Growing minds, shaping futures and inspiring lifelong learning

Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026



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

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding half-term, I would like to reflect on all we have achieved together as a school community. Over the past seven and a half weeks, I have seen countless examples of hard work, excellence and most of all happiness from our pupils, staff, families and governors. It has been a true team effort and it makes me incredibly proud to lead this school. Thank you to you all as we continue upon our school improvement journey.

Today, Mrs Ravilious from Dunstable Foodbank visited and shared useful information about how our Harvest donations were used to support families within the local community. Our donations weighed a total of 37.2kg of food! Mrs Ravilious showed us how much food this amounted to and how many meals it could provide for a family. Thank you to Mrs Ravilious for her inspiring and informative assembly.

This week, we hosted a group of trainee teachers from the Chiltern Training Group. They observed good practice across the school and planned and delivered lessons to children in Otter, Wolf and Jaguar Classes. The trainees were extremely impressed with the children's behaviour and attitudes to learning. It was a great opportunity for us to showcase the great teaching and learning we have at our school. We are proud of all our children and staff!

Thank you to our parents and carers in Leopard Class who attended our parent workshop on Thursday. They took part in an art activity, focusing on developing their use of tones and shading. Our next parent workshop will be held on Thursday 12th November for parents and carers in Wolf Class. We look forward to seeing you there!

We welcomed our year 6 children back from their residential this week. They had a fantastic time and the staff commended their behaviour during their time away. The year 6 children who remained behind had an excellent time designing their own board games, making the sturdiest tower from spaghetti and marshmallows, playing crazy golf and making playdoh! Thank you to all staff who have made these opportunities possible for our children.

After half-term, children will be able to purchase poppies and products associated with Remembrance Day. We ask for a contribution which will be donated to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

A final reminder that applications for secondary schools need to be submitted to the Local Authority by 31st October. 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 have a training day on Monday 2nd November so children will return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

A reminder that the clocks will be going back 1 hour on Sunday morning at 2:00am.

All that is left for me is to wish you a restful and relaxed half-term. Enjoy spending time with family and friends.

I look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd November.

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 - Golden time

LKS2: Puma with 98.5%
Reward - Hot chocolate

UKS2: Tiger with 97.3%
Reward - Popcorn/treats

Whole School: 95.8%

House Names

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

Happiness - Independence - Excellence - Respect - Ambition

Extra-Curricular Achievements

Congratulations to Annabelle Hamer in Year 6 who performed in two shows of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at Grove Theatre last week with Dunstable Musical Theatre Company. After months of hard work and rehearsal, she performed brilliantly and is already looking forward to auditioning for the next show.

Well done Annabelle!



Congratulations to Jake Locker in Year 4 for achieving Stage 7 in swimming. Great work.

Well done Jake!



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

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 - Half-Term Award

Congratulations to Miss Cszynkiewicz for showing the values of **Excellence** and **Respect** in everything that she does! Thank you for all your hard work.





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

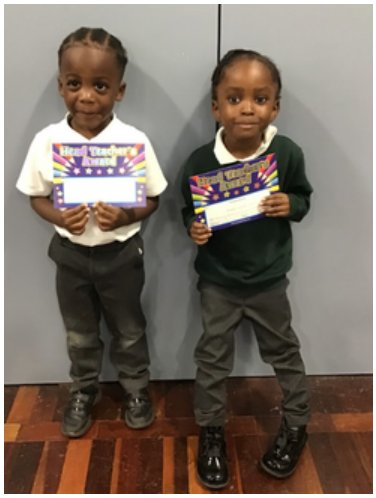
WB: 16th November 2026 — 9.30am

Call now to book 01582 867487

Headteacher Awards

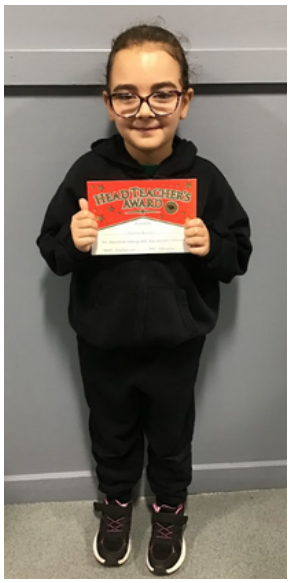
Congratulations to the following children:

Reception: Zion K, Aniyah G-J
Years 1 & 2: Nico K, Marley R, Maria C
Years 3 & 4: Myles W, Freya D, Ella-Grace P, George F
Years 5 & 6: Hannah K, Marlowe K-A,

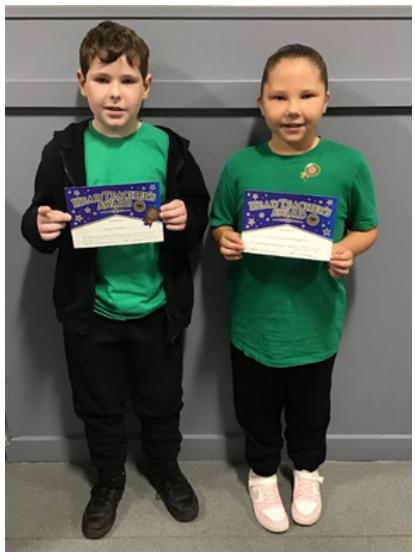


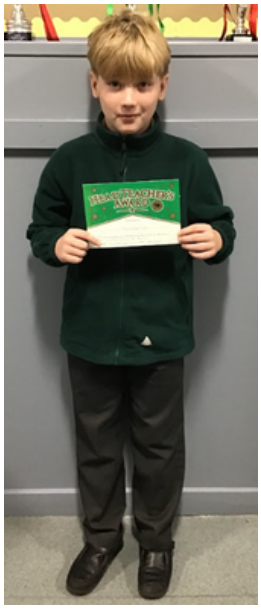




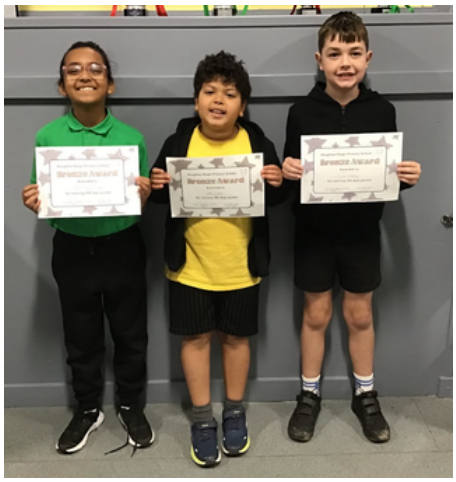








Bronze Awards - 100 Dojo Points



Word Millionaire



Our learning this week...





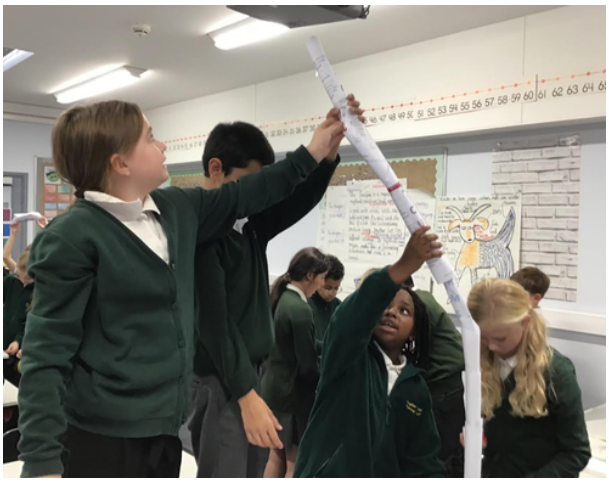






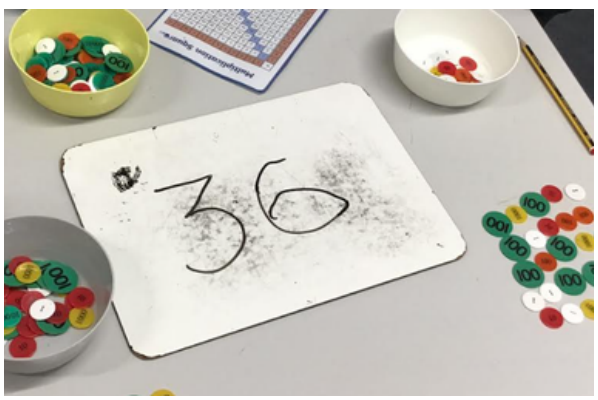














Autumn Term Events

Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October		All	Half-Term	
Monday 2nd November		All	INSET Day - school is closed for children	
Tuesday 3rd November		All	Children return to school	
Monday 9th November	4:00-7:00pm	All	Parent Consultation Evening	
Thursday 12th November	2:30pm	Year 4 - Wolf Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 12th November	3:45-5:45pm	All	Parent Consultation Evening	
Friday 13th November		All	Children in Need - non-uniform day for all. Children and staff are invited to wear yellow and/or spotty clothes.	
Monday 16th November - Friday 20th 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.	
Thursday 19th November	2:30pm	Year 4 - Hyena Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 26th November	2:30pm	Year 3 - Puma Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 3rd December	2:30pm	Year 3 - Cheetah Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Monday 7th December	2:00pm	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	

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	6th October	Wolf Class
Wednesday	8:00-8:45am	Lego	1-6	Miss Hayat	16th September	7th October	Badger Class
Wednesday	8:00-8:45am	TTRockstars	1-6	Miss Davidson	16th September	7th October	Yellow gate leading to Reception from the main playground
Wednesday	8:00-8:45am	Book	1-6	Mrs Everitt	16th September	7th October	Fox Class
Wednesday	3:15-4:00pm	Girls' Football	3-6	Mrs White	16th September	7th October	Gate near gazebo
Thursday	8:00-8:45am	Board Games	1-6	Mrs Parmar	17th September	8th October	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

Dunstable Foodbank
Together with Trussell

A BIG THANK YOU!

To everyone at Houghton Regis Primary School,

Thank you so much to everyone who supported us this Harvest!

You collected an amazing **37.2 kg of food**, and we're absolutely delighted! We're so grateful to everyone who contributed and helped make it happen.

We're currently providing around **500 emergency food parcels every month** to local people and families who are struggling to make ends meet. That's a huge amount of food, and as more people turn to us for help, donations like yours are more important than ever.

One of the loveliest things about Harvest is seeing our community come together to look after one another. Every tin, packet and bag of food makes a difference, and when everyone gives a little, together we can achieve something really special.

Your generosity means that when someone in our community is going through a difficult time, we can be there to help put food on their table and remind them that they're not alone.

Please pass on a massive thank you to everyone who took part. We really do appreciate your kindness and support, and couldn't do what we do without wonderful people like you!

With warmest wishes,

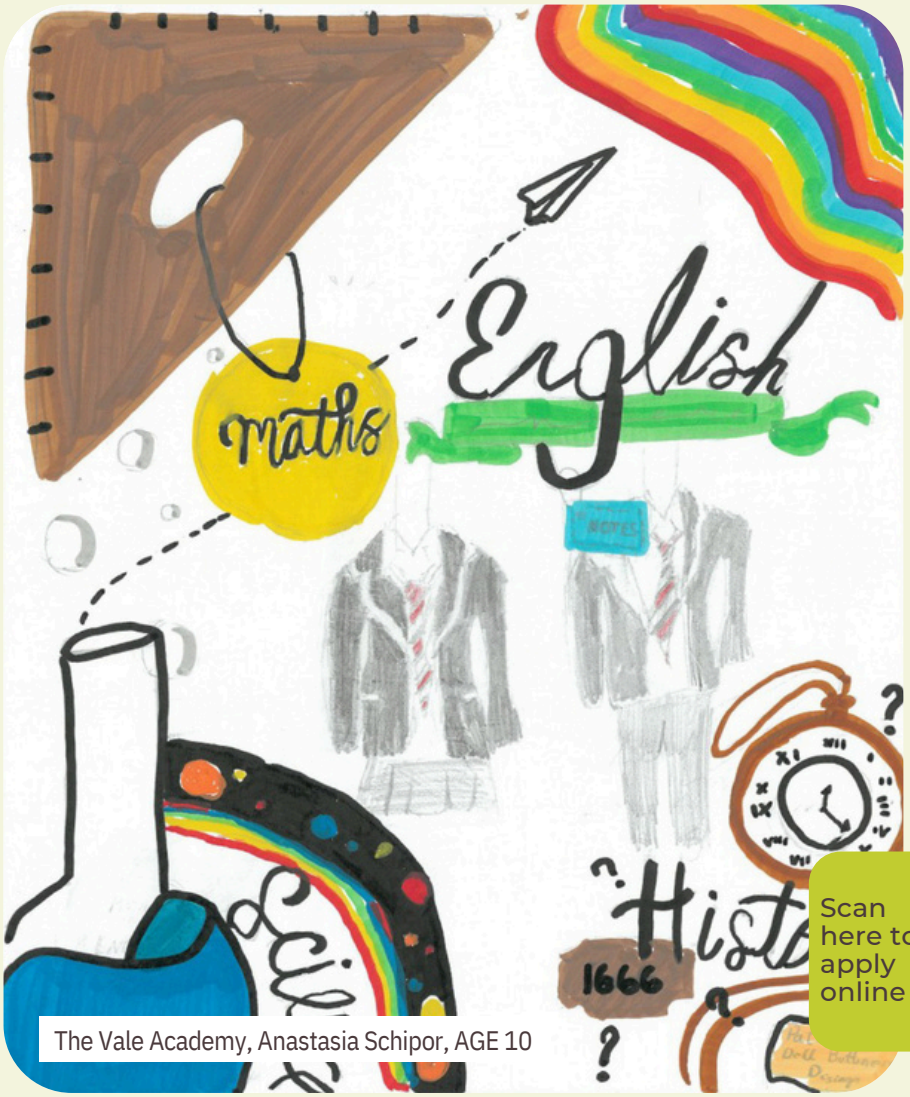
Diane Ravilious
Operations Manager

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Dunstable Foodbank is run in partnership with local churches and as part of the Trussell Trust network.
Dunstable Foodbank operates as a CIO and is a Registered Charity in England & Wales (1198625).

Transfer to Secondary/ Upper 2027

Central Bedfordshire



The Vale Academy, Anastasia Schipor, AGE 10

Scan here to apply online

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.

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

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FOOTBALL COACHING

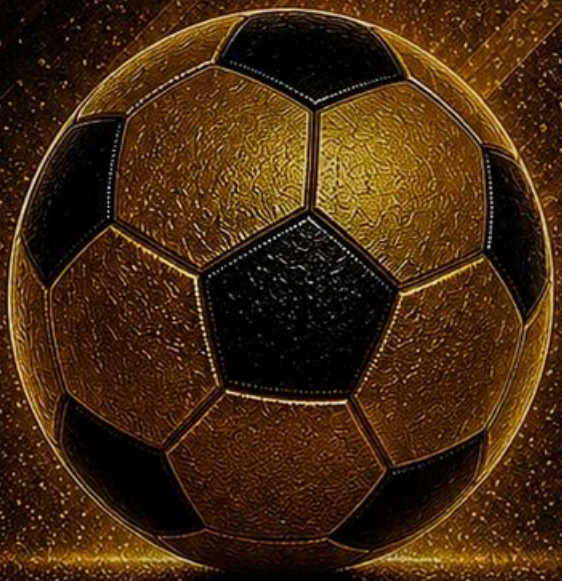
DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

FOR BOYS & GIRLS

DEVINE FOOTBALL COACHING

MONDAY NIGHTS

DEVELOPING PLAYERS.
BUILDING FUTURES.



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

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