



Growing minds, shaping futures and inspiring lifelong learning

Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026



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

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

It has been another fantastic week of learning and we are so proud of the enthusiasm and effort the children have shown as they continue settling into their classes following new routines and expectations.

Earlier this week, we held a phonics workshop for our families in Reception. Miss Davidson shared how phonics is taught using our scheme - Little Wandle. There were many useful resources available, some of which were sent home. If you require any further information or resources, please speak to Miss Davidson or Mrs Gammon.

Our parent workshop for families in Tiger Class was held this week. Parents had the opportunity to engage in activities with their children based around Art learning. They made a collage of beetles using different mediums, supporting their topic of Winged Wonders.

We look forward to welcoming parents in Lion Class to their workshop next Thursday at 2:30pm.

Today, Mrs March delivered an assembly to the children about the meaning of Harvest and the importance of this festival. Thank you to Mrs March and the children from the Choir, who sang beautifully. We are very grateful to our families for all the contributions - these will be donated to Dunstable Foodbank.

Next Friday, we will be celebrating 'Hello Yellow Day', which is an annual campaign by the YoungMinds charity. It raises awareness for young people's mental health. This will be a non-uniform day and we are asking all staff and children to wear a yellow item of clothing or accessory to let people know that they are not alone in their struggles.

A reminder that applications for secondary schools need to be submitted to the Local Authority by 31st October. If you require any support with completing an application, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff in the office.

If your child will be starting school (Reception) in September 2027, applications for a school place need to be submitted by 15th January 2027. A reminder that if you attend our school nursery, you will not automatically be guaranteed a place in Reception at our school. You must still apply via the Local Authority Admissions website. Information about this can be found overleaf. We are hosting school tours for parents who are interested in applying for a place at our school. These tours are for children who will start Reception in September 2027. Dates and timings can be found on our poster overleaf.

Next week, we look forward to hosting our annual MacMillan Coffee Afternoon - this will be held on Wednesday at 2:00pm. A representative from SNAP Parent Carer Forum, Ann Graves, will also be attending. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Our Scholastic book fair launches next week on Thursday. It will be held in the hall and parents will have the opportunity to browse and buy books before school from 8:20-8:40am and after school from 3:30-4:00pm. Payments can only be made by card and there will be a card machine that will only take payments from a physical card, not via apps or cards on a phone. The last day of the book fair will be on Tuesday 13th October. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend—I look forward to seeing you on the gate next week.

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

Hedgehog - Monday
Otter & Meerkat - Wednesday
Badger, Fox & Lemur—Thursday & Friday
Cheetah & Puma—Monday & Friday
Hyena & Wolf—Thursday & Friday
Jaguar & Leopard—Tuesday & Wednesday
Lion & Tiger—Monday & Thursday

Attendance Winners

EYFS: Hedgehog with 99.5%
Reward - Class party
KS1: Lemur with 98%
Reward - Extra breaktime
LKS2: Puma with 98.5%
Reward - Class party
UKS2: Tiger with 97.3%
Reward - Longer lunch break
Whole School: 95.8%

House Names

Here is a reminder of our STEM themed house names and colours:

Scientist – Marie Curie
Technologist – Alexander Graham Bell
Engineer – Isambard Kingdom Brunel
Mathematician – Katherine Johnson

Happiness - Independence - Excellence - Respect - Ambition

Extra-Curricular Achievements

Congratulations to Izzy Twining in Year 6 for her fantastic swimming achievement at Dunstable Swimming Club.

Last weekend, Izzy achieved fantastic results during the final of the annual club championship.

Izzy did extremely well, considering she was competing against girls not only in her squad but also the squad above her!

She has even qualified for county championships next year for her 50m freestyle! Well done Izzy!



Congratulations to Vlad Radu in Year 2 and Erik Radu in Year 1 for their latest achievement - successful grading and receiving a blue belt in Karate!

Well done Vlad and Erik!



Kidz Zone Before & After School Club Information

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

Walk your wheels

A reminder that children need to 'walk their wheels' on the school premises before school and at the end of the day. Staff patrolling the playground will be reminding children of these rules in order to keep everyone safe by preventing any accidents from happening.

Staff Values Champion of the Week

Congratulations to Mr O'Grady for showing the value of **Respect**. His support has been invaluable during difficult times.



HOUGHTON REGIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Is your child starting school in 2027? Why not visit us to hear about what we offer.

Reception tours



WB: 12th October 2026



9.30am



WB: 16th November 2026

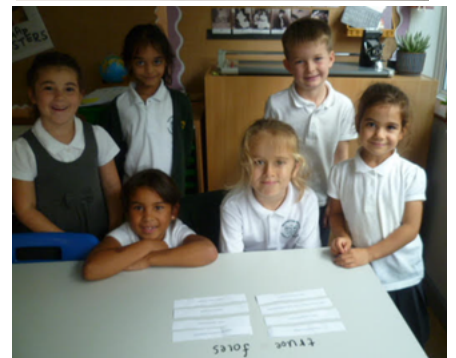
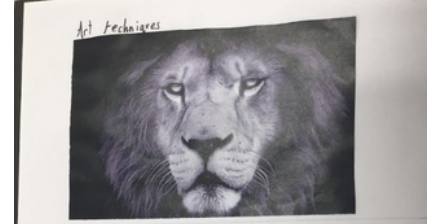
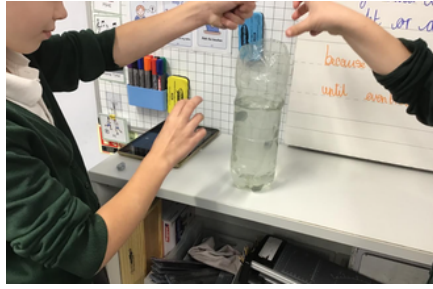


9.30am

Call now to book 01582 867487



Our learning this week...



Autumn Term Events

Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Wednesday 7 th October	2pm	All	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - all families invited	Hall
Wednesday 7 th October	5pm-7pm	Year 6	All Saints Academy Open Evening 6pm Principal Talk in the Main Hall	
Thursday 8 th October	2:30pm	Year 6 - Lion Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Friday 9 th October		All	Hello Yellow Day A non-uniform day for World Mental Health Day. Staff and children to wear a yellow item of clothing or accessory.	
Thursday 8 th October - Tuesday 13 th October		All	Book Fair	Hall
Monday 12 th October - Friday 16 th October	9:30am	Nursery	School tours for families whose children will be starting Reception in September 2027. Please call the school office to book an appointment.	
Thursday 15 th October	2:30pm	Year 5 - Jaguar Class	Parent Workshop	Jaguar Class
Thursday 15 th October		All	Friends of HRPS Halloween Disco Early Years - 1:45-2:30pm Years 1 & 2 - 2:30-3:15pm Years 3 & 4 - 3:15-4:00pm Years 5 & 6: 4:00-4:45pm Children in Early Years, Years 1 and 2 can come to school in appropriate Halloween themed party wear on this day. Years 3 and 4 can bring appropriate Halloween themed party wear to change into before the end of the school day.	
Thursday 15 th October	5pm-8pm	Year 6	Houstone School Open Evening	
Monday 19 th October - Friday 23 rd October		Year 6	Residential Trip	
Thursday 22 nd October	2:30pm	Year 5 - Leopard Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October		All	Half-Term	
Monday 2 nd November		All	INSET Day - school is closed for children	
Tuesday 3 rd November		All	Children return to school	
Monday 9 th November	4:00-7:00pm	All	Parent Consultation Evening	
Thursday 12 th November	2:30pm	Year 4 - Wolf Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 12 th November	3:45-5:45pm	All	Parent Consultation Evening	
Monday 16 th November - Friday 20 th November	9:30am	Nursery	School tours for families whose children will be starting Reception in September 2027. Please call the school office on 01582 867487 to book an appointment.	

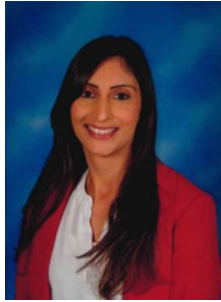
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Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Thursday 19 th November	2:30pm	Year 4 - Hyena Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 26 th November	2:30pm	Year 3 - Puma Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 3 rd December	2:30pm	Year 3 - Cheetah Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Monday 7 th December	2:00pm	Reception	Nativity	Hall
Tuesday 8 th December	9:15am	Reception	Nativity	Hall
Wednesday 9 th December	9:15am	Nursery	Morning children - Jingle & Mingle	Hall
Wednesday 9 th December	2:30pm	Nursery	Afternoon & All Day Children - Jingle & Mingle	Hall
Tuesday 15 th December	1:00-3:00pm	Years 1 & 2	Christmas Carol Concert	All Saints' Parish Church
Friday 18 th December	2:00pm	All	Last day of term—school finishes at 2:00pm. There will be no Kidz Zone after school club on this day	

School Clubs

Day	Time	Club	Year groups	Staff	Start date	End date	Collection/ Drop off
Tuesday	8:00-8:45am	Art	3-6	Mrs Boland	15 th September	8 th December	Wolf Class
Wednesday	8:00-8:45am	Lego	1-6	Miss Hayat	16 th September	9 th December	Badger Class
Wednesday	8:00-8:45am	TTRockstars	1-6	Miss Davidson	16 th September	9 th December	Yellow gate leading to Reception from the main playground
Wednesday	8:00-8:45am	Book	1-6	Mrs Everitt	16 th September	9 th December	Fox Class
Wednesday	3:15-4:00pm	Girls' Football	3-6	Mrs White	16 th September	9 th December	Gate near gazebo
Thursday	8:00-8:45am	Board Games	1-6	Mrs Parmar	17 th September	10 th December	Main office
Thursday	3:15-4:00pm	Cooking Group 1	3-6	Mrs Zarrouq	17 th September	22 nd October	Lion Class
Thursday	3:15-4:00pm	Cooking Group 2	3-6	Mrs Zarrouq	5 th November	10 th December	Lion Class

Our Leadership Team



Headteacher

Mrs R Parmar



Deputy Headteacher

Mr S English



Assistant
Headteacher—
Pastoral &
Inclusion

Ms D Faure-Alexis



Assistant
Headteacher—
Academic &
Lower Key
Stage 2 Leader

Mr D de
Gouviea-Smith



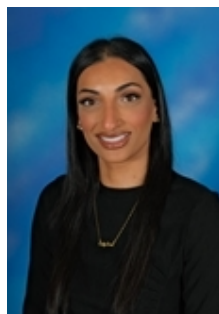
School Business
Manager

Mrs F Jones



EYFS Leader
Lead Practitioner

Miss M Davidson



Key Stage 1
Leader

Miss S Hayat



Key Stage 2
Leader

Miss E Naisby

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Together we can make
a difference

Support
Change
Lives



Coffee Afternoon



Let's do fundraising!

Come along and help us do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.



Date

7th October
(Wednesday)



Time

2pm



Place

Houghton Regis
Primary School



Meet Ann Graves from
SNAP Parent Carer Forum



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



 **SCHOLASTIC**

Read Every Day.
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OUR SCHOOL **BOOK** FAIR

Great books. Bright futures!



**8th October –
13th October**



**8.20am – 8.40am
and 3.30pm – 4pm**



School Hall



CARD PAYMENT ONLY



Our school receives money
for each book purchased
to go towards new books
for our library!



SCHOLASTIC

Transfer to Secondary/ Upper 2027

Central
Bedfordshire



Is your child due to start Secondary/
Upper school in September 2027?

Then you need to apply for a school place by 31 October 2026.

 **Apply online at** www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

You can also complete a paper application form by downloading it from our website or by contacting
School Admissions @ admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk 0300 300 8000

A great place to live and work.



HOUSTONE
SCHOOL

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Thursday 15th October 2026 | 5:00pm - 8:00pm

YOU'RE INVITED!
COME ALONG TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 2027 START



PRINCIPAL'S PRESENTATION

Three opportunities to hear
from our Principal

5:15pm | 6:15pm | 7:15pm



TOUR HOUSTONE

- ✓ Tour our school
- ✓ See our facilities
- ✓ Meet our staff



Houstone School, Parkside Drive, Houghton Regis, Dunstable | LU5 5PX



For more info visit: www.houstoneschool.co.uk

ASPIRATION



ENDEAVOUR



RESPECT

Transfer to Starting School 2027

Central
Bedfordshire



Beaundesert Lower School, Lewis Turner, AGE 8



Scan here
to apply

**Was your child born between
1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?**

They will start school in September 2027, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2027.

Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

You can also complete a paper application form by downloading it from our website or by contacting School Admissions @ admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk 0300 300 8000

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ONLINE TRAINING AND EVENTS *AUTUMN TERM*

SAVE THE DATE

**29TH
SEPT
2026**

**ADD-vance Tips and Tools for
Positive Behaviour**

29/09/2026

12:00 pm - 1:30pm



**2ND AND
9TH OCT
2026**

**PDA Society - PDA for Parent Carers
(2 sessions- Need to attend both)**

02/10/2026 and 09/10/2026

9:30 am -12:15 pm



**21ST
OCT
2026**

Biggleswade Roadshow (Inperson)

21/10/26 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No booking needed, free to drop in
and talk to range of professionals



Booking Details

Details about how to book coming soon.
Remember to join SNAP PCF and to check
your emails for updates.

ADD-vance
The ADHD and Autism Trust

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



FREE

www.snappcf.org.uk

**SAVE
the DATE**

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MONDAY NIGHTS

DEVELOPING PLAYERS.
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TIME

5-6PM | U5-U7

6-7PM | U8-U10

7-8PM | U11-U13



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