

Where everyone matters and every day counts



Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter
Friday 13th June 2025

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

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

This week, we have had many events taking place around the school and it has been lovely to see these sessions well attended by our parents.

A huge thank you to our pastoral team for organising a successful coffee morning on Tuesday. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents and staff to connect in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We truly appreciate your support and suggestions and look forward to meeting you at more events like this. We have already taken actions to address the changes suggested.



Luckily the weather held out for our sports days and children had the chance to participate in a range of activities. Well done to the children for showing great teamwork, perseverance and support for their peers. This extends to the parents who took part in the 50 metre race! A huge thank you to all parents, staff and the PTA for providing much needed refreshments during the hotter days! Congratulations to the winning house—Sandringham!



A reminder that some of our parent workshops are yet to take place. Please see below:

Date	Time	Year Group	Details— all workshops will take place in the hall
Monday 16th June	2:00-3:00pm	5	Science Workshop
Wednesday 18th June	2:00-3:00pm	6	Art Workshop
Monday 23rd June	2:15-3:00pm	Nursery	Maths Workshop
Tuesday 1st July	2:00-3:00pm	4	Art/Design & Technology
Wednesday 2nd July	2:00-3:00pm	2	Design & Technology
Thursday 3rd July	2:00-3:00pm	3	Science

As the warmer weather approaches, please ensure all children come to school with a water bottle and sunhat. We recommend that sun cream is applied before the children come to school.

A reminder that if your child has medication in school, please pop in and check the medication plan, make any amendments and be mindful of any new medication that may need to be ordered over the summer due to expiry dates.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. I look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs R Parmar

VALUE OF THE MONTH
FOR JUNE:

Independence

the quality of being able to do things on your own without relying on others.



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.

Bikes and Scooters

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.



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is:
Nursery—£2.40
Years 3-6—£2.60
This can be paid via SchoolGrid.

Studybugs QR Code



Attendance Winners
EYFS/KS1: Gold with 98%
KS2: Emerald with 97.8%

Whole School Attendance:
95.7%

Housepoint Winners

EYFS/KS1:
Balmoral—21 points

KS2:
Buckingham—56 points

Overall Winning House:
Buckingham—73 points

Meet our Leadership Team



**Interim
Headteacher**
Mrs R Parmar



**Assistant
Headteacher—
Pastoral & Inclusion**
Ms D Faure-Alexis



**Assistant
Headteacher—
Academic & Lower
Key Stage 2 Leader**
**Mr D de Gouviea-
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**School Business
Manager**
Mrs F Jones



Early Years Leader
Mrs R Baldwin



Key Stage 1 Leader
Miss M Davidson



**Upper Key Stage 2
Leader**
Miss E Naisby

EARLY YEARS

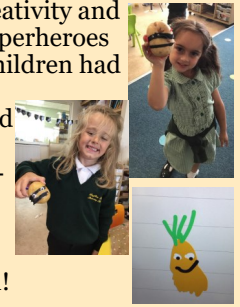
Nursery

This week we have been looking at the /ch/ sound, which is also a digraph. Digraphs are important in phonics as they teach children that two letters can represent one sound. The children have had great fun going on a 'sound hunt'. They have also practised their writing skills using a clipboard and pencils as well as moulding dough to the /ch/ letters. A big well done to all children that participated in our sports day on Tuesday— you are all sports superstars!



Reception

This week has been packed with fun, creativity and energy. We have been learning about superheroes and reading the story 'Supertato'. The children had fun making their very own Supertato characters using real potatoes. They used their imagination and craft materials to bring their potato to life. What an amazing sports day! Thank you to everyone who came along to cheer. The children showed fantastic teamwork and determination. We are so proud of them!



KEY STAGE 1

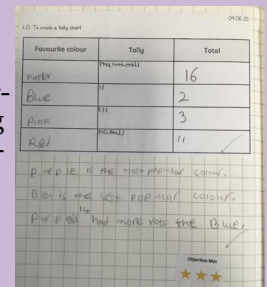
Year 1

This week in Religious Education, we have been learning about sacred books and stories. The children chose a special book to share with each other. They wrote about their favourite book and the reasons for their selection. The children drew fantastic pictures of their chosen books and even gave them a 5 star rating!



Year 2

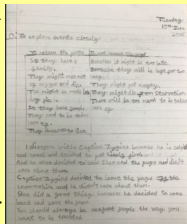
This week, we have been learning about statistics in maths. We have looked at different ways to record data, such as tally charts and block diagrams. We have used the data to answer questions. Our favourite thing was collecting and analysing our own data about our favourite colours.



LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Year 3

We have started a new book this week called 'Pugs of the Frozen North', which the children have enjoyed reading. We have explored the events in detail and summarised our reading so far. The children were buzzing with excitement during sports day and the atmosphere was electric as we kicked off the races. It was lovely to see both classes enjoying themselves while showcasing their talents. A particular highlight was the javelin event; we witnessed some impressive throws that left us all amazed at the children's skills.



Year 4

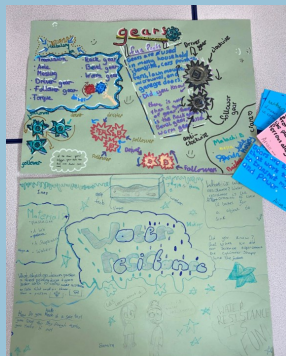
We have been continuing our work on 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. Inspired by the themes and vivid setting of the story, the children have been creating free verse poems, making excellent use of figurative language. Our writing has included similes, onomatopoeia, metaphors, and personification, bringing the Arctic landscape and its creatures to life. In addition to their poetic work, the children have also been making inferences about the characters' thoughts and feelings. They have explored the emotional journeys of the characters using evidence from the text to support their ideas and deepen their understanding of the story's message about friendship, courage, and the protection of the natural world.



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

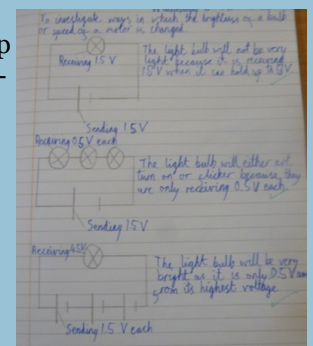
Year 5

This week, we have been busy planning and creating our science displays in preparation for our science afternoon next week. We have put our knowledge into practice by demonstrating what we have learned across all the science topics covered this year. We also took part in sports day, where everyone participated with great enthusiasm and enjoyed the range of activities.



Year 6

This week, we have been writing diary entries based on a video clip that we watched in class. In geography, we were identifying some of Britain's natural resources. In science, we investigated ways in which the brightness of a bulb or speed of a motor is changed. We all took part in sports day, which we all enjoyed.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Congratulations to the following children:

<i>Early Years</i>	<i>Cove O, Ash H, Zion K, Marcus D, Caoimhe-Rose O'H, Lewis P</i>
<i>Years 1 & 2</i>	<i>Harper P, Layla T, Ella-Grace P, Anayah J</i>
<i>Years 3 & 4</i>	<i>Olivia G, Jaxon-Jay R, Teymullah A, Jack H</i>
<i>Years 5 & 6</i>	<i>Maya A, Alex V, Haris R</i>



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Upcoming Events:

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Monday	16 June	2:00-3:00pm	Year 5	Parent workshop—Science
Wednesday	18 June		Year 3	Trip to Buckingham Railway Centre
Monday-Friday	23-27 June	All day	Year 6	Careers Week/Enterprise Week
Monday	23 June		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs—Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Monday	23 June	2:15-3:00pm	Nursery	Parent workshop—Maths
Tuesday	24 June		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs—Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Tuesday	24 June	5:00-6:00pm	Nursery	New to Reception Meeting
Thursday	26 June	3:00-3:45pm	Year 6	Year 6 Enterprise Fair
Wednesday	25 June		Year 2	Trip to Ashridge
Friday	27 June	2:45pm	Choir	Performance to parents
Tuesday	1 July	2:00-3:00pm	Year 4	Parent workshop—Art/Design & Technology
Wednesday	2 July		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs —Maths
Wednesday	2 July	2:00-3:00pm	Year 2	Parent workshop—Design & Technology
Thursday	3 July		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs —Maths
Thursday	3 July	2:00-3:00pm	Year 3	Parent workshop—Science
Tuesday	8 July		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs results
Tuesday	8 July	5:00-6:00pm	Year 6	End of year production
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	4:30-6:00pm	Year 6	Leavers' Party
Tuesday	22 July		All children	Last day of term—school closes at 2pm

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code
Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk on the PARENTS page



Schools can purchase a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL** parents and **ALL** staff
get unlimited **FREE** access to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday
31st July
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay.
Identifying the issues and step by step guide
to reduce the negative impact.

Monday
21st July
10:00 - 11:30
£24

recording available



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving
practical interventions. Clear explanation of
the condition in all its forms and extremely
useful advice.

Monday
28th July
10:00 - 11:30
£24

recording available



Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage
defiant and challenging behaviour,
especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA
conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday
29th July
10:00 - 11:30
£24

recording available



Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children
who are anxious about school.
Steps you can take to help them back
into the classroom.

July Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am

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-Stavrinides 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

