



Growing minds, shaping futures and inspiring lifelong learning

Houghton Regis Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 24th April 2026



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

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

This week has felt particularly busy and the children have embraced their learning. The children in Early Years thoroughly enjoyed learning about Italy and created their very own Trevi Fountain and Colosseum! They also engaged in portrait painting, with a focus on the Mona Lisa. Thank you to the staff in Early Years for creating this wonderful learning experience for the children.

Yesterday, the children in year 2 children went on a school trip to Ashridge Bunk House. It was a fun and exciting day for everyone. They travelled by coach and spent the day exploring nature. The children searched for mini beasts and were thrilled to find a millipede. They also learned how to measure trees, used sweeping nets to investigate their surroundings and worked together to build a den. At lunchtime, they enjoyed a picnic on the grass. The children behaved very well throughout the trip and were happy but tired by the end of the day. Thank you to all the staff and parents for making this trip possible.

The children in Purple Class performed a wonderful class assembly this week, sharing their learning with confidence and enthusiasm. The children spoke clearly, recited a poem beautifully, and demonstrated fantastic teamwork throughout. It was lovely to see their growing independence and creativity on display. Thank you to all families who came to support—your encouragement means so much to the children. Next Thursday, we look forward to welcoming parents to Coral's class assembly at 2:45pm in the hall.

A huge well done to all the children in year 6 who had their mock SATs this week. They worked extremely hard and are continuing to revise in preparation for their official SATs week in two weeks' time.

As part of our Reading curriculum, we have launched Word Millionaire certificates for children in Key Stage 2. Please support your child by encouraging them to read as much as possible to increase their word count. Thank you for your support and we look forward to celebrating the children's success.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the weather.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

- Nursery—Monday
- Reception—Wednesday
- Year 1—Thursday & Friday
- Year 2—Tuesday & Wednesday
- Year 3—Monday & Friday
- Year 4—Monday & Thursday (Yellow)
- Friday (Blue)
- Year 5—Monday & Thursday
- Year 6—Monday & Wednesday

Attendance Winners

- EYFS: Ruby with 94.8%
Reward - Have a fun afternoon
- KS1: Purple with 99.3%
Reward - Sit with a friend
- LKS2: Sapphire with 98.6%
Reward - Extra breaktime
- UKS2: Indigo with 98.9%
Reward - Choose a sports activity
- Whole School: 96.5%

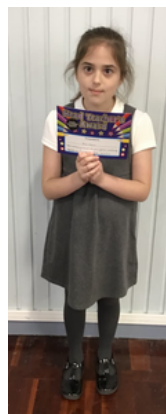
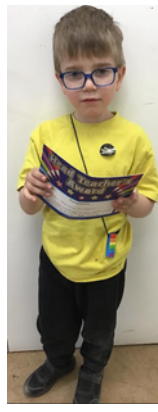
Housepoint Winners

- Congratulations to all the houses for coming joint 1st!
- Curie - 27 points
 - Bell - 26 points
 - Johnson - 23 points
 - Brunel - 22 points

Happiness - Independence - Excellence - Respect - Ambition

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children:
 Early Years: Lenny C, Oscar G, Ruby-Rose R, Lailana C
 Years 1 & 2: Damian P, Hetty C, Milan Z
 Years 3 & 4: Joel B, Levi U, Rosie L
 Years 5 & 6: Ava S, Darius M, Rhoda A, Lois U



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

Millionaire Readers



Staff Values Champion of the Week

Congratulations to Ms Gammon for... displaying the value of **Independence** and going that extra mile for all the children in her class.



Bronze Awards - 100 Dojo Points



Silver Awards - 200 Dojo Points



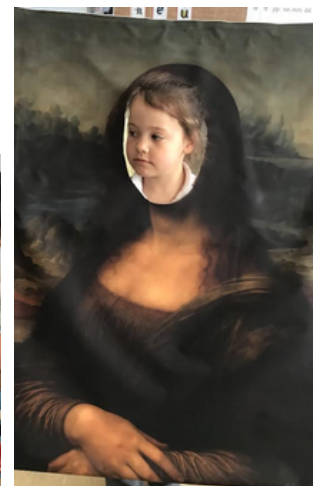
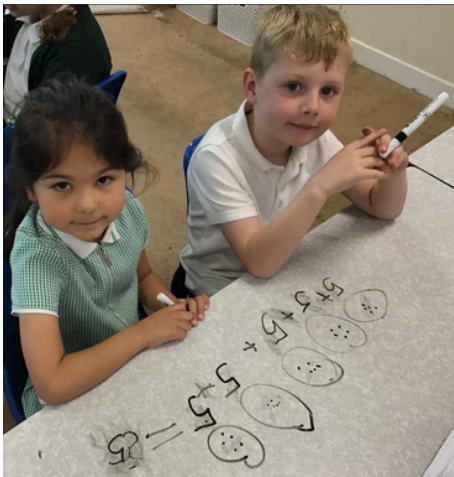
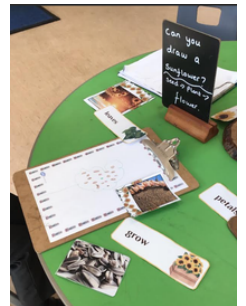
Gold Awards - 300 Dojo Points



Platinum Awards - 400 Dojo Points



Our learning this week...



Summer Term Events

Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Thursday 30 th April	2:45pm	Year 1 - Coral Class	Class Assembly - parents invited	Hall
Monday 4 th May		All	Early May Bank Holiday - school closed	
Thursday 7 th May	2:45pm	Reception - Platinum Class	Class Assembly - parents invited	Hall
Monday 11 th May		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs - English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Papers 1 and 2	
Tuesday 12 th May		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs - English Reading	
Wednesday 13 th May		Year 6	Mathematics Papers 1 and 2	
Thursday 14 th May		Year 6	Mathematics Paper 3	
Thursday 14 th May	4-7pm	Year 5 - Amber Class	Parent Consultation Evening - rescheduled from 26 th March	Classroom
Thursday 14 th May	2:45pm	Reception - Gold Class	Class Assembly - parents invited	Hall
Thursday 21 st May	2:45pm	Nursery - Silver & Ruby Classes	Workshop - parents invited	Hall
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May		All	Half-Term	
Monday 1 st June		All	Children return to school	
Saturday 6 th June		All	Summer Fayre - organised by Friends of HRPS	

Summer Term Events

Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Monday 8 th June		All	School photographs for class groups and siblings. Please ensure children have their full uniform in school for their photograph.	
Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th June		Year 1	Phonics Screening Week	
Thursday 11 th June	2:45pm	Year 5 - Amber Class	Class Assembly - parents invited	Hall
Monday 15 th June		Year 2	SATs Week - English	
Tuesday 16 th June	9:30-11:00am	Years 1 and 2	Sports Day	Field
Tuesday 16 th June	1:30-3:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Sports Day	Field
Wednesday 17 th June	9:30-10:30am	Nursery and Reception	Sports Day	Field
Wednesday 17 th June	1:30-2:30pm	Nursery (afternoon children)	Sports Day	Field
Thursday 18 th June	2:45pm	Year 5 - Emerald Class	Class Assembly - parents invited	Hall
Monday 22 nd June		Year 2	SATs Week - Maths	
Monday 22 nd June	2:15-3:00pm	Reception	Reception Graduation Day	
Wednesday 24 th June	1:30-2:30pm	Reception	Visit to the library	
Friday 26 th June	10:00-11:30am 1:30-2:30pm	Year 2 Year 1	Visit to the library	
Tuesday 30 th June		Year 1	Trip to Wardown Park Museum	
Monday 6 th July	2:15-3:00pm	Nursery	Nursery Graduation Day	
Friday 17 th July		All	Last day of term—school finishes at 2:00pm. There will be no after school club on this day.	

Our Leadership Team



Headteacher
Mrs R Parmar



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

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.

At our school, we are known as Friends of HRPS.

What do we do?

Friends of HRPS aim to accomplish a range of things, all usually geared at making the school a better place to learn. We work together to raise money with a variety of creative events throughout the school year, encouraging the whole community to get involved.

Friends of HRPS events

In previous years, we have organised summer fetes, Santa's Christmas Grotto, discos and a sponsored walk to name a few.

Why is our role so important?

We 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 Friends of HRPS?

Being a part of your child's school community 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.
 - Friends of HRPS members can learn new skills, from fundraising and problem-solving to communication and creativity.
- As a member of Friends of HRPS, you'll be able to see measurable results and appreciate the impact of all your efforts!

Please email the Chair, Mrs R Reid-Stavriniades at: 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 19th 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



JOIN AN iROCK BAND TODAY



There are spaces in bands at your school
secure a spot and join the fun!

At iRock, children experience the thrill of being in a band! Led by our passionate and professional Band Coaches, our weekly 30-minute in-school band lessons are designed for pupils from from age 4 to 11.

Music for all!

Through our partnership with **RSL Awards (Ofqual-regulated)**, a global provider of creative and performing arts qualifications, iRock offers **exam-free music qualifications** as part of our curriculum. Each week, children build their musical skills, confidence, and teamwork as they progress through iRock lessons, all within a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels they belong.

Feel like a rockstar!

The excitement culminates every term in a live concert, where children perform as a band for their families and peers. These performances sit at the heart of the iRock curriculum, bringing together the skills children have developed in lessons while offering more than just a showcase; they provide an opportunity to build self-esteem, strengthen confidence, and experience the joy of accomplishment.

Choose your instrument...



Hassle-free, rolling **monthly subscription***



No experience needed and all instruments are provided



Every lesson supports progress towards music qualifications with **RSL Awards**



Parents/guardians can access our **online portal** for updates, pictures and videos



First lesson money-back guarantee (and you can cancel at anytime)



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*Monthly cost shown after selecting your child's school (before enrolment is confirmed).



May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm