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Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter
Friday 16th May 2025

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

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been another busy week in school with lots of learning taking place. Our children in year 6 have shown great resilience and tenacity during their SATs this week. We are incredibly proud of our year 6 cohort and we know they have tried their best. Well done to you all! To reward the children for all their hard work, they went bowling this afternoon. Great fun was had by all. A huge thank you to the staff for helping with year 6 breakfast club this week and for accompanying the children this afternoon.

After half-term, we will be hosting the following curriculum sessions for you to engage in activities with your child. These will all take place in the hall. Please see details below:

Date	Time	Year Group	Details
Wednesday 4th June	2:00-3:00pm	1	Toy Workshop—please bring in any toys from the past to this session.
Thursday 5th June	2:15-3:00pm	Reception	Phonics Workshop
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

We are holding our annual sports days in June and are hoping the weather holds out for us this year! Children can come into school in their PE kits for their sports day. The arrangements are as follows:

Date	Time	Year Group	Details
Tuesday 10th June	9:30-10:30am	Nursery & Reception	These will take place on the field. Entry and exit to the field will be via the gate at the bottom of the playground.
Tuesday 10th June	1:30-2:30pm	Nursery (afternoon children)	
Thursday 12th June	9:30-11:30am	Years 1 & 2	Members of the PTA will be selling refreshments during these events.
Thursday 12th June	1:30-3:00pm	Years 3 & 4	

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.

PTA Updates

We are very much looking forward to our end of term disco on Friday 23rd May. A reminder that on this day, children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 can come to school in suitable party wear, as their discos will be taking place during the school day. Please note that the finishing time for the Years 1 and 2 disco is 3:30pm.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs R Parmar

VALUE OF THE MONTH FOR MAY:

Empathy

the ability to understand and share the feelings of another person



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:

Nursery & 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:

Nursery—£2.40

Years 3-6—£2.60

This can be paid via SchoolGrid.

Studybugs QR Code



Attendance Winners

EYFS/KS1: Green with 97.6%

KS2: Elizabeth & William with 100%

Whole School Attendance: 95%

Housepoint Winners

EYFS/KS1:

Sandringham—34 points

KS2:

Buckingham—41 points

Overall Winning House:

Buckingham—63 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-
Smith**



**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 reading Sam Plants a Sunflower. It is a wonderful tale that teaches children all about patience and the joys of gardening and watching plants grow. We have been inspired by the tale to do some planting of our own. We have been busy planting petunias, pansies and even our very own sunflower seeds. Next week we will be sending the children home with their little pots to complete the germination process at home. How tall will their sunflowers grow?



Reception

We have had a fantastic week learning about meerkats after reading the story Meerkat Mail. We learnt many interesting facts, including that they are social animals as they can live with up to 50 other meerkats in a mob! We also learnt that they are omnivores as they eat plants and animals. We used yellow playdough to make meerkats and used 3D materials to create meerkats. We had great fun writing letters and using envelopes like the meerkat from our story.



KEY STAGE 1

Year 1

In Design and Technology this week, we designed our hand puppets following a design criteria. We then followed our plans. We used a hand puppet template for the two identical pieces of material and cut around the template. We are ready to staple and complete our hand puppets for next week's lesson.



Year 2

This week, we have become artists and created beautiful pieces of artwork based on Henri Rousseau. We had to think carefully to ensure that we had a jungle themed background with vibrant colours and animals camouflaging themselves.



LOWER KEY STAGE 2

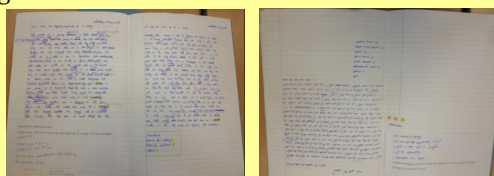
Year 3

The children were very excited this week, as they brought their respective biomes to life and had an opportunity to share their research with year 2 children. In small groups, the year 2 children took a geographical journey visiting the various biomes and listened to the information being shared by the year 3 children.



Year 4

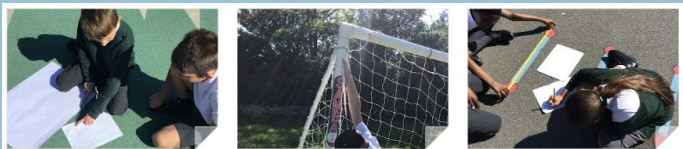
This week, the children have been putting the final touches on their narratives, inspired by the book Krindlekrax in English. Their challenge was to create a compelling story that included a dilemma and an unexpected twist at the end. After completing their drafts, they used the chromebooks to type up their final versions. It has been fantastic to see their creativity come to life on the page!



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

Year 5

We have continued our fascinating learning journey about Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr. In addition to our classroom learning, we've taken our maths lessons outdoors! The children have been exploring a variety of problem-solving strategies while investigating area and perimeter using practical measuring tools, such as measuring tapes and measuring wheels. They also gathered real-life data and used this information to construct line graphs. It's been a fantastic week of active, hands-on learning!



Year 6

The children have worked incredibly hard during SATs week. We looked at calculating the mean of numbers during maths earlier in the week. The children have enjoyed playing tennis and dodgeball in PE this week. We finished off our week by watching Holes (the book we have been reading in English) and going bowling as a reward for the children's hard work during this week.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Congratulations to the following children:

Early Years *Kierah-Lily D, Thomas T, Lailana C, Mollie G, Sophia W*

Years 1 & 2 *Grace D, Leo W, Chloe H, Medina N*

Years 3 & 4 *Freddie H, Daniella C, Pelageya G, Chase W*

Years 5 & 6 *Harry C, George T, All children in year 6*



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Upcoming Events:

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
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—children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 can come to school in appropriate party wear on this day.
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
Wednesday	4 June	2:00-3:00pm	Year 1	Parent workshop —please bring in any toys from the past to this session.
Thursday	5 June	2:15-3:00pm	Reception	Parent workshop—Phonics
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
Wednesday	11 June		Year 2	Visit from the Fire Brigade
Thursday	12 June	9:30-11:00am	Years 1 & 2	Sports Day
		1:30-3:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Sports Day
Monday	16 June	2:00-3:00pm	Year 5	Parent workshop—Science
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
Monday	23 June		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs—Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Monday	23 June	2:13-3:00pm	Nursery	Parent workshop—Maths
Tuesday	24 June		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs—Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Thursday	26 June	3:00-3:45pm	Year 6	Year 6 Enterprise Fair
Wednesday	25 June		Year 2	Trip to Ashridge
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	2:00-3:00p,	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	4:00-5:30pm	Year 6	Leavers' Party
Tuesday	22 July		All children	Last day of term—school closes at 2pm

YOU'RE INVITED COFFEE MORNING

AT HOUGHTON REGIS PRIMARY

Tuesday, 10th June 2025

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Join us for a warm drink,
friendly conversation, and an
opportunity to connect with fellow
parents and staff. We look forward
to seeing you



Ms D Alexis

Mrs R Ali

Miss A Coleman

**POSITIVELY
INFLUENCING
CHANGE**



SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE


BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Delivered by
trained experts
with lived
experiences

This session is delivered by qualified experts who will help you support your child/young person

The Tips and Tools for Sleep session covers:

- understanding the common problems associated with sleep and neurodiversity
- understanding the root of the problem and how this has developed
- understanding the importance of good 'sleep hygiene'
- identifying strategies that others have used to overcome sleep issues
- knowing where to get more help

 **Please note...**

Add -vance sessions are recorded and available to watch for 7 days after to those booked/attending the session.

www.snappcf.org.uk

We are excited to
announce our...

online training:



Tips and Tools for Sleep **Thursday**

22/05/2025

12:00 pm - 1:30pm



Book Now!

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL...

DATE : Thursday, 22nd of May 2025
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Please book your place by emailing
the course title, 'Tips and Tools for
Sleep ' and your name to:

admin@snappcf.org.uk

In order to join ADD-vance sessions,
you will need to follow the registration
instructions that are emailed to you
by SNAP PCF, after you have book your
place.

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

