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Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter Friday 6th June 2025

Interim Headteacher: Mrs R Parmar
Chair of Governors: Mr T Muldownie

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the final half-term of this academic year. This term, there will be a focus on transition and preparing the children for the next chapter in their school journey. You will receive more information about transition arrangements in the upcoming weeks. There will be movement in most year groups, as we balance out the needs within each cohort. This is also a busy term for sports, trips, celebrations and many events for year 6 as they celebrate their final term with us before they move to secondary school.

We have packed a huge amount of purposeful, fun and engaging learning into this week and this has led to a buzz of excitement around the school. The children in year 6 enjoyed their Go Construct Knex Challenge, where we saw lots of creativity and collaboration. Well done to the children for their commitment and enthusiasm and thank you to the staff in year 6 for organising this wonderful opportunity for the children.

Thank you to the parents who attended our workshops this week. In year 1, everyone had a great time learning about toys in the past and comparing these with modern toys. In Reception, there were lots of phonics games and activities to enjoy. Please see details on the upcoming workshops, which will all take place in the hall:

Date	Time	Year Group	Details
Monday 16th June	2:00-3:00pm	5	Science Workshop
Wednesday 18th June	2:00-3:00pm	6	Art Workshop
Monday 23rd June	2:15-3:00pm	Nursery	Maths Workshop
Tuesday 1st July	2:00-3:00pm	4	Art/Design & Technology
Wednesday 2nd July	2:00-3:00pm	2	Design & Technology
Thursday 3rd July	2:00-3:00pm	3	Science

We are holding our annual sports days next week and are hoping the weather holds out for us! Children can come into school in their PE kits for their sports day. The arrangements are as follows:

Date	Time	Year Group	Details
Tuesday 10th June	9:30-10:30am	Nursery & Reception	These will take place on the field. Entry and exit to the field will be via the gate at the bottom of the playground.
Tuesday 10th June	1:30-2:30pm	Nursery (afternoon children)	Members of the PTA will be selling refreshments—cold drinks and snacks during these events. Please note, cash payments will only be accepted.
Thursday 12th June	9:30-11:00am	Years 1 & 2	If sports day is cancelled for any reason, we have planned reserve dates. Please see the 'Upcoming Events' section for dates.
Thursday 12th June	1:30-3:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	

We wish the children in years 1 and 2 the best of luck with their Phonics tests next week and well done to the children in year 4 who completed their Multiplication Tables Checks this week.

Our clubs this term have been a huge success and we will be continuing with these next week. A letter was sent out earlier this week. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

A reminder that we have school photographs taking place on Monday 9th June—please ensure your child has their full school uniform for their photograph. Children will have individual photographs, class photographs and there will be sibling photographs only for children in year 6.

Happy Eid to all members of the local community who are celebrating the festival over the next few days.

Mrs R Parmar

VALUE OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE:

Independence

the quality of being able to do things on your own without relying on others.



Kidz Zone Before and After School Club Information

If you would like further information on Kidz Zone, please visit our website or book on www.kidzzoneclub.com.

Bikes and Scooters

A reminder that children must not be scooting or riding their bikes on the playground before school and at the end of the day. Staff patrolling the playground will be reminding children to 'walk their wheels' in order to keep everyone safe by preventing any accidents from happening.



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is:
Nursery—£2.40
Years 3-6—£2.60
This can be paid via SchoolGrid.

Studybugs QR Code



Attendance Winners

EYFS/KS1: Charlotte and Green with 100%

KS2: Amber & Elizabeth with 100%

Whole School Attendance: 95.2%

Housepoint Winners

EYFS/KS1: Windsor—42 points

KS2: Sandringham—111 points

Overall Winning House: Sandringham—129 points

Meet our Leadership Team



**Interim
Headteacher**
Mrs R Parmar



**Assistant
Headteacher—
Pastoral & Inclusion**
Ms D Faure-Alexis



**Assistant
Headteacher—
Academic & Lower
Key Stage 2 Leader**
**Mr D de Gouviea-
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**School Business
Manager**
Mrs F Jones



Early Years Leader
Mrs R Baldwin



Key Stage 1 Leader
Miss M Davidson



**Upper Key Stage 2
Leader**
Miss E Naisby

EARLY YEARS

Nursery

We are kick starting the new term by focusing on all things water, using our focus book 'Splish, Splash, Splosh' as inspiration we have been learning about how important water is in our world. This week in Platinum Jubilee the children have been creating bubble artwork. Bubble painting is a fun and engaging activity that allows children to explore colour and create unique artwork. It involves mixing paint and bubble solution, the children then gently blow bubbles with a straw and this creates prints on the paper.



Reception

Welcome back! Our new theme is Explore and Discover. After reading the story 'Sam who went to Sea', we made our own vehicles and sorted them into categories of land and sea. This week we have attended three assemblies with years 1 and 2 and have played on the big playground. We are focusing on daily writing after phonics and we have changed our reading books independently. We are really proud of how well the children have matured.



KEY STAGE 1

Year 1

This week, we engaged with an old toys workshop with our parents! It was lovely to see the children interact with both old and new toys through play. There were lots of fantastic discussions and conclusions to determine whether the toys were old or new.



Year 2

In English this week, we have been looking at the features of an instructional text, such as imperative verbs, lists of equipment and sequenced, chronological steps. We followed some instructions to make a witch's spell, but we were a bit disappointed that the spell didn't clean our classroom like it was meant to!



LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Year 3

We were introduced to the inspirational story of Malala Yousafzai this week. After listening to her journey and discussing her various accomplishments, the children created a time-line of her journey. We also discussed her quote - *"Let us remember: One child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world."*



Year 4

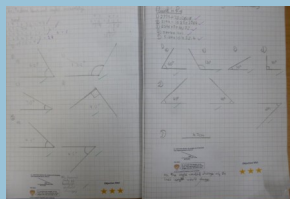
This week, we began exploring our new class reader, 'The Last Bear'. As part of their English work, the children have been learning to identify and understand the differences between the head voice, speaking voice, and heart voice, which helps them connect more deeply with the characters and themes in the story. In maths, the children have been putting all their hard work and practice to the test by completing the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). We are proud of their effort and focus!



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

Year 5

This week the children have been discussing newspaper reports in English and have started to read the book 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo. They will be discussing the topic of tsunamis linked to the geography unit 'Extreme Earth' and creating their own newspaper report. In maths, the children continued to identify angle types and use protractors. They have measured angles in degrees and used a protractor to draw angles and shapes.



Year 6

We started our week off by taking part in the Knex Challenge, where we were tasked to create a fair ground ride out of Knex. We came up with many creative designs and all worked collaboratively with our partners. In English, we have been writing character descriptions and in Science we've been using the symbols for circuits when drawing our own complete circuits.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Congratulations to the following children:

Early Years *Carina P, Evelyn P, Lailana C, Vlad R, Arthur C*

Years 1 & 2 *Iosua U, Milan Z, Floeda M*

Years 3 & 4 *Joshua H, Annabelle M, Arthur D*

Years 5 & 6 *Benjamin C, Maksym G, Fleano M, Shae E*



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Upcoming Events:

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Monday	9 June		All children	School photographs - please ensure children have their full uniform in school for their photograph.
Monday-Friday	9-13 June		Year 1 & Year 2 resitting	Phonics Screening Check Week
Tuesday	10 June	8:45-10:00am	All	Coffee Morning
		9:30-10:30am	Nursery & Reception	Sports Day
		1:30-2:30pm	Nursery (PM)	Sports Day
Wednesday	11 June		Year 2	Visit from the Fire Brigade
Thursday	12 June	9:30-11:00am	Years 1 & 2	Sports Day
		1:30-3:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Sports Day
Monday	16 June	2:00-3:00pm	Year 5	Parent workshop—Science
Wednesday	18 June	9:30-10:30am	Nursery & Reception	Sports Day (Reserve Day)
		1:30-2:30pm	Nursery (PM)	Sports Day (Reserve Day)
Wednesday	18 June		Year 3	Trip to Buckingham Railway Centre
Thursday	19 June	9:30-11:00am	Years 1 & 2	Sports Day (Reserve Day)
		1:30-3:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Sports Day (Reserve Day)
Monday-Friday	23-27 June	All day	Year 6	Careers Week/Enterprise Week
Monday	23 June		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs—Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Monday	23 June	2:13-3:00pm	Nursery	Parent workshop—Maths
Tuesday	24 June		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs—Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Tuesday	24 June	5:00-6:00pm	Nursery	New to Reception Meeting
Thursday	26 June	3:00-3:45pm	Year 6	Year 6 Enterprise Fair
Wednesday	25 June		Year 2	Trip to Ashridge
Tuesday	1 July	2:00-3:00pm	Year 4	Parent workshop—Art/Design & Technology
Wednesday	2 July		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs —Maths
Wednesday	2 July	2:00-3:00p	Year 2	Parent workshop—Design & Technology
Thursday	3 July		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs —Maths
Thursday	3 July	2:00-3:00pm	Year 3	Parent workshop—Science
Tuesday	8 July		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs results
Tuesday	8 July	5:00-6:00pm	Year 6	End of year production
Wednesday	9 July	9:30-10:30am	Year 6	End of year production
Thursday	10 July	2:00-3:00pm	Year 6	End of year production
Monday	21 July	9:15-10:00am	Year 6	Leavers' Assembly
Monday	21 July	4:30-6:00pm	Year 6	Leavers' Party
Tuesday	22 July		All children	Last day of term—school closes at 2pm

YOU'RE INVITED COFFEE MORNING

AT HOUGHTON REGIS PRIMARY

Tuesday, 10th June 2025

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Join us for a warm drink,
friendly conversation, and an
opportunity to connect with fellow
parents and staff. We look forward
to seeing you



Ms D Alexis

Mrs R Ali

Miss A Coleman

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.

What Do PTAs Do?

These groups may aim to accomplish a range of things, all usually geared at making the school a better place to learn.

Members of a PTA are likely to work together to raise money with a variety of creative events throughout the school year, encouraging the whole community to get involved.

PTA Events at Houghton Regis Primary School

In previous years, the Houghton Regis PTA has organised summer fetes, Santa's Christmas Grotto, discos and a sponsored walk to name a few.

Why are PTAs Important?

PTAs 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 a PTA?

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

Please email the Chair, Mrs R Reid-Stavrinides 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

