Growing minds, shaping futures and inspiring lifelong learning

Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026



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

Dear Parents, Carers & Children,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful half-term break. The children have returned well rested and have been keen to showcase their learning this week. I led an assembly earlier this week about the importance of lockdown and I explained the reasons behind why a lockdown may need to take place. I shared the procedures that need to be followed in an emergency. We will be carrying out a lockdown drill next week. If you have any questions around this, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

As part of our pupil personal development plan, we have introduced 'The Houghton Ten'. This is a range of opportunities and enrichment activities that all children will experience during their time at Houghton Regis Primary School. The children are very excited about these initiatives, which we discussed in an assembly this week. 'The Houghton Ten' has been shared on the next page.

On Wednesday, we will be talking to children about the importance of Remembrance Day and holding a two minute silence to reflect upon the sacrifices the armed forces make on our behalf. Children can 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 reminder that our Parent Consultation Evenings are being held next week. If you have not yet made an appointment, please do this via ClassDojo or alternatively, speak to your child's class teacher. Entrance to the school for these appointments will be via the side door next to the bike shed. The location of these meetings are listed on the Autumn Term Events Page.

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!

Mrs Everitt and our School Parliament led an assembly informing us about Children in Need. On Friday 13th November, all children and staff are invited to wear yellow and/or spotty clothes for Children in Need with a donation of £1. Throughout the day, children will take part in various activities. Mrs Everitt will be sharing further information about this on ClassDojo.

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 are hosting school tours for parents who are interested in applying for a place at our school during the week of Monday 16th November. Please contact the school if you would like to book a place.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

I 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: Hedgehog with 98.4%
Reward - Sit with your friend for the day
EYFS: Meerkat with 98.4%
Reward - Wear non-uniform on 11/11/26
KS1: Lemur with 98.9%
Reward - Hot chocolate
LKS2: Cheetah with 99%
Reward - Class party
UKS2: Lion with 98.3%
Reward - Hot chocolate
Whole School: 95.8%

Intra-House Competition Winners

1st - Bell
2nd - Curie
3rd - Brunel
4th - Johnson

HRPS

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 Pelageya Golubkova in Year 6 who has achieved a Gold in Kumon Maths.

Well done Pelageya!



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 of the Week

Congratulations to Miss Naisby for showing the value of **Excellence** by giving up her time and going above and beyond on the residential with our Year 6 children, ensuring the children were able to make amazing memories, and have an unforgettable experience.



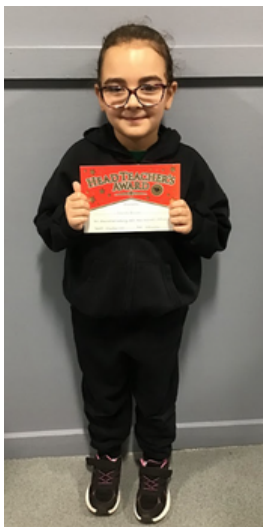


Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children:

Reception: Davina D, Reico P
Years 1 & 2: Abigail C, Aria Palmer, Jaden T
Years 3 & 4: Freya D, Joshua C, Sarah B, Crystal C, Esmae Tracey
Years 5 & 6: Joshua H, Violet H, Nathan S, Emilia C






Bronze Awards - 100 Dojo Points

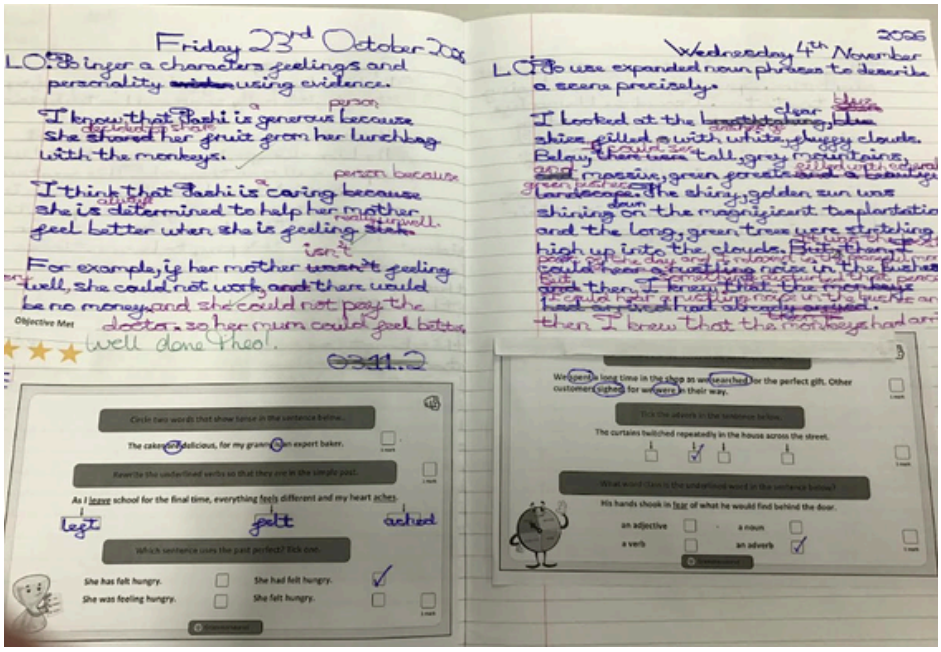




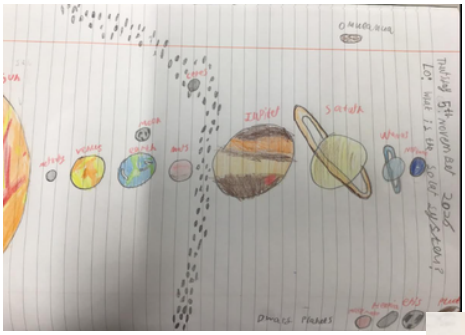

Our learning this week...





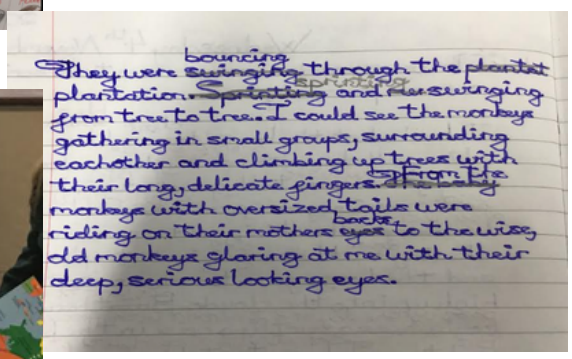












Autumn Term Events

Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Monday 9th November	4:00-7:00pm	All	Parent Consultation Evening Area outside Meerkat Class - Hegehog with Miss Egdell Meerkat Class - Mrs Gammon Otter Class - Miss Davidson Tiger Class - Tiger with Mr English & Lion with Mrs Zarrouq Badger Class - Badger (Miss Hayat), Fox (Mrs Everitt), Lemur (Mrs Asad) Hall - Cheetah (Mrs March), Jaguar (Miss Naisby), Leopard (Mrs Jenkins), Wolf (Mrs Boland), Hyena (Mrs White)	
Wednesday 11th November		All	Remembrance Day	
Thursday 12th November	2:30pm	Year 4 - Wolf Class	Parent Workshop	Hall
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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		All	Odd Socks Day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week —children and staff are invited to wear odd socks.	
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	2:15pm	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
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

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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FOOTBALL COACHING

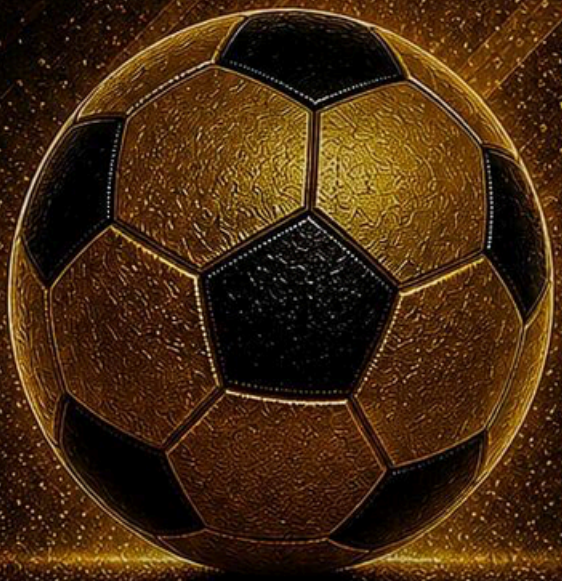
DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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

LOCATION | CREASEY PARK, DUNSTABLE

07860 164156 | sd3vine2729@outlook.com

NOT MY CHILD

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO:

* EXPLOITATION
* KNIFE CRIME
* COUNTY LINES

6:00PM - 9:00PM
THURS 19 NOV 2026
STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL
LUTON - LU2 7UX

BOOK YOUR TICKET

BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE

VEPP BEDFORDSHIRE VIOLENCE & EXPLOITATION PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

Luton

calling all parents & carers!

join us for a free event aimed at raising awareness and equipping you with the knowledge to protect your children from exploitation, knife crime, & county lines.

WHY ATTEND?

- **HEAR REALSTORIES:** Hear lived experiences from parents whose children have sadly fallen victim to such crimes
- **RECOGNISE THE SIGNS:** Learn how to spot the early warning signs that your child is being exploited
- **EXPERT ADVICE:** Get practical advice on what to do if you have concerns about your child's safety
- **SUPPORT NETWORKS:** Connect with organisations that can o er further support and guidance

ANY YOUNG PERSON CAN BE A VICTIM OF THESE CRIMES. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT PARENTS AND CARERS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNS AND KNOW WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP.



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