



Hughenden Primary School

Working together, Empowering Lives, Enriching Minds

Newsletter – November 2024
SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the start of term. Thank you again to Friends of Hughenden Primary School for arranging the Halloween Trail – we look forward to hearing how much the event raised for the school. The Christmas Winter Wonderland event is set to be another fantastic afternoon – save the date for Friday 20th December from 1:30pm. There will be a raffle event on the day – if you are able to donate a raffle prize, or know of any local companies who would, please get in touch with either ourselves or FPTA.

Happy Diwali to those families who celebrated over the half term break. Each year group will be marking the importance of Diwali this week and we are inviting the children to wear bright and colourful clothes on Friday 8th November. We kindly ask for sensible shoes, and if you have PE on Friday afternoon, pupils are to bring their PE kit into school.

Since the start of term, we have welcomed 8 new families across the school to the Hughenden community. All 14 new pupils have settled in wonderfully and thank you to everyone who has made them feel welcome – it truly showcases our CHEER Values and the importance of a strong community. On Wednesday 13th November, we are hosting our second Open Morning for prospective parents. If you know of any families looking for a school place for their son or daughter, then please ask them to contact the school office to secure their place.

As a school, we continue to promote the importance of Reading, not only within the daily phonic and English lessons but across all areas of the curriculum. Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 have been continuing with their Read Write Inc. phonic lessons, and across Key Stage 2, the pupils are continuing to enjoy their class books and their individual Accelerated Reader (AR) journey. As part of AR, we are able to see how many words the pupils have read this year – so far across all four-year groups, there has been nearly 4 million words read! This is an amazing achievement – let's see how many can be read by December!

Some staff changes have taken place since the start of the Autumn term. We have welcomed Ms. Myatt who is working in the school office and the lunch hall and Miss Anson as a full time LSA. Mrs Catlin has more recently joined the staff team as a full time LSA; she has transferred from another school within the Academy and we look forward to working with her. With sad news, unfortunately, Miss Warren has made the decision to step away from her role; this wasn't an easy decision for her and as a school, we wish her well. By the end of this week, I will be writing to Year 5 and Year 2 parents with regards to the teacher updates – these letters will be sent via e-schools.

Attendance at school is so, so important and it is everyone's responsibility. Good attendance helps with not only academic achievement but also social skills, routines and enhance learning opportunities. As parents, we ask you to:

- Ensure your child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies.
- Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness) before 9am.
- Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance.
- Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

The expected level of attendance is 97%. This equates to your child attending school for a minimum of 186 days across the whole school year. From last half term monitoring, if your child's attendance is significantly below this percentage, we will be writing to you separately. We want to continue to work with you to ensure that every child is able to attend school as frequently as possible.

Thank you again for your continued support and, as always, if you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

School Attendance
Every day counts...

Good attendance helps with...

- Academic Achievement**
Regular attendance helps children keep up with the curriculum and perform better academically.
- Social Skills**
Attending school regularly helps children develop friendships, social skills and learning how to interact with others.
- Routine & Responsibility**
Good attendance teaches the importance of commitment, routine, and responsibility, which are all valuable life skills.
- Focus & Engagement**
Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.
- Building Confidence**
Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.
- Enhanced Learning Opportunities**
School provides not just academic instruction, but also extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities.

Over half a term missed!

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

Did you know there are...

- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

Silly School Education

| Absence Level | Attendance Percentage |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 0 Days Absence | 100% Attendance |
| 10 Days Absence | 95% Attendance |
| 19 Days Absence | 90% Attendance |
| 29 Days Absence | 85% Attendance |
| 38 Days Absence | 80% Attendance |
| 47 Days Absence | 75% Attendance |

Kind regards

Mrs. Katherine Mann
Headteacher

open day

Open Days

For families with children due to start in September 2025, we have another open day on 13th November at 9.30am. Please call or email the school office to book a place. We look forward to hearing from you.

Changes to collection arrangements

We have an increasing number of parents asking to collect their children early so they can attend appointments. Please note that on assembly days, Monday, Wednesday and Friday's, you will have to collect at 2.45pm before assembly starts. It is appreciated if you can provide advance notice in these instances so we can inform relevant staff ahead of time.

Absences

If your child is absent, please can you email attendance@hughendenprimary.co.uk with your child's full name and school year with the reason why they are absent from school. If this can be done no later than 9am, it really helps us account for all children promptly – thank you.

POPPIES AND MERCHANDISE ON SALE

Remembrance Day is on Monday 11th November. We do have a selection of poppy items available to purchase for a small donation. These are available to purchase in the school office before and after school.



- Poppies - donation
- Reflective poppies – 50p
- Slap bands - £1.50
- Festival wrist band - £2.00

Wraparound Care

There has been an increasing number of parents forgetting to book their children in for wraparound care. This has caused some confusion and upset amongst the children when they aren't sure where they are meant to be going. We thank you for your continued support and to ensure your child has a space, pre-booking is essential. Please make sure bookings are made by 2pm so that staff can be made aware.

Music Tuition at Hughenden



We work with a number of providers who deliver private music lessons to children throughout the school day. We will be organising some taster assemblies in the Autumn Term for children to see what's on offer. Children have the opportunity of learning guitar taught through Little Strummers, brass taught through The Bucks Music Trust and, piano and singing through Music Tutors 4 U. Please look at our website for their contact details; Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs. If your child is absent

from school, it is your responsibility to inform the provider to save any wasted trips.

Help needed for the Snowflake Winter Dance on Wednesday 20th November.



Tickets will not go on sale until all supervision volunteer spaces are filled

1) Supervision. This sign up sheet will be open for one week and reviewed to see if there's enough volunteers for the Disco to take place.

2) Purchase a treat for the disco

Thank you, all help is very much appreciated.

Timings:

KS1 Doors Open 3:20

KS2 Doors Open 4.50

KS1 Disco 3:30-4:30

KS2 Disco 5-6pm

Marlow Inclusive Football Club

Marlow Inclusive Football Club is looking for new players for all age groups. The club plays in a football league providing competitive playing opportunities for children and adults who have physical, mental and learning difficulties. It provides the perfect environment for those looking to play and enjoy football who may be struggling with a mainstream environment.

There are teams at Under 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s as well as adult teams. Children can start playing in the lowest age group from the age of 8. Boys and girls are welcome.

The club is a truly inclusive and welcoming club that places enjoyment above winning at all costs.

If you are interested and would like to hear more please contact John Ayling by e mail (johnbrandonayling@gmail.com) or phone (07799 530991)

Extra – Curricular Term Dates 2024

Please see our Clubs Timetable for the Autumn Term. All the details of how to book can be found on our school website under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs.

Extra-Curricular Autumn Term 2024

| DAY | Club | Type of Session | Start Date | How to Book | Times | Finish Date |
|-----------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---|----------------------|-------------|
| MONDAY | Choir Club | Foundation – Year 6 | 9.9.24 | Choir, open to everyone. (Free of Charge) Email: helen@littlestrummers.co.uk | Monday lunchtimes | 16.12.24 |
| TUESDAY | Street Dancing | Foundation – Year 6 | 9.9.24 | Book via email: nsgperformingarts@gmail.com Foundation class room | 3.15 – 4.15pm | 9.12.24 |
| WEDNESDAY | Strumming Club | Music Foundation – Year 6 | 11.9.24 | Open to everyone, instruments provided. (Free of Charge) Email: helen@littlestrummers.co.uk | Wednesday lunchtimes | 18.12.24 |
| | Orchestra & Music Club | Foundation – Year 6 | 11.9.24 | Orchestra & Music club open to everyone. (Free of Charge) Orchestra & Music club is now open to everyone learning an instrument or those that have never played. Email: helen@littlestrummers.co.uk | 3:20pm – 4:15pm | 18.12.24 |
| THURSDAY | Samurai Kickboxing | Foundation, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 | 19.9.24 | Booking form on School Website Under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs | 3:15 - 4.15pm | 5.12.24 |
| FRIDAY | Gym Club | Foundation – Year 6 | 9.9.24 | Booking link on School Website Under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs Premier Sport – 16 places | 3.15-4.15pm | 16.12.24 |

Our Wrap Around Care is managed by Friends at Play who offer Breakfast Club from 7.30-8.50 am and After School Club from 3.20-6pm daily. Full details can be found on our website. Go to: Parent Hub/Wrap Around Care. We also offer music lessons during the school day which are run by Little Strummers and Music Tutors 4U. If your child is interested in signing up for these lessons, please go to: Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs for more information.

In order to comply with GDPR requirements, all forms need to be returned directly to the provider along with payment.

DIARY DATES 2024

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| 6 th November 2024 | Remembrance assembly |
| 8 th November 2024 | Diwali Mufti day – Colourful clothing, no donation required PTFA Chore challenge starts – postponed until the Spring Term |
| 11 th November 2024 | Odd sock Day – Start of Anti-Bullying Week |
| 13 th November 2024 | Open Day 9.30am |
| 15 th November 2024 | Children In Need Day – Wear Pyjamas – refer to details on Class Dojo |
| 20 th November 2024 | PTFA – Mufti for Raffle donation PTFA Disco – Details are on Classlist |
| 6 th December 2024 | Inset Day |
| 12 th December 2024 | Christmas Jumper Day |
| 12 th December 2024 | Hoppers and Foundation Nativity 2pm |
| 13 th December 2024 | PTFA Foundation - Year 1 cake sale |
| 16 th December 2024 | Carol Concert 2.30pm |
| 17 th December 2024 | Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm show start |
| 18 th December 2024 | Key Stage 1 Nativity 9:30am show start |
| 19 th December 2024 | Hoppers and Foundation Christmas Stay and Play from 1:30pm |
| 20 th December 2024 | PTFA 1.30 Winter Wonderland |

FINAL Term Dates 2024/25 Academic Year - Hughenden Primary School



Pupil Days

School holidays

Bank holidays

Proposed inset days

Transition Days



| Sep-24 | | | | | | | Oct-24 | | | | | | | Nov-24 | | | | | | | Dec-24 | | | | | | |
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| May-25 | | | | | | | Jun-25 | | | | | | | Jul-25 | | | | | | | Aug-25 | | | | | | | |
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Term Dates for Academic Year 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

INSET days (school closed for pupils)

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September

Thursday 24th October

Friday 6th December

Children in School – Wednesday 4th September – Wednesday 23rd October (3.10/3.20pm)

Half Term Holiday Dates – Friday 25th October – Friday 1st November

Children in School – Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December (1.30pm)

Spring Term 2025

INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Friday 3rd January

Children in School – Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February (3.10/3.20pm)

Half Term Holiday Dates – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025

Children in School – Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April (1.30pm)

Summer Term 2025

INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Friday 4th July

Children in School – Tuesday 22nd April – Thursday 22nd May (3.10/3.20)

Half Term Holiday Dates – Friday 23rd May – Friday 30th May

Children in School – Monday 2nd June - Wednesday 23rd July (1.30pm)

INSET Days

Recommended in-service training days for teachers (school is closed)

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Thursday 24th October 2024

Friday 6th December 2024

Friday 3rd January 2025

Friday 4th July 2025