

# Houghton Regis

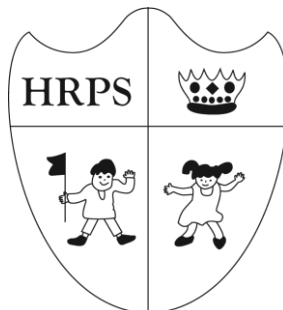
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# Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers



20 July 2023

### Staffing News

I am delighted to have secured the services of Mrs Natalie McBrearty as an additional Graduate Early Years Educator. Initially, Mrs McBrearty will be working in Platinum Reception Class in the morning and Platinum Jubilee Nursery Class in the afternoons. Mrs McBrearty is currently the manager of an outstanding PVI nursery on the outskirts of Aylesbury. I had the opportunity to visit this setting a few years' ago and was very impressed with the staff and children. I am pleased to add further experience and knowledge to the nursery with Mrs McBrearty's appointment.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Riordan who has taken a promotion at a school in Luton in September. As a result of Mr Riordan leaving we are increasing our package with the future games company. Mrs McBrearty's appointment also provides us with additional staffing in Early Years. We also wish Ms Clay the best of luck for her new role alongside other staff leaving for pastures new at the end of the term.

### Nursery groups from September

<b>Silver Class</b>	
King Charles III Group	Mrs Gammon
William, Prince of Wales Group	Mrs Abdalla
Prince Louis of Wales Group	Mrs White
<b>Platinum Jubilee Class</b>	Mrs Hill (AM) and Mrs McBrearty (PM)

Parents are currently aware which class their child has been allocated (either Silver or Platinum Jubilee). In September children in Silver Class will be provided with the name of their group/key worker.

Finally, we again wish Mrs Bonney a happy and healthy retirement. Miss Megan Davidson will be taking over the majority of Mrs Bonney's responsibilities including Purple Class Teacher, Key Stage 1 Leader and English and Reading Lead. Mrs Dawn Alexis will be taking on the Senior Teacher Role alongside her responsibilities as SENCo/Inclusion Leader.

## School Trips

Please have a look at the attached school trips document for next year. This will give parents an idea of the potential trips pupils may attend in different year groups throughout the school.

	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>Autumn 1</b>		Paradise Wildlife Park (Zoo)			Trip - Celtic Harmony ( <i>History Link</i> )		Trip – National Space Centre ( <i>Science link</i> )	Residential - PGL Caythorpe (Cross curricular experience)
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Taylor Wimpey Visit  Christmas Show	Taylor Wimpey Visit  Christmas Show	Birds of Prey (Science Link)  Christmas Show	Birds of Prey (Science Link)  Christmas Show			Local visit to Church ( <i>RE link</i> )	
<b>Spring 1</b>	Ducklings	Ducklings	House on the Hill Toy Museum	Florence Nightingale Museum Trip	Verulamium Museum and Roman Theatre	Tring Museum (Science Link)	WOW day – Greek day ( <i>History link</i> )	
<b>Spring 2</b>	Science Workshops	Science Workshops		Visit from Radlett Synagogue (RE)		Science Workshops	Local Walk – Houghton Hall Park ( <i>Science link</i> )	
<b>Summer 1</b>								
<b>Summer 2</b>	Caterpillars and Butterflies	Caterpillars and Butterflies		College Lake (Science Link)		All Saints Church - Local History		Local outing- Houghton Hall Park, bowling or Stanborough Park Ropes Course.



## **Have a happy and safe summer holiday**

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and safe summer break. I have attached a useful leaflet produced by a neighbouring area with some useful pointers around staying safe over the summer period. I have also attached some local information for families about activities available over the holidays.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mr James Edwards

Headteacher



***This week's  
Attendance Awards***

Reception/KS1 Prince  
Louis– Platinum 100%

Lower KS2 Princess  
Charlotte – Elizabeth  
93.7%

KS2 Prince George –  
Emerald 91.5%



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Event	Year groups involved	Date
Last day of term	All	Friday, 21 July at 2:00pm







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## Star Awards

			
<b>Danny</b> <b>DETERMINATION</b> says, "DON'T GIVE UP."	<b>Colin</b> <b>CURIOSITY</b> says, "THINK FOR YOURSELF."	<b>Chloe</b> <b>COMMUNICATION</b> says, "RESPECT OTHERS."	<b>Izzy</b> <b>INDEPENDENCE</b> says, "DO YOUR BEST."
Alex C	Lou-Lou G	Lily H	Lola S
Milan Z	Noah E	Ella-Grace P	Oliver T
Jake L		Iyla D	Teddy C
Olivia G		Jesse H	Edward M
Summer G		Lia P	Connor D
Ella B			Louis T
Arinze P			Jude M
			Aiza Z
			Aaira A
			Aleksandra S
			Elliott A
			Liam T
			Danielle O
			Bridie F



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## Houghton Regis Locality Children's Centre

Children's Centres are part of the government's strategy to provide high quality services to children, young people and their families, in order to give every child the best start in life.

Services and activities running at your local centre may include:

- Activities and family support services
- Parenting programmes
- Food bank vouchers

Opening Times	
Monday – Thursday	8:30am – 16:30pm
Friday	8:30am – 16:00pm
Closed Bank Holiday	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2023

Houghton Regis Children's Centre  
 0300 300 8115 & 0300 300 8129

## Houghton Regis Locality Children's Centres

Sites: Tithe Farm LU5 5JB, Parkside LU5 5Q Please call the Centre on 0300 300 8115 or 0300 300 8129 for information or to book

Day	Activity	Date & Time	Information	Location
Monday	Hansel & Gretel Old Macdonald and the Three Little Pigs Plus...	21 <sup>st</sup> August 11:00am – 12pm 13:30am – 14:30pm	Join Booster Cushion for Children will be returning for two shows of 'Hansel & Gretel' and 'Old MacDonald and the Three Pigs Plus...'. Popcorn and hotdogs will be available. <a href="#">Please call to book, limited spaces.</a>	Tithe Farm
Tuesday	Bump, Birth and Baby Stuff	1 <sup>st</sup> August 9:30am – 3pm	Bump, Birth & Baby Stuff, antenatal workshops for expectant mothers and partners, 26 weeks or more. <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/cbc-south-childrens-centre-antenatal-34058962449">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/cbc-south-childrens-centre-antenatal-34058962449</a> <a href="#">Please follow the link to book.</a>	Tithe Farm
	Messy Play	1 <sup>st</sup> August 10:30am – 12pm	Bear hunt themed messy fun ages 6mths plus. <b>No booking needed.</b>	Tithe Farm
	The Big Build	8 <sup>th</sup> August 13:30pm – 14:30pm	Construction based fun including lego, mega blocks and junk modeling, this will be an outside activity. <a href="#">Please call to book.</a>	Tithe Farm
Wednesday	Baby Weighing	26 <sup>th</sup> July – 30 <sup>th</sup> August 12:45pm – 14:45pm	By Appointment Only. <a href="#">Please call to book.</a>	Parkside
	Mini Explorers	26 <sup>th</sup> July – 30 <sup>th</sup> August 13:30 – 14:30	Weekly themed stay and play for babies 0 – 12 mths (non walkers) including sensory and messy play. <b>No booking needed.</b>	Tithe Farm
Thursday	Movers & Shakers Teddy Bears Picnic	17 <sup>th</sup> August 11am – 1pm	Music, rhymes and stories for babies and children on the move, please bring a teddy, picnic and blanket. <b>No booking needed.</b>	Houghton Hall Park
	SENDSational Movers	24 <sup>th</sup> August 10:30am – 11:30am	Music, rhymes and stories for babies and children on the move for parents/carers of children with SEND, siblings welcome. <b>No booking needed.</b>	Tithe Farm
	Bug Hunt & Forest Activities	31 <sup>st</sup> August 10:30am – 12pm	Bug hunt, bird feeders, bug hotels, forest activities and a trail. <b>No booking needed.</b>	Houghton Hall Park
Friday	Baby Brasseries	10:30am – 12pm	Friendly breastfeeding information and support group with trained staff. Tea and coffee available. <b>No booking needed.</b>	Parkside
	SEND Stay & Play In Your Own Way	10:30am – 11:30am	Informal stay & play for parents/carers of children with SEND, no formal diagnosis needed. Talk with other parents, professional support available. <b>No booking needed.</b>	Tithe Farm



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# SUMMER

## activities 2023

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### INFLATABLE DAY

FRIDAY 28 JULY  
12.00 NOON TO  
4.00 PM  
£6 PER WRIST BAND  
GROVE HOUSE GARDENS  
AGED 3+



### ZORB FOOTBALL

MONDAY 31 JULY  
1.00 PM TO 3.00 PM  
£1.00 PER GO  
GROVE HOUSE GARDENS  
AGED 6+



### MATILDA MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

MONDAY 7 AUGUST  
DIFFERENT AGED SESSIONS  
FROM 10.00 AM TO  
2.45 PM  
FREE

GROVE HOUSE GARDENS

BOOKING  
REQUIRED!

### LETS PLAY

WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST  
11.00 AM TO 2.00 PM  
FREE  
DOWNSIDE RECREATION  
GROUND  
AGED 0 TO 5

### SEASIDE DAY

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST  
11.00 AM TO 3.00 PM  
FREE  
BENNETT MEMORIAL  
RECREATION GROUND  
AGED 3+



### OBSTACLE COURSE

TUESDAY 15 AUGUST  
1.00 PM TO 3.00 PM  
FREE  
BREWERS HILL RECREATION  
GROUND  
AGED 3+

### ARTS & CRAFTS

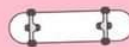
THURSDAY 17 AUGUST  
10.00 AM TO 12.00  
NOON  
FREE

KINGSBURY RECREATION  
GROUND  
ANY AGE



### SKATE & SCOOT

TUESDAY 22 AUGUST  
DIFFERENT AGED SESSIONS  
FROM 10.00 AM TO 1.45 PM



FREE  
CREASEY PARK  
COMMUNITY FOOTBALL  
CENTRE

BOOKING  
REQUIRED!



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TOWN COUNCIL



# HRPS PTA are RECRUITING



## TREASURER NEEDED

### JOB DESCRIPTION

- MANAGES DAY TO DAY FINANCES
- KEEPS RECORDS OF PTA'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
  - ARRANGES FLOATS
  - BANKS TAKINGS
  - FINANCIAL REPORTING

SUITS PEOPLE WHO ARE...  
CONFIDENT AT HANDLING MONEY AND  
BUDGETS. GOOD WITH NUMBERS AND  
METHODICAL.

### EMAIL

[ptahrps@gmail.com](mailto:ptahrps@gmail.com)



Houghton Regis Primary School  
PTA



**Wednesday 27th September**

**6PM IN THE MAIN HALL**

EVERYONE'S WELCOME

Free refreshments, children are welcome.  
Working together for our children's future.

Contact us via email: [ptahrps@gmail.com](mailto:ptahrps@gmail.com) Onsite: Mrs T White  
Or directly to a PTA member to save your seat or for more information.

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