	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1	Phonics Screening Week	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	2:45pm	Year 5 - Amber Class	Class Assembly - parents invited	Hall
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 2	SATs Week - English	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30-11:00am	Years 1 and 2	Sports Day	Field
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	1:30-3:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Sports Day	Field
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30-10:30am	Nursery and Reception	Sports Day	Field
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	1:30-2:30pm	Nursery (afternoon children)	Sports Day	Field
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	2:45pm	Year 5 - Emerald Class	Class Assembly - parents invited	Hall
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June		Year 2	SATs Week - Maths	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	2:15-3:00pm	Reception	Reception Graduation Day	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	1:30-2:30pm	Reception	Visit to the library	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15-10:30am	Children in iRock band	iRock Summer Concert - invited parents to attend	Hall
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00-11:30am 1:30-2:30pm	Year 2 Year 1	Visit to the library	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1	Trip to Wardown Park Museum	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	2:15-3:00pm	Nursery	Nursery Graduation Day	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July		All	Last day of term— school finishes at 2:00pm. There will be no after school club on this day.	

# Our Leadership Team



Headteacher  
Mrs R Parmar



Assistant Headteacher—  
Pastoral & Inclusion  
Ms D Faure-Alexis



Assistant Headteacher—  
Academic &  
Lower Key Stage 2 Leader  
Mr D de Gouviea-Smith



School Business  
Manager  
Mrs F Jones



EYFS Leader  
Lead Practitioner  
Miss M Davidson



Key Stage 1  
Leader  
Miss S Hayat



Key Stage 2  
Leader  
Miss E Naisby

# Friends of HRPS

## 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.

At our school, we are known as Friends of HRPS.

## What do we do?

Friends of HRPS aim to accomplish a range of things, all usually geared at making the school a better place to learn. We work together to raise money with a variety of creative events throughout the school year, encouraging the whole community to get involved.

## Friends of HRPS events

In previous years, we have organised summer fetes, Santa's Christmas Grotto, discos and a sponsored walk to name a few.

## Why is our role so important?

We 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 Friends of HRPS?

Being a part of your child's school community 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.
  - Friends of HRPS members can learn new skills, from fundraising and problem-solving to communication and creativity.
- As a member of Friends of HRPS, you'll be able to see measurable results and appreciate the impact of all your efforts!

**Please email the Chair, Mrs R Reid-Stavriniades at: [ptahrps@gmail.com](mailto: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 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)



# JOIN AN iROCK BAND TODAY



There are spaces in bands at your school  
secure a spot and join the fun!

At iRock, children experience the thrill of being in a band! Led by our passionate and professional Band Coaches, our weekly 30-minute in-school band lessons are designed for pupils from from age 4 to 11.

## Music for all!

Through our partnership with RSL Awards (Ofqual-regulated), a global provider of creative and performing arts qualifications, iRock offers exam-free music qualifications as part of our curriculum. Each week, children build their musical skills, confidence, and teamwork as they progress through iRock lessons, all within a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels they belong.

## Feel like a rockstar!

The excitement culminates every term in a live concert, where children perform as a band for their families and peers. These performances sit at the heart of the iRock curriculum, bringing together the skills children have developed in lessons while offering more than just a showcase; they provide an opportunity to build self-esteem, strengthen confidence, and experience the joy of accomplishment.

## Choose your instrument...



Hassle-free, rolling **monthly subscription\***



**No experience needed** and all instruments are provided



Every lesson supports progress towards music qualifications with **RSL Awards**



Parents/guardians can access our **online portal** for updates, pictures and videos



**First lesson money-back guarantee** (and you can cancel at anytime)



Start your child's  
iRock journey!

# ENROL NOW

[www.irockschool.com/enrol](http://www.irockschool.com/enrol)

0330 174 2655

[info@irockschool.com](mailto:info@irockschool.com)

\*Monthly cost shown after selecting your child's school (before enrolment is confirmed).



## May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
<b>FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep</b>	<b>28 May 7-8pm</b>