

# Where everyone matters and every day counts



## Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter Friday 20th June 2025

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

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had a very busy week with many events taking place and the weather has been lovely too!

On Monday, children and parents took part in a science workshop and the hall was buzzing as everyone engaged in practical activities. On Wednesday afternoon, there was an art workshop for parents and children in year 6, where there was an opportunity for all to share their creative skills! Thank you to all involved with planning and attending these events. We received positive comments from parents—they enjoyed the afternoon and they were grateful for the opportunity to work with their child.



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 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

The children and staff in year 3 had a fantastic time on their educational visit to Buckinghamshire Railway Centre. The children were keen to share information and key facts from the day. Thank you to all staff who planned the trip and accompanied the children on the visit.



Our year 6 children are hosting their Enterprise event on Thursday 26th June to raise funds for their leavers' party. During the course of the week, they will be making products and selling them to the rest of the school on Thursday between 3:00-4:00pm on the school playground. The children will be selling items such as: bracelets, ice pops, bath bombs (they are putting the ingredients on the packaging), drinks (not fizzy), cakes (they are decorating plain cakes with icing and sprinkles), balloon fidgets, art pictures, keyrings, slime, temporary tattoos, book marks and sweets (gelatine free). The items will vary in price from 50p to £2. Everyone is welcome to purchase these products after school on Thursday and support our year 6 children with raising funds for their leavers' event. We thank you in advance for your support.

Thank you to members of the site team for clearing the bike shed to make more space for bikes and scooters to be stored safely. Please can I remind children and parents to fill the bike shed up from one end so we can fit as many bikes and scooters in as possible. It has been pleasing to see an increase in children riding or scooting to school.

Next week, we are expecting much of the same hot weather. 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. Members of the PTA will continue to sell ice pops after 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.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and hope you enjoy the wonderful sunshine. I look forward to seeing you on the gate on Monday morning.

**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](http://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: Green with 97.2%**

**KS2: Elizabeth with 99%**

**Whole School Attendance: 95.3%**

## Housepoint Winners

**EYFS/KS1: Balmoral—33 points**

**KS2: Sandringham—44 points**

**Overall Winning House: Sandringham & Windsor—65 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

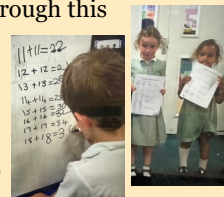
### Nursery

This week throughout nursery we have been learning all about 'Capacity'. Learning about capacity focuses on introducing children to the concept of how much a container can hold, this involves using vocabulary like "full", "empty", "half full", "more" and "measure". Engaging in hands-on activities with sand, water and various containers will develop the children's understanding of capacity as a measurable attribute and foster their ability to compare containers based on how much they can hold.



### Reception

This week, we have embarked on an exciting adventure with the story of Superworm by Julia Donaldson. Through this engaging tale, children explored themes of bravery, teamwork, and the importance of helping others. We have learnt interesting worm facts such as worms don't have eyes but can sense light, they are moist to the touch. Worms play a crucial role in aerating the soil and breaking down organic matter, enriching the earth for plants. In maths, we sang a double rap and learnt double facts to 10. In PE, we played an amazing 'Shark and Fish' game and learnt we need to follow rules.



## KEY STAGE 1

### Year 1

This week, we learnt about money, where we carried out practical activities. We looked at recognising different coins, describing the properties of coins and used addition and subtraction with money. We really enjoyed looking at different coins and grouping them!



### Year 2

This week, we made the most of the glorious weather and took the parachutes outside for some team-building activities. We had to work together to move a ball around the parachute and then we tried to get it high enough to run underneath- it was great fun!



## LOWER KEY STAGE 2

### Year 3

We visited the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre this week. We had an incredibly fun educational experience learning all about the history of the British railway system—a topic we covered in our history curriculum. We started our day sitting in 'First Class' carriages being pulled by 'Thomas the Tank' steam engine; then we visited the museum which included giving the children the opportunity to have turns to change track signals; and we ended the day by having a joyful ride on the miniature train!



### Year 4

This week, we have been working with decimals through real-life contexts by exploring money. We have been learning to:

- Compare amounts written in pence and convert them into pounds
- Understand the relationship between pounds and pence
- Order and compare different amounts of money in both pence and pounds
- Estimate the cost of objects using rounding strategies

The children have enjoyed applying their knowledge of decimals in practical situations, helping them build confidence and a deeper understanding of how money works in everyday life.



## UPPER KEY STAGE 2

### Year 5

This week, we presented all the topics we have covered in science during the parents' workshop. Children were excited to share their findings and answer questions. In English, the children have been planning and writing a newspaper report about a historical tsunami. They thought carefully about how people might have felt and described the surroundings in detail.



### Year 6

This week, we have been writing a balanced argument in English. In geography, we identified some ways in which natural resources are used to produce energy. During our art workshop with parents, we produced a drawing of an eye using different drawing pencils. It was amazing to see how the children (and parents) applied their creative skills to produce such high quality drawings.





## HEADTEACHER AWARDS



### **Congratulations to the following children:**

*Early Years*      *Mason B, Nico K, Hope F, Vira K, Nehemiah K, Sienna W*

*Years 1 & 2*      *Isabelle G, Imogen H, Jaxon-James G, Mia D'Souza*

*Years 3 & 4*      *Donya H, Abbie D, Esther K, Zaima Z*

*Years 5 & 6*      *Parnika P, Diana P, Frankie S, Jessica L*



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## *Upcoming Events:*

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
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	3:00-4:00pm	Year 6	Year 6 Enterprise Fair—held on the playground. There will be various items to purchase, ranging from 50p—£2.
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		Year R & Year 6	NCMP Measurement Programme
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](http://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  
31<sup>st</sup> 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  
21<sup>st</sup> 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  
28<sup>th</sup> 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  
29<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school)

