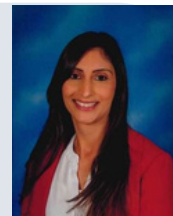




Growing minds, shaping futures and inspiring lifelong learning

Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026



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

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

Celebrating National Teaching Assistants' Day!

Today, we celebrate and thank our wonderful Teaching Assistants for the incredible contribution they make to our school every single day. They play a vital role in supporting children's learning, nurturing their confidence, encouraging them to achieve their best and helping to make our classrooms welcoming and inclusive places for everyone. Their patience, dedication, creativity and care make a real difference to the lives of our pupils. We are incredibly grateful for all that they do, often behind the scenes, and we are so fortunate to have such a committed and hardworking team. Thank you to all our amazing Teaching Assistants – you truly are an essential part of our school family!

Next week, we will be celebrating the festival of Harvest. We are asking for non-perishable items to be sent in during the course of the week - a poster is attached overleaf naming the items to be donated. Please hand these to your child's class teacher. Dunstable Foodbank will be collecting our donations and sharing them with the local community. Some examples of items that can be brought in are: tinned foods, dried pasta and rice. The donation list states peanut butter as an option. Due to allergies in school, please can we ask you to donate peanut butter directly to the foodbank rather than sending this item into school. Thank you for your understanding with this matter and thank you in advance for your donations.

If your child is in year 6, a reminder that applications for secondary schools are now open. All applications need to be submitted to the Local Authority by 31st October. Open evenings for secondary schools have been added to the Autumn Term Events Page. If you require any support with completing an application for a secondary school place, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff in the office.

Applications for children starting Reception in September 2027 are also now open and need to be submitted by 15th January 2027. A reminder that if you attend our school nursery, you will not automatically be guaranteed a place in Reception at our school. You must still apply via the Local Authority Admissions website. Information about this can be found overleaf. We are hosting school tours for parents who are interested in applying for a place at our school. These tours are for children who will start Reception in September 2027. Dates and timings can be found on our poster overleaf.

Next week, two meetings are being held to share further information about the upcoming residential for year 6 children.

Wednesday 30th September at 4:30pm & Thursday 1st October at 8:15am.

You only need to attend one of these meetings. If you are unable to attend any of these meetings, please speak to Miss Naisby and she will provide you with the relevant information.

Congratulations to Ellie Smith in Year 6 for achieving a Rainbow Distance Award for swimming 400m. Well done, you should be proud of your achievement!

I wish you all a restful weekend - enjoy the sunshine before we welcome rain next week!

Mrs R Parmar

Headteacher

Happiness - Independence - Excellence - Respect - Ambition

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 97.2%

Reward - Class party

KS1: Lemur with 97%

Reward - Sit with a friend for the day

LKS2: Wolf with 98%

Reward - Non-Uniform day on 29/9/26

UKS2: Tiger with 99.6%

Reward - Chromebook session

Whole School: 95.7%

House Names

Here is a reminder of our STEM themed house names and colours:

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

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children:

Reception: Delilah S, Anna R

Years 1 & 2: Sienna W, Arthur C, Adonis D

Years 3 & 4: Leo W, Darcie T, Ezra C, Harry O,

Years 5 & 6: Aalayah A, Alice-Eva A, Jameson MC, David J



Kidz Zone Before & After School Club Information

If you would like further information on Kidz Zone, please visit their website or book on www.kidzzzoneclub.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 of the Week

Congratulations to Miss Clarke for... displaying the values of **Happiness** and **Excellence**. She is always so involved in supporting the children's education and wellbeing. Her positive attitude, care and dedication make a real difference to the children every day.



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



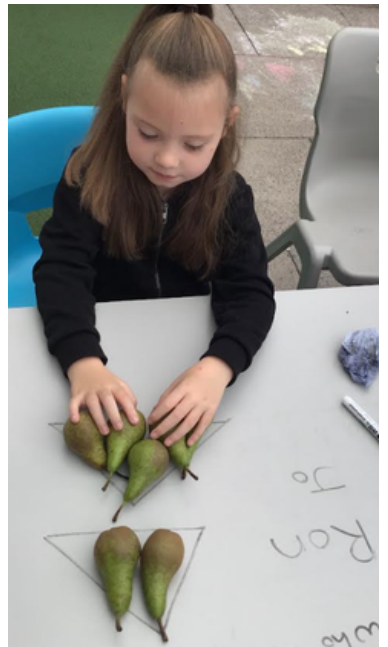
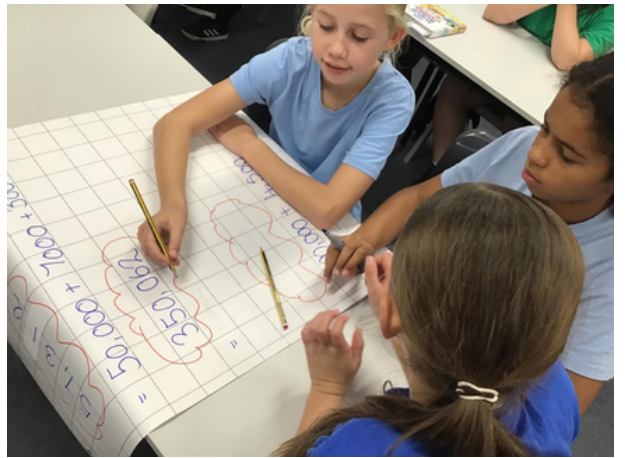
WB: 16th November 2026



9.30am

Call now to book 01582 867487





Autumn Term Events

Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Tuesday 29 th September	2:30pm	Reception	Parent Workshop - Phonics	Hall
Wednesday 30 th September	4:30pm	Year 6	Parent Meeting for children attending the Residential Trip	Lion Class
Thursday 1 st October		All	Burger Day - please select the option for your child via School Grid	
Thursday 1 st October	8:15am	Year 6	Parent Meeting for children attending the Residential Trip	Lion Class
Thursday 1 st October	2:30pm	Year 6 - Tiger Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 1 st October	4:15-6:45pm	Year 6	The Chalk Hills Academy Open Evening	
Thursday 1 st October	5pm-8pm	Year 6	Queensbury Academy Open Evening	
Wednesday 7 th October	2pm	All	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - all families invited	Hall
Wednesday 7 th October	5pm-7pm	Year 6	All Saints Academy Open Evening 6pm Principal Talk in the Main Hall	
Thursday 8 th October	2:30pm	Year 6 - Lion Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Friday 9 th October		All	Hello Yellow Day A non-uniform day for World Mental Health Day. Staff and children to wear a yellow item of clothing or accessory.	
Thursday 8 th October - Tuesday 13 th October		All	Book Fair	Hall
Monday 12 th October - Friday 16 th October	9:30am	Nursery	School tours for families whose children will be starting Reception in September 2027. Please call the school office to book an appointment.	
Thursday 15 th October	2:30pm	Year 5 - Jaguar Class	Parent Workshop	Jaguar Class
Thursday 15 th October		All	Friends of HRPS Halloween Disco Early Years -1:45-2:30pm Years 1 & 2 - 2:30-3:15pm Years 3 & 4 - 3:15-4:00pm Years 5 & 6: 4:00-4:45pm Children in Early Years, Years 1 and 2 can come to school in appropriate Halloween themed party wear on this day. Years 3 and 4 can bring appropriate Halloween themed party wear to change into before the end of the school day.	
Thursday 15 th October	5pm-8pm	Year 6	Houstone School Open Evening	
Monday 19 th October - Friday 23 rd October		Year 6	Residential Trip	
Thursday 22 nd October	2:30pm	Year 5 - Leopard Class	Parent Workshop	Hall

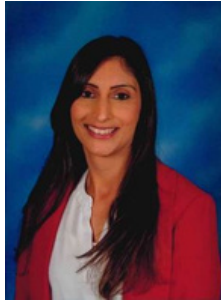
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Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October		All	Half Term	
Monday 2 nd November		All	INSET Day - school is closed for children	
Tuesday 3 rd November		All	Children return to school	
Thursday 12 th November	2:30pm	Year 4 - Wolf Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 12 th November	3:45-5:45pm	All	Parent Consultation Evening	
Monday 16 th November - Friday 20 th 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 19 th November	2:30pm	Year 4 - Hyena Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 26 th November	2:30pm	Year 3 - Puma Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Thursday 3 rd December	2:30pm	Year 3 - Cheetah Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
Tuesday 15 th December	1:00-3:00pm	Years 1 & 2	Christmas Carol Concert	All Saints' Parish Church
Friday 18 th 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	

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	15 th September	8 th December	Wolf Class
Wednesday	8:00-8:45am	Lego	1-6	Miss Hayat	16 th September	9 th December	Badger Class
Wednesday	8:00-8:45am	TTRockstars	1-6	Miss Davidson	16 th September	9 th December	Yellow gate leading to Reception from the main playground
Wednesday	8:00-8:45am	Book	1-6	Mrs Everitt	16 th September	9 th December	Fox Class
Wednesday	3:15-4:00pm	Girls' Football	3-6	Mrs White	16 th September	9 th December	Gate near gazebo
Thursday	8:00-8:45am	Board Games	1-6	Mrs Parmar	17 th September	10 th December	Main office
Thursday	3:15-4:00pm	Cooking Group 1	3-6	Mrs Zarrouq	17 th September	22 nd October	Lion Class
Thursday	3:15-4:00pm	Cooking Group 2	3-6	Mrs Zarrouq	5 th November	10 th 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



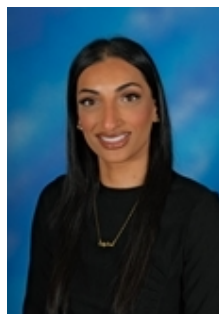
School Business
Manager

Mrs F Jones



EYFS Leader
Lead Practitioner

Miss M Davidson



Key Stage 1
Leader

Miss S Hayat



Key Stage 2
Leader

Miss E Naisby

Harvest Appeal



Help support your local community this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 500 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

* Please ensure all donated food is in date.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

Meat in sauce (e.g. meatballs)

Tinned meat (e.g. corned beef)

Pasta sauce

Milk cartons (long life)

Tinned vegetables

Rice pudding & custard

Sponge puddings

Instant mashed potato

Jam/Honey/Peanut Butter

Snacks (crisps, biscuits, sweets)

Can you help us? Scan to Donate!

info@dunstable.foodbank.org.uk 07874200056

Dunstable Foodbank is run in partnerships with local churches and as part of the Trussell Trust network, offering emergency food assistance to individuals and families living in LU5 and LU6 postcodes. Dunstable Foodbank operates as a CIO and is a Registered Charity England & Wales (1198625)



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Together we can make
a difference

Support
Change
Lives



Coffee Afternoon



Let's do fundraising!

Come along and help us do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.



Date

7th October
(Wednesday)



Time

2pm



Place

Houghton Regis
Primary School



Meet Ann Graves from
SNAP Parent Carer Forum



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Transfer to Secondary/ Upper 2027

Central
Bedfordshire



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
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OPEN EVENING

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Thursday 1st October
5pm – 8pm



Headteacher presentation at
5.15pm and 6.45pm



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(Cansworde Road)



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We achieve more together.



Aspiration
We aim high for ourselves and others.



Respect
We value everyone.



Endeavour
We keep trying to improve and succeed.



HOUSTONE
SCHOOL

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Thursday 15th October 2026 | 5:00pm - 8:00pm

YOU'RE INVITED!
COME ALONG TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 2027 START



PRINCIPAL'S PRESENTATION

Three opportunities to hear
from our Principal

5:15pm | 6:15pm | 7:15pm



TOUR HOUSTONE

- ✓ Tour our school
- ✓ See our facilities
- ✓ Meet our staff



Houstone School, Parkside Drive, Houghton Regis, Dunstable | LU5 5PX



For more info visit: www.houstoneschool.co.uk

ASPIRATION



ENDEAVOUR



RESPECT

Transfer to Starting School 2027

Central
Bedfordshire



Beaundesert 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.

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6-7PM | U8-U10

7-8PM | U11-U13



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ONLINE TRAINING AND EVENTS *AUTUMN TERM*

SAVE THE DATE

**29TH
SEPT
2026**

**ADD-vance Tips and Tools for
Positive Behaviour**

29/09/2026

12:00 pm - 1:30pm



**2ND AND
9TH OCT
2026**

**PDA Society - PDA for Parent Carers
(2 sessions- Need to attend both)**

02/10/2026 and 09/10/2026

9:30 am -12:15 pm



**21ST
OCT
2026**

Biggleswade Roadshow (Inperson)

21/10/26 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No booking needed, free to drop in
and talk to range of professionals



Booking Details

Details about how to book coming soon.
Remember to join SNAP PCF and to check
your emails for updates.

ADD-vance
The ADHD and Autism Trust

Add -vance sessions are recorded and available to watch for 7
days after to those booked/attending the session.



FREE

www.snappcf.org.uk

**SAVE
the DATE**

BURGER DAY
OCT 1ST

MAIN MENU

Breaded Chicken Burger

or

Beef Burger

or

Breaded Bean & Vegetable Burger (Ve)
(Free From)

SERVED WITH

Baked Potato Wedges

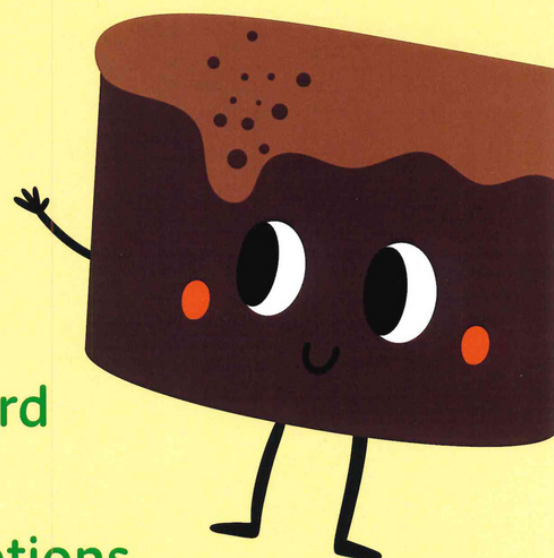
Sweetcorn

Coleslaw

DESSERT

Chocolate Sponge
with Chocolate Custard

(Jacket Potato & Cold Options
available where applicable)



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