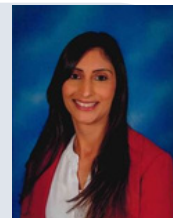




Growing minds, shaping futures and inspiring lifelong learning

# Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th June 2026



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

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

This week, we have had many events taking place around the school and it has been lovely to hear children sharing their experiences so positively!

On behalf of the Friends of HRPS, I would like to thank the children, staff, parents, governors and members of the local community for their support in making our Summer Fayre a huge success! Despite the wet weather, we raised a grand total of £1589.40! The Friends of HRPS and the school will continue to work closely to organise future events in order to raise funds to contribute towards the redevelopment of our Multi-Use Games Area. At the moment, this area has been cordoned off as it is unsafe to use. We have set a goal of £8,000 and will keep you updated with the total amount raised every time we hold an event!

On Wednesday, the children in year 3 enjoyed an exciting educational visit to Buckingham Railway Centre. The children had an amazing time learning about the many historic trains housed in the museum. They explored Winston Churchill's carriage, discovered a fascinating cinema train, and saw the Metropolitan locomotive – the first steam train to be used on the London Underground. They also learned that the museum loaned a train to the Harry Potter Studios for the new HBO television series currently in production. A highlight of the day was riding on a steam train called Arthur and travelling around the site on the miniature railway. The children impressed our volunteer guide, Peter, with their excellent historical knowledge and curiosity throughout the visit. It was a fantastic day and a memorable learning experience for everyone involved. Thank you to Mrs Zarrouq for arranging this trip and thank you to all staff who accompanied the children on their visit.

Yesterday, the children in Amber class performed a fantastic assembly. They shared poems, artwork and sang beautifully. Well done to the children for performing with such confidence. Thank you to Miss Naisby and Miss Douglas for supporting the children. Next Thursday, we look forward to welcoming parents to Emerald's class assembly at 2:45pm in the hall.

This week, the children in year 1 have been undertaking Phonics Screening Test and children in year 4 have been completing their Multiplication Tables Check. Please join me in congratulating them on their hard work and perseverance and thank you to the adults, both at home and school, for supporting the children throughout.

We look forward to welcoming you to our sports days next week - days and times can be found on our Summer Term Events page. At the moment, the weather is looking dry but we will keep you informed of any changes.

Good luck to the children in year 2 next week as they begin their Key Stage 1 SATs.

We love to hear of children's achievements outside of school so if you do have any information to share about your child, please send in photographs. Congratulations to Jack Hunter who helped out at Leighton Buzzard Railway last weekend. His efforts were acknowledged by the team and members of the public. Well done Jack! Congratulations to Adam and Olivia Grabarczyk - they ran their first 5k Muddy Run to support Cancer Research. Together, they raised £185 and they both loved the muddy adventure! Well done to you both!

Please join me in congratulating Miss Rogers and her partner on the arrival of their baby boy - both mum and baby are keeping well.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Mrs R Parmar*

Headteacher



## 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: Platinum with 94.7%  
Reward - Play games
- KS1: Purple with 99.7%  
Reward - Choose a sports activity
- LKS2: Teal with 97.1%  
Reward - Popcorn/Treats
- UKS2: Year 5 with 99.3%  
Reward - Popcorn/Treats
- Whole School: 94.8%

## Housepoint Winners

- Johnson - 26 points
- Bell - 23 points
- Curie - 22 points
- Brunel - 21 points

Happiness - Independence - Excellence - Respect - Ambition

# Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children:

Early Years: Cameron M, Annabelle D, Ayman A  
 Years 1 & 2: Adam B, Saoirse H, Klara K, Liliانا P  
 Years 3 & 4: Crystal C, Ruth P, Alice-Eva A, Alfie S  
 Years 5 & 6: Natalia S, Artem P, Aiden N

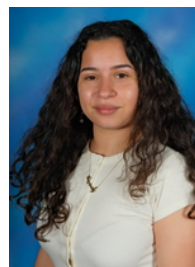


## Kidz Zone Before & After School Club Information

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 Mrs Zarrouq for... displaying the value of **Excellence** and being willing to step up and support colleagues.



## Bronze Awards - 100 Dojo Points



## Silver Awards - 200 Dojo Points



## Gold Awards - 300 Dojo Points



## Platinum Awards - 400 Dojo Points



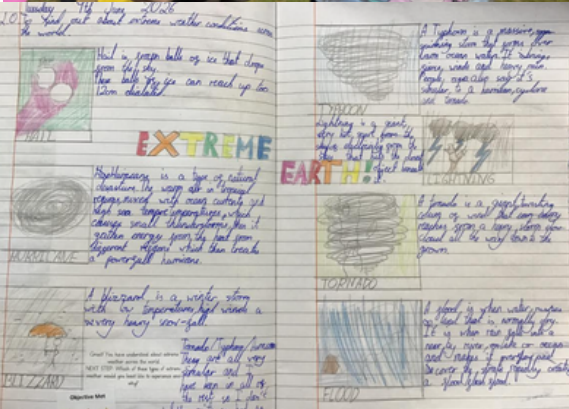
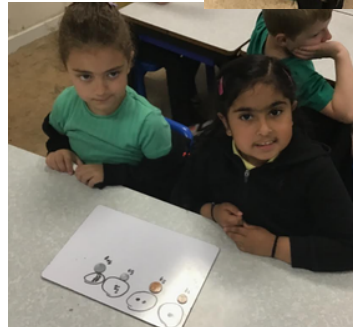
## Special Award - 500 Dojo Points



## Ruby Award - 600 Dojo Points



# Our learning this week...



# Summer Term Events

Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June			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 (morning children only) and Reception	Sports Day	Field
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	1:30-2:30pm	Nursery (all day and afternoon children)	Sports Day	Field
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	2:45pm	Year 5 - Emerald Class	Class Assembly - parents invited	Hall

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Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Monday 22nd June		Year 2	SATs Week - Maths	
Monday 22nd June	9:00-11:30am	Reception to Year 5	Transition Morning	
Monday 22nd June	2:15-3:00pm	Reception	Reception Graduation Day	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	9:00-11:30am	Reception to Year 5	Transition Morning	
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	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Year 6 children who have a place at Queensbury Academy for September	Queensbury Academy Induction Day	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July				
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July		All	Move to new classes	
Week commencing 6 <sup>th</sup> July	tbc	Year 6	Production (morning performance)	Hall
Week commencing 6 <sup>th</sup> July	tbc	Year 6	Production (afternoon performance)	Hall
Week commencing 6 <sup>th</sup> July	tbc	Year 6	Production (evening performance)	Hall
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	2:15-3:00pm	Nursery	Nursery Graduation Day	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July		All	Themed school lunch - Fifa World Cup Picnic Day	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	4:30-6:00pm	Year 6	Leavers' Event	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9:15am	Year 6	Leavers' Assembly	Hall
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

# Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in becoming involved in the strategic Leadership of the school? Do you want to support the school's journey of improvement?

We have a vacancy for a parent governor and are looking for parents, grandparents or carers who want to work with school leaders enriching the Houghton Regis Primary School experience for our children.

The commitment is generally a couple of meetings a term and a couple of school visits – approximately six hours a term.

If you are interested and want to find out more, please email the Chair of Governors, Deborah Pargeter at [governingbody@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk](mailto:governingbody@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk)

for an informal discussion on what the role entails and how your skills and experience can support the governing body.



## WELCOME TO YOUR NEW SCHOOL!

You've joined a school that rocks...literally! Every week, children get to jam together in real bands with iRock School of Music. Whether they're on keys, drums, vocals or guitar, they'll learn their favourite songs and even perform live for their grown-ups to cheer them on.

But, iRock is more than music – it's about confidence, friendship and imagination. **Our youngest iRockers in Reception start their musical journey through play, rhythm and teamwork, building foundational skills whilst having fun!**

👏 *It's great to see our child having the confidence to go on stage and sing. Such a proud moment and he was so chuffed with himself!* 🎶  
– Proud Parent of Reception iRocker, 2025



## All About iRock

- **Band-based lessons for Reception to Year 6**
- Real instruments and music pupils love
- **Taught by expert Band Coaches in small groups**
- Bands grouped by age
- **Regular concerts and rewards**
- Exam-free Group Performance qualification awarded by RSL
- **Journey through the engaging iRock curriculum**
- Simple monthly subscription service
- **Log in to the iRock Parent Portal to view your child's progress.**

# “ 4- to 5-year-olds in a rock band... how does that work? ”

At this early stage, your child is developing language, coordination and emotional awareness – all the things iRock supports naturally through music.

**Being in a band is about so much more than just learning notes** - the benefits of iRock help develop so many vital skills during early childhood.

## Social

Children learn to take turns, share ideas, and play as a team. Listening is essential, and bandmates build empathy, situational awareness and reasoning whilst working towards a shared goal.



## Language

Children follow musical cues, learn new words, and grow confidence in speaking and listening. iRock builds strong language and listening foundations through music-led communication.



## Motor Skills

Strumming, tapping, and pressing keys develop fine motor control. iRock strengthens hand coordination and muscle memory through clapping and instrument use each week.



## Emotional

Playing music helps children release energy and feel proud of what they achieve. iRock builds a sense of belonging, responsibility, and joy—key emotional tools as they enter structured school life.



## Cognitive

Reception pupils build focus by keeping rhythm and solving musical challenges through play. iRock boosts attention spans and early reasoning in a fun, structured way that supports classroom learning.

# Are your children eligible for benefits-based free school meals?


All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are entitled to free school meals referred to as 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' (UIFSM).

But any child in Reception through to Year 11 that meets the Government criteria listed below is entitled to benefits based free school meals. By claiming this, there are also other benefits available to the child and family such as access to the Holiday Activities and Food programme, providing free activities during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

Do you receive one of the following benefits?

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- \* Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

If so, your children may be entitled to benefits based free school meals. Turn over to find out how to apply.

Find us online  [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

# How to apply for free school meals



If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call us on 0300 300 8306. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:


- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- dates of birth for your children
- your NASS number, if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service

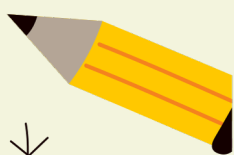
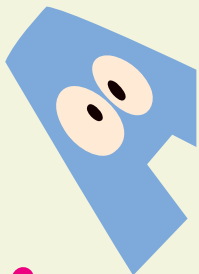
If your child is aged 16-18 and attends a further education or sixth form college, please contact the college for information about free school meals. If your child attends a school sixth form, please contact us to apply.

As soon as we have confirmed that you qualify, we will tell your child's school that their free school meals can start from the date you apply.

Need some more advice or support? Head to your local Children's Centre for help.

Find your local centre by visiting  [bit.ly/familyinfodirectory](https://bit.ly/familyinfodirectory)

Find us online  [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals)



# DEVINE

## FOOTBALL COACHING

DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

FOR BOYS & GIRLS



## MONDAY NIGHTS

DEVELOPING PLAYERS.  
BUILDING FUTURES.

### TIME

5-6PM | U5-U7

6-7PM | U8-U10

7-8PM | U11-U13



DEVELOP  
TECHNICALLY



BUILD CONFIDENCE  
IN A POSITIVE,  
FUN ENVIRONMENT



LINKS TO  
GRASS ROOTS  
TEAMS



LOCATION | CREASEY PARK, DUNSTABLE



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The children have had an exciting assembly this week about 'Beat the Street' and they are excited to compete against all the other schools in the area.

If you have any queries please see Mrs White.

## **Beat the Street is Coming to Houghton Regis!**

**Get active. Have fun. Win prizes!**

Your school is taking part in **Beat the Street** – a FREE walking, cycling and wheeling game for the whole family!

 **When: 10 June – 8 July 2026**

  **How it works**

- **FREE game pack** (card + map) will be sent home via each pupil
- Find **Beat Boxes** around your area (**including near school**)
- Tap your card on **2 Beat Boxes within an hour**
- Earn points for **you and your school**

 **Check your child's bookbag for their game pack**

- Let's get moving and make Houghton Regis the most active place to be!

The more you explore, the more points you score!

 **Prizes up for grabs!**

- School competitions
- Leaderboards
- Individual "Lucky Tap" rewards

 **Get started**

1. Register your card at [beatthestreet.me/houghtonregis](https://beatthestreet.me/houghtonregis) (or download the app 13+yrs)
2. Join your school team
3. Start walking, cycling, and scoring points!