Growing minds, shaping futures and inspiring lifelong learning

Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2026



Headteacher: Mrs R Parmar
Chair of Governors: Mrs D Pargeter
Safeguarding Governor: Mrs L Phillips

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

We started our week with odd socks day to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying week. Miss Alexis and Miss Coleman delivered an assembly on Monday around the key themes and children took part in various activities in their PSHE lessons. Please take some time to discuss this topic with your children.

I was pleased to welcome many families this week during our school tours for children starting school in September 2027. It is always a pleasure to celebrate our learning and successes throughout the school. We saw a range of lessons taking place, including vegetable chopping in year 3 for a ratatouille dish! Despite the many tears from strong onions, the children were able to confidently name, prepare and chop a range of vegetables! Well done to the children for achieving one area from our Houghton Ten - 'Cook a Meal'! We hope you enjoyed the dish at home. Thank you to Mrs March for organising this activity.

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined Hyena Class for their Times Tables Rock Stars parent workshop. Times Tables Rock Stars turns times tables practice into a fun, rock-and-roll-themed challenge. Rather than long sessions, we recommend a little and often approach—just 3 to 5 minutes a day, four to five times a week. For anyone who was unable to attend, your child will bring home a Parent's Guide to Times Table Rock Stars.

Today, children in year 4 engaged in a Sound of Noise Workshop. They took part in interactive experiments and engaging deminstrations to learn how sound is made, how it travels and whre it goes. Thank you to Mrs White for organising this workshop for the children.

Next week, we have an exciting week planned as we celebrate 'People who Changed the World' during Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic week. A reminder that we will be inviting parents to visit their child's class on Friday to view their work produced throughout the week. We look forward to an exciting week of fun and cultural activities.

Our next parent workshop will be held on Thursday 26th November for parents and carers in Puma Class. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Friends of HRPS have been kind enough to organise a Christmas raffle this term, with the winning prizes comprising of Christmas Hampers! Next Friday, we are holding a non-uniform day in exchange for a Christmas themed gift or item. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase next week on the playground. Thank you for your support with raising funds for the school.

If your child will be starting school (Reception) in September 2027, applications for a school place need to be submitted by 15th January 2027. We are hosting school tours for parents who are interested in applying for a place at our school next week. Please contact the school if you would like to book a place.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

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: Otter with 90%
Reward - Have a fun afternoon
KS1: Lemur with 96%
Reward - Choose a lesson of your choice
LKS2: Puma with 96.3%
Reward - Class party
UKS2: Lion with 98%
Reward - Class party

Whole School: 93.6%

Housepoint Names

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

Houghton Regis Primary School

The Houghton Ten



Sleeping under the stars



Visit a place of worship



Cook a meal



Be a Scientist



Care for an animal



Care for the community



Shakespeare Week



Culture share



Be the author

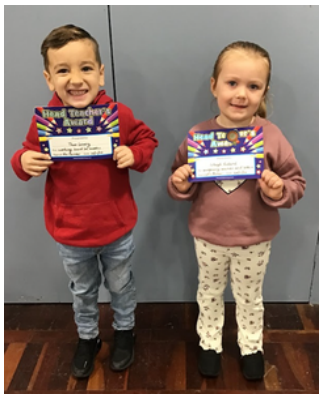


Build a business

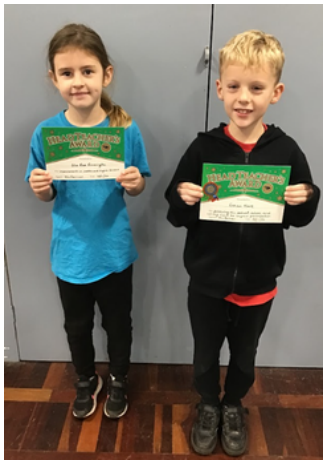
Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following children:

Reception: Theo L, Lilleigh R
Years 1 & 2: Reya S, Archie S, Finley S
Years 3 & 4: Isla Rose R, Ethan H, Siluan R, Arvi VK
Years 5 & 6: Rosie L, Sara Z, Ryan A, Ivy-Mai R















Bronze Awards - 100 Dojo Points







Silver Awards - 200 Dojo Points



Our learning this week...



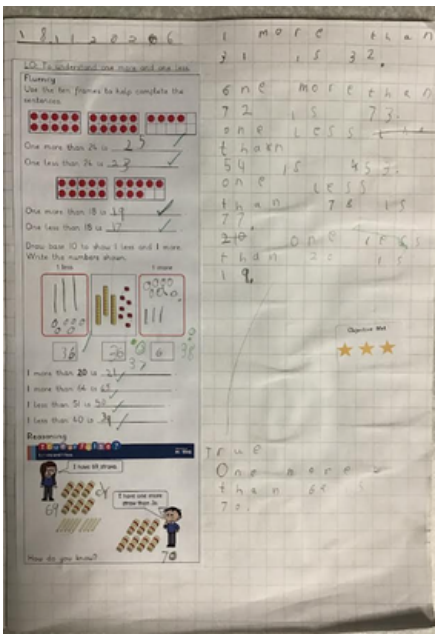




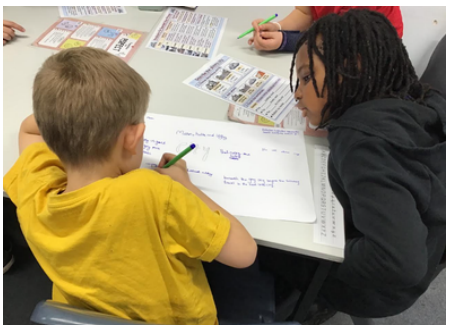




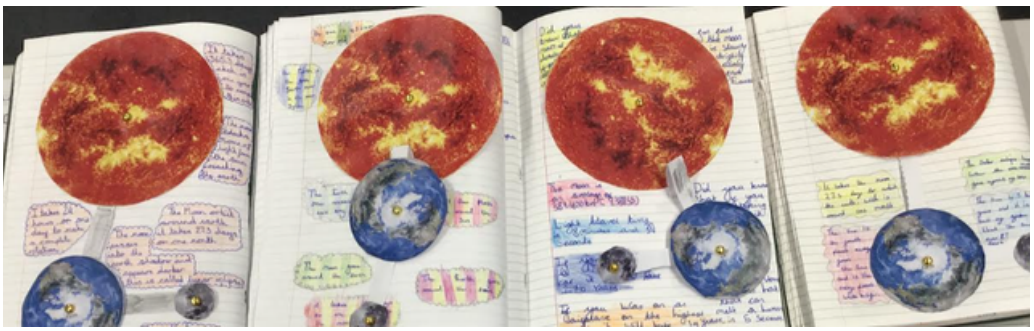












Autumn Term Events

Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Monday 23rd November		All	Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Week - 'People who Changed the World'	
Thursday 26th November	2:30pm	Year 3 - Puma Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Friday 27th November	3:00pm	All	Open Classrooms - parents are invited to their child's class to view their work.	Classrooms
Thursday 3rd December	2:30pm	Year 3 - Cheetah Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Monday 7th December	2:15pm	Reception	Nativity	Hall
Tuesday 8th December	9:15am	Reception	Nativity	Hall
Wednesday 9th December	9:15am	Nursery	Morning children - Jingle & Mingle	Hall
Wednesday 9th December	2:30pm	Nursery	Afternoon & All Day Children - Jingle & Mingle	Hall
Tuesday 15th December	1:00-3:00pm	Years 1 & 2	Christmas Carol Concert	All Saints' Parish Church
Wednesday 16th December		All	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day—children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform	
Friday 18th 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	

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

Staff Values Champion of the Week

Congratulations to Mrs Malik for showing the values of **Excellence** and **Respect** by being adaptable and flexible within our busy office environment.



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.

Spring Term Events

Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Monday 4th January		All	INSET Day - school is closed for children	
Tuesday 5th January		All	Children return to school	
Thursday 14th January	2:30pm	Years 1 & 2 - Badger Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 21st January	2:30pm	Years 1 & 2 - Fox Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 28th January	2:30pm	Years 1 &2 - Lemur Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 4th February	2:30pm	Reception - Otter Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 11th February	2:30pm	Reception - Meerkat Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Monday 15th February- Friday 19th February		All	Half-Term	
Monday 22nd February		All	Children return to school	

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	15th September	8th December	Wolf Class
Wednesday	8:00-8:45am	Lego	1-6	Miss Hayat	16th September	9th December	Badger Class
Wednesday	8:00-8:45am	TTRockstars	1-6	Miss Davidson	16th September	9th December	Yellow gate leading to Reception from the main playground
Wednesday	8:00-8:45am	Book	1-6	Mrs Everitt	16th September	9th December	Fox Class
Wednesday	3:15-4:00pm	Girls' Football	3-6	Mrs White	16th September	9th December	Gate near gazebo
Thursday	8:00-8:45am	Board Games	1-6	Mrs Parmar	17th September	10th December	Main office
Thursday	3:15-4:00pm	Cooking Group 2	3-6	Mrs Zarrouq	5th November	10th 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


Friends of HRPS
Christmas Raffle
Win a Christmas Hamper!
Raffle tickets
£1 per strip of 5 tickets
Available to buy w/c
23rd November
on the playground.
Please bring in your Christmas themed gifts/treats in exchange for a mufti day on
Friday 27th November.

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH DEC 7-18

MAIN MENU

Sliced Turkey Breast
with Chipolata Sausage
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Gravy

or

Vegetable Wellington (v)
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Gravy

or

Christmas Squash & Bean Loaded Roasties (Ve) (Free From*)

SERVED WITH

Roast Potatoes with a choice of Seasonal Vegetables

DESSERT

Choice of Christmas Dessert

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*Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability | 1. Veg Wellington Standard

Transfer to Starting School 2027



Beaudesert 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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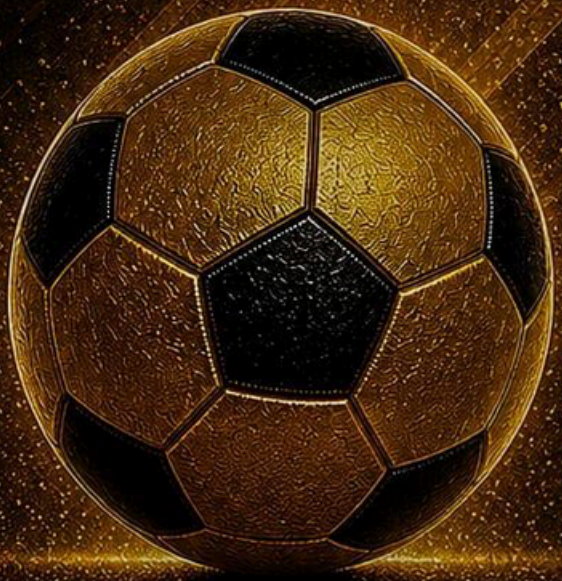

TIME	
5-6PM	U5-U7
6-7PM	U8-U10
7-8PM	U11-U13

DEVELOP TECHNICALLY

BUILD CONFIDENCE IN A POSITIVE, FUN ENVIRONMENT

LINKS TO GRASS ROOTS TEAMS

LOCATION | CREASEY PARK, DUNSTABLE

07860 164156 | sd3vine2729@outlook.com

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

& CHRISTMAS MARKET

Join us for a festive afternoon and evening in Houghton Regis!

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER



Christmas Market

12 noon – 4:30pm

📍 Indoor Atrium, Bedford Square

Browse a wonderful selection of festive stalls and find some perfect Christmas gifts and treats.



Christmas Light Switch-On

6:00pm

📍 Bedford Square

Join us as we officially switch on the Christmas lights and celebrate the start of the festive season!

www.houghtonregis-tc.gov.uk 01582 708540

From Santa's Office

To All the Children of Houghton Regis,

NORTH POLE POST OFFICE

I've heard you've all been very good this year, so with the help of Houghton Regis Town Council, I have something extra special planned—a magical spot right in the heart of the town where I can see all of you together!

I'm preparing your surprise gift's for every child with the elves! You might hear my sleigh when I arrive! I look forward to seeing you all!

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2026

Houghton Regis Library
10am - 2pm



Also my elves will also have on:

a few Christmas market stalls & Christmas activities outside the library

Don't forget to leave some cookies and milk for me on Christmas Eve I love them!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Santa Claus

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