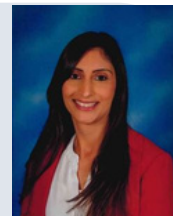




Growing minds, shaping futures and inspiring lifelong learning

# Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2026



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

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a lovely summer break and are well rested for the exciting year we have ahead of us. It has been wonderful to welcome existing and new families back to school this week. The children have settled in incredibly well and it has been particularly lovely to see so many of them racing through the gates each morning, excited to see their friends and get into their classrooms!

A special well done to all of our very newest members of the school community - Nursery and Reception children and parents. You have managed to navigate those important first days at school. There is so much that is new to learn and get used to, and we know that starting school is a big milestone for parents too! It has been lovely to see our youngest children beginning to settle, build relationships and become familiar with their new routines.

From next week, we will be asking parents of our Reception children to drop their children off at the yellow gate that leads into Early Years from the main playground, rather than walking them to the classroom door. There will be staff around to support your child if required. Parents dropping off or collecting children in Nursery should use the gate leading into Nursery, closest to the Mill Road gate. This gate will be the only entrance to the school open for collection from Nursery at the end of the morning session at 11:45am and for drop off for the afternoon session at 12:15pm. The Early Years areas cannot be used as a shortcut by parents or children to walk through to the main playground.

Our expectations for learning attitudes, behaviour and uniform remain high. As we settle back into our routines, I wanted to remind families of the following: please ensure children are coming to school in the correct uniform each day. A reminder of the Uniform Expectations are listed on this page. We would also be grateful if you could check earrings - children may wear one simple stud in each ear only. For safety, please remove any hooped earrings or earrings with dangling parts before children come into school. Hair below shoulder length also needs to be tied back.

Thank you for your support with these little reminders and for such a positive start to the new school year - it has been a real pleasure to have the children back!

Clubs will commence from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September and details will be sent out next week via Google Forms. If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Carter-Hills in the school office.

During this term, we will be inviting parents in to take part in workshops - information and dates around these will be shared next week.

A huge congratulations to Harrison Porter and Joshua Porter. They spent their summer completing the 31 Miles in the August Summer Challenge. They managed to raise just under £200 for Birmingham's Children's Hospital by walking, running and cycling 31 miles during the month of August. Well done to you both - you should be proud of this fantastic achievement!



I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

*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 100%

Reward - Class party

KS1: Fox with 96.7%

Reward - Hot chocolate

LKS2: Cheetah with 100%

Reward - Popcorn/Treats

UKS2: Leopard with 100%

Reward - choose a sports activity

Whole School: 94.4%

## 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

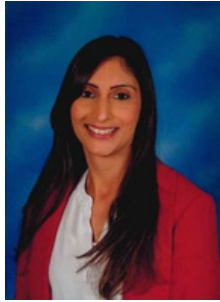
Mathematician – Katherine Johnson

Happiness - Independence - Excellence - Respect - Ambition

## Summer Term Events

| Date                                                                   | Time        | Year Group          | Event                                                                                                | Location                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September                                      | 2:45pm      |                     | AGM - Friends of HRPS                                                                                |                           |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September                                      |             | Reception to Year 6 | Clubs to start this week                                                                             |                           |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October -<br>Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October |             | All                 | Book Fair                                                                                            | Hall                      |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October -<br>Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October   |             | Year 6              | Residential Trip                                                                                     |                           |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October -<br>Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October   |             | All                 | Half Term                                                                                            |                           |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                                        |             | All                 | INSET Day - school is closed for children                                                            |                           |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                                       |             | All                 | Children return to school                                                                            |                           |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December                                      | 1:00-3:00pm | Years 1 & 2         | Christmas Carol Concert                                                                              | All Saints' Parish Church |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 |                           |

# 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



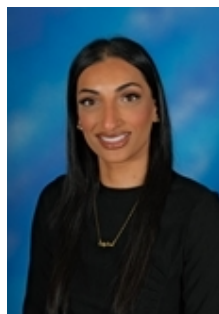
School Business  
Manager

Mrs F Jones



EYFS Leader  
Lead Practitioner

Miss M Davidson



Key Stage 1  
Leader

Miss S Hayat



Key Stage 2  
Leader

Miss E Naisby

# DEVINE

## FOOTBALL COACHING

— DEVELOPMENT CENTRE —

— FOR BOYS & GIRLS —



## 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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# ONLINE TRAINING AND EVENTS *AUTUMN TERM*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**29<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPT  
2026**

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

29/09/2026

12:00 pm - 1:30pm



**2<sup>ND</sup> AND  
9<sup>TH</sup> 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



**21<sup>ST</sup>  
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](http://www.snappcf.org.uk)

**SAVE  
the DATE**