Growing minds, shaping futures and inspiring lifelong learning

Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2026



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

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

This week, we have been celebrating Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Week, with our theme People Who Changed the World. Children across the school have been learning about inspirational individuals from different cultures and backgrounds who have made a lasting impact on the world, exploring their achievements through literature, history, maths, science, art and music. We also welcomed Martin into school, who led an engaging African drumming workshop. Alongside learning to play the drums, the children discovered more about Ghana, its culture and the importance of names. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm, curiosity and creativity shown by the children throughout the week!. We are inviting all parents and carers to view their children's work this afternoon at 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined Puma Class for their parent workshop. The children created Christmas decorations using a scratch technique. Thank you to Mrs March for leading this and thank you to families for attending and participating in this workshop. Our next parent workshop will be held on Thursday 3rd December for parents and carers in Cheetah Class. We look forward to seeing you there!

We were overwhelmed by the donations sent in today for our Christmas raffle - the Friends of HRPS will be creating some festive hampers. Raffle tickets are available to purchase on the playground before and after school. Thank you for your support with raising funds for the school.

Today, we had a mobile planetarium in the school hall for children in years 5 and 6. This gave them the opportunity to explore the wonders of our solar system, planets and stars. The children had a fantastic time and were fully immersed in the world of space! Thank you to Miss Naisby for organising this fantastic opportunity for the children.

Next week, all children will be sent home with a charity bag for Age UK. Please support this charity by sending in any items, such as: clothes (adults & children), bedding, curtains, toys, towels, books, footwear or any other items that can be donated. Filled bags will need to be returned to school by Wednesday 9th December. Your support is greatly appreciated for this worthy cause.

Our Christmas dinner day is taking place on Wednesday 16th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch, please ensure this is booked by Wednesday 9th December.

If your child will be starting school (Reception) in September 2027, a reminder that 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. A reminder that you are unlikely to secure a place for your child at your chosen school if you do not apply on time, even if you have another other child that attends our school. We are typically oversubscribed so please ensure you apply on time and fill all the options with named schools.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

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: Meerkat with 97.1%
Reward - Class party

KS1: Lemur with 96.3%
Reward - Class party

LKS2: Puma with 95.6%
Reward - Have a fun afternoon

UKS2: Leopard with 97.6%
Reward - Hot chocolate

Whole School: 93.4%

Housepoint Names

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

Happiness - Independence - Excellence - Respect - Ambition

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

Extra-Curricular Achievements

Congratulations to Crue Osborn for demonstrating excellent skills at his dad's workshop.

Well done Crue!



Congratulations to Sophia White for competing in Dunstable Gymnastics and winning 2 gold medals - 1 for the Vault and 1 for the Trampette.

Well done Sophia!



Bronze Awards - 100 Dojo Points



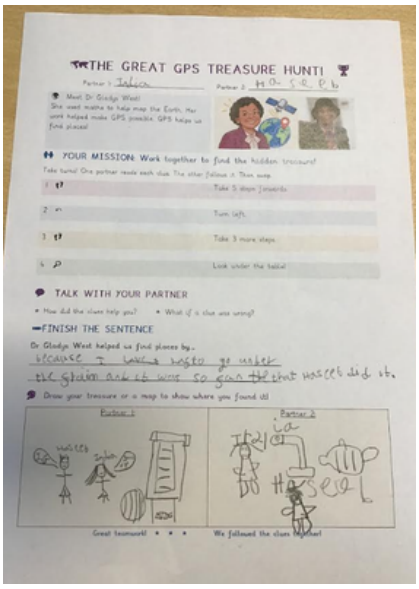


Our learning this week...









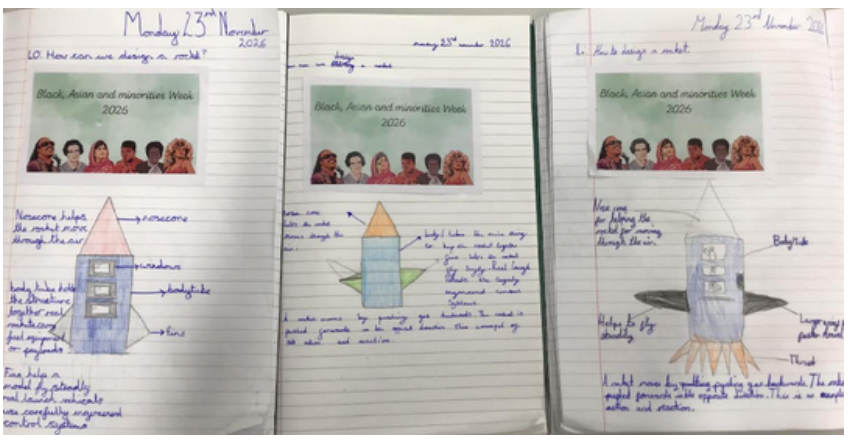














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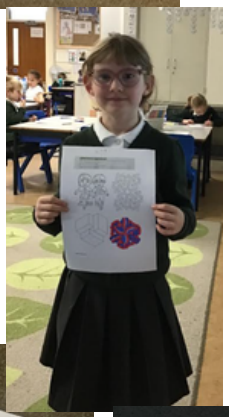















Autumn Term Events

Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
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
Thursday 10th December			iRock	
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 Miss Turner for showing the value of **Excellence** by going above and beyond to support the team and ensure the children receive the best possible care and education.



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

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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

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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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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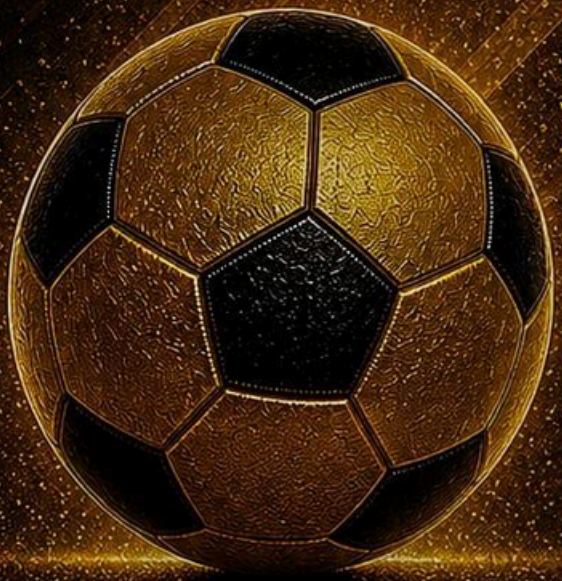
MONDAY NIGHTS

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

LOCATION | CREASEY PARK, DUNSTABLE

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