



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – Easter/April 2025



Dear Parents,

The parent consultation meetings have run smoothly this week and we hope you found them beneficial to discuss the progress that your child has been making over the spring term. We fully understand that 10 minutes is a small period of time, so, if you feel you need to discuss anything further, then please do contact us either via Class Dojo or the school office.

As you came into the school, you may have noticed the new Presentation Celebration Board; this is an opportunity to celebrate those who have been taking pride in their presentation. Each week, the Oscar trophy is awarded to the pupil who has shown true pride across a range of subjects – the Oscar then sits proudly on their desk and their work is displayed for all to see.

I enjoyed accompanying Year 5 and Year 6 on their residential trips away and the CHEER values were shown by all pupils. I must say, there was a sudden flurry of enthusiasm from the Year 6 pupils to tip my paddle board over, and well done (I think!) to Hamza for his superb determination and paddling skills in order to catch me!

We have a number of exciting trips planned for the summer term including a visit to Buckingham Palace and of course, our whole school seaside trip in July! Further details will follow about this day.

As shared via the Dojo post, we have warmly welcomed Sarah Brennan as our new receptionist; Freya Shankar as an LSA and Rahila Ali as Hot Lunch Supervisor.

As we move to the start of the Easter break, we hope the warm weather continues to allow us explore outside. Within our local area, we have many places to visit – some great places include The Rye, Wendover Woods and exploring the nature trails around Hughenden Valley. If and when you do explore, please remember to respect the areas. A clear message which is often displayed is: 'Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints and keep nothing but memories.'

Thank you again for your continued support, and if you have any questions or queries, then please do reach out to us to discuss.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mann

Dropping off children

We are extremely lucky to have use of our turning circle. Please be reminded not to block it at morning drop off, despite this being on various Dojo posts, this still remains an issue. Parents are not allowed to park in the staff overflow carpark at any time as this prevents staff from parking and delays their start to the day which in turn, affects children's learning.



All children arriving after the gates have closed, will need to be signed in at the school office on our Inentry system by the adult bringing them to school.

Similarly, we have received some comments from local residents who have been affected by inconsiderate parking which is disappointing to hear. Please be respectful when parking to ensure pavements and driveways remain clear at all times.

Collecting children

At the end of the school day, the priority of the teacher/support staff is ensuring that all children are collected safely and effectively. If you have a query/question, please wait until all children have left, or alternatively, send a message via dojo and the teacher can respond accordingly. We respect the work life balance of our staff so please be patient in awaiting a response.



End of school day

This continues to be an issue with a small number of parents arriving late to collect their children. If you can't collect on time, please make alternative arrangements by asking a friend or booking into ASC.

KS1 – 3.10pm

KS2 – 3.20pm

Kids Lunch

Kids Lunch are excited to announce the new ordering system which has been upgraded to make the process smoother and more user-friendly!

With the new system, you will now be able to:

- ✓ Create an account to manage orders easily
- ✓ Modify or cancel orders as needed
- ✓ Apply meal credits (paid lunches) toward future meals
- ✓ Avoid past-date orders with an integrated calendar
- ✓ Ensure orders meet the midday cut-off for the following week

Please remember to order your child's meals by 12PM on the Friday cut-off to ensure meals are provided. If you miss the cut-off, packed lunches will have to be provided for the whole week.



These updates will resolve previous syncing issues and provide a more seamless experience for you and our team. We appreciate your patience and feedback as we continue to improve our services. To get started, simply sign up for a parent account and explore the new features. If you have any questions, please get in touch using the 'contact us' tab on the website.

We have been informed by Kids Lunch that, regrettably, they have had to increase their prices for KS2 lunches which will become effective from the 1st April 2025. This hasn't been an easy decision for them to make but given the rising costs of ingredients and supplies, it's unavoidable. KS2 meals will now cost £3.00.



A polite reminder

Please can we ask parents not to bring their dogs onto the school site at any point. Not everyone is comfortable around animals and both adults and children can find them intimidating.

Instead, please wait by the school sign or tie your dog to the railing by the sign, away from the gate, before coming onto site. Thank you for your support with this.

Raring to Go

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/highwycombe/spring2025/>

ALL ABOUT FAMILY

Please find below some useful information about internet safety, first aid and a whole range of useful topics in the link below.

[All about Family](#)



The school raised a total of **£143.15** for Red Nose Day, thank you all and well done everybody!

Assessing the oral health of children in reception and year six

As updated on the Class Dojo, Buckinghamshire Council annually assess the oral health of children across the county to help highlight any areas of children's dental health that needs to be addressed. Public Health would appreciate it if you could spend 5-minutes completing a short anonymous survey that asks basic questions regarding your child's oral health and general oral routine. To access the survey, please either, click on the link below or copy and paste the link into your browser:

[Dental Health Survey](#)

Deadline for completion is **Thursday 31st July 2025**.

PTFA News

Thank you to those who participated in the Sponsored read that raised just over £700 towards the play equipment we are raising money for!

1st prize: Samson Shankar

2nd prize: Jai Hundal

3rd prize: Christopher Markham

As well as individual prizes, this year in the spirit of a team effort for a class prize, the class with the most participants of the sponsored read won the award.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: FOUNDATION!!! Their prize is a MUFTI DAY which is planned for Friday 25th April 2025.

GIFT BACK PROJECT

A parent is excited to share an incredible opportunity for the children and families at the school, to get involved in a heartfelt initiative: The gift back project. This is an initiative that teaches children about the importance of empathy and kindness by helping children in need around the world. Through this project, we aim to raise awareness about less fortunate children who have experienced unimaginable hardship, and empower the students to make a meaningful difference.

Here's how it works: children will fill a sturdy tin or shoe box with small toys and thoughtful gifts for children for their chosen age and gender. This is an opportunity for them to show generosity and compassion, creating a tangible impact on the lives of others. Once filled, the boxes will be collected at the school, and the gifts will be sent to children who truly need them. The campaign will culminate in May 2025, and the gift boxes will be shipped off in June.

We are excited to invite you and your children to be a part of this meaningful and powerful initiative, helping to bring joy to children who need it most. Thanks to the support of caring families like yours, over 35,000 gifts have already been delivered to children in Yemen, Syria, and the UK. Now, it's our turn to make a difference!

Taking part is simple: repurpose any empty date or biscuit tin (or a sturdy box like a shoebox) and fill it with thoughtful gifts. Items can include small toys, colouring books, colouring pens, and more! Then, just label the box with the gender and age group you have chosen. These boxes will then be shipped to children who have tragically lost their families due to conflict and hardship.

The children who will receive these gifts are between the ages of 0-11 and are living in orphanages, having faced devastating loss, homelessness, and hunger. Many have lost everything, and we can be the ones to bring them a little happiness and hope.

Once your box is packed, drop it off at the Hughenden Primary School office by **Friday, May 2nd**. A volunteer will then collect the boxes, and ensure they make it to children in need.

If you are unable to prepare a gift box, don't worry! You can still contribute by making a donation at the link below. Your donation will go towards purchasing gifts for children, ensuring that even more children receive a gift and feel the love we are sending.

[Gift Back](#)

Suggested Items to Include (all new):

- Small toys, stationery, arts & crafts, crayons, colouring books
- Hygiene items (e.g., sanitary towels, new T-shirts, socks, underwear, flip-flops)
- Accessories like hairbands, hairbrushes, yo-yos, puzzles, balls, jewellery
- Age-appropriate books, notebooks, and even clothing like dresses or hijabs

Please do not include:

- Food, liquids, sharp objects, fragile items, or war-related toys (e.g., guns, knives)
- Any used or damaged items, medicines, or sweets

Suggested Age Groups:

- 0 to 3 years
- 4 to 8 years
- 9+ years (Please label boxes for girls with sanitary items as 'Girl 9+')

Together, we can make a difference and bring smiles to children who need it most.

Mov-A-Thon – sponsored PTFA event to promote healthy living



What counts: participants can choose their type of movement eg. Walking, Jogging, Jump rope, Swimming, Biking, Scooting, Football, Climbing

1) Move every day and log the minutes based on the activities above (school break times do not count!)

- move everyday = badge
- individual with most number of minutes per class will get you a prize
- class with most minutes wins a prize of extra break time!
- most money raised in total (1 person) will also receive a prize

2) Healthy lifestyles
Daily: water in their drinks bottles for 2 weeks will get you a badge
Daily: piece of fruit in their lunch box for 2 weeks will get you a badge

School will kick off the Mov-A-Thon in conjunction with Healthy Lifestyles in Assembly w/c 22nd April and the event will close on Friday 9th May.

Certificates and Badges to be given out

friends at play



Easter Holiday Club

Based at Hughenden Primary school
HP14 4LR
Available to all children ages 3 to 11

Full Session: 8 AM – 5 PM
School Session: 8:30 AM – 3 PM

Opening Dates:
07/04/25 – 11/04/25
&
14/04/25 – 17/04/25

£34 for a full day or £30 for a school day
10% Sibling discount if booking more than one session.

Breakfast and Snacks will be provided.
Please bring a packed lunch and water bottle along with you.
*Dietary Needs can be catered for. Please state on booking.

Activities to Include:
Arts & Crafts, Cookery, Film Club, Team Games & Free Play.

We are always led by the children's needs and interests.

To book your place please click on the link below and sign up to our online booking system. [Link: https://www.friendsatplay.com](https://www.friendsatplay.com)

Friends at Play Easter Holiday Club

Please see the details of the holiday club on the flyer and how to book.

Details have been sent home separately on Class Dojo informing you of a change to the booking system for Friends at Play.

They will be using a booking system called iPAL which will streamline their approach providing a smoother and more inclusive service for parents.

The new system will come into effect from 1st April, however parents are able to go on the system now to get setup and have a look around.



Easter Holiday Activities

5 - 21 April 2025

Join us for a fantastic line-up of family fun Easter activities, including **The Sand Dragon: Puppet Show & Puppet Making Workshop**. Get hands-on with **egg-celent Science** and step back in time with our **Anglo-Saxons workshops** for an unforgettable experience. With even more hands-on fun to discover, there's something for everyone to enjoy! Plus enjoy our **Easter Egg Trail** on every day of the holiday.
Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org or scan the QR code



Discover Bucks Museum
Owlsh Street
Aylesbury MK20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331644

Monday 7 April & 14 April - Eggcellent Science
60 minute workshop. Timed slots available. Suitable for ages 5-11

Tuesday 8 April - Hatch A Dinosaur
10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 4-11

Wednesday 9 April - Bucks Back In Time: Anglo-Saxons
10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 4-11

Thursday 10 April - Make A Pinhole Camera
10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 4-11

Friday 11 April - Matilda's Brilliant Bookbags
10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 3 - 11

Tuesday 15 April - Get Inspired
10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 3 - 11

Wednesday 16 April - The BFG's Dream Bottles
10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 3 - 11

Thursday 17 April - The Sand Dragon: Puppet Show & Puppet Making Workshop. 90 minute workshop. Timed slots available. Suitable for ages 4-9

Friday 18 April - Eggcellent Egg-Hunters
Timed slots available. Suitable for ages 3-10

Sunday 20 April - Easter Biscuits
12pm - 2pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 3-11

Play, Discover, Learn!
this Easter holiday in
the Roald Dahl
Children's Gallery

For more event
details, charges and
to book please scan
the QR code
or visit
discoverbucksmuseum.org

Enjoy our Easter
Egg Trail on
every day
5 - 21 April

Closes
Monday
21 April

Light Fantastic Hands-
on Science Exhibits!

Experiment with lenses, lightning and
luminosity and discover brilliant exhibits on colour and
optics. Investigate how images merge into moving
pictures and how your brain influences what you see. Also
on display are the wonderful entries and competition
winners in our Bucks Photography Exhibition.

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Easter Holiday Events

30th March - 20th April

Easter Egg Hunt

Hunt our gardens for eggs to win a prize! Best for age 3 - 11. Pre-book or drop in. £3.15 per child. Not available Mon & Sat.

Tues 8th & Wed 9th April

Discover & Make: Royal Swans of Wycombe

Craft a paper swan, and then make paper crowns for yourself and your swan! Age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £4.50 per child.

Tues 15th & Wed 16th April

Discover & Make: Trick Your Eyes or Mind?

The Victorians loved optical illusions. Get inspired & have a go at making your own! Age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £4.50 per child.

Just for toddlers

<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Fri 11th</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Tiny Talk Time</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">Toddler story time, crafts and fun. We'll be reading 'Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus!' Pre-book. £3.90 per child.</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Thu 11th</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Forest School</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">Exploring, cooking and singing around the campfire, natural crafts and more. For 18mth - 5 yrs. Pre-book. £8.90 per child.</p>
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Book at wycombemuseum.org.uk

01494 557210 | info@wycombemuseum.org | www.wycombemuseum.org.uk

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 finish)

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

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

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 finish)

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

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

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 finish)

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

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

Extra – Curricular Term Dates 2025

Please see our Clubs Timetable for the Summer Term. All the details of how to book can be found on our school website under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs. Please note that Street Dance is not taking place for the summer term due to low uptake, and parents will need to contact NSG directly to obtain a full refund.

PLEASE NOTE THE COLLECTION TIMES AND COLLECT PROMPTLY FROM CLUBS – THANK YOU

Extra-Curricular Summer Term 2025

DAY	Club	Year Groups	Start Date	How to Book	Times	Finish Date
MONDAY	Choir Club	Foundation – Year 6	28.4.25	Choir, open to everyone. (Free of Charge) Email: helen@littlestrummers.co.uk	Monday lunchtimes	14.7.25
	Netball Club	Year 3-6	28.4.25	Booking link on School Website Under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs	3.15 - 4.15pm	14.7.25
WEDNESDAY	Chess Club	Year 3 - 4		Open to all Y3 and Y4 children	Wednesday lunchtime	
	Orchestra & Music Club	Foundation – Year 6	23.4.25	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	16.7.25
	Chess Club	Year 5 - 6		Open to all Y5 and Y6 children	Thursday lunchtime	
THURSDAY	Samurai Kickboxing	Foundation, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4	24.4.25	Booking form on School Website Under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs	3:15 - 4.15pm	10.7.25
FRIDAY	Gym Club	Foundation – Year 6	25.4.25	Booking link on School Website Under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs Premier Sport – 20 places	3.15 - 4.15pm	14.7.25

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. 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.

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						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon		2	9	16	23	30		
Tue		3	10	17	24		Tue		1	8	15	22	29	Tue		5	12	19	26	Tue		3	10	17	24	31	
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed		2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27	Wed		4	11	18	25		
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Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri		4	11	18	25		Fri		1	8	15	22	29	Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat		5	12	19	26		Sat		2	9	16	23	30	Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun		1	8	15	22	29	Sun		6	13	20	27		Sun		3	10	17	24		Sun		1	8	15	22	29

Jan-25							Feb-25							Mar-25							Apr-25						
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Sun		5	12	19	26		Sun		2	9	16	23		Sun		2	9	16	23	30	Sun		6	13	20	27	

May-25							Jun-25							Jul-25							Aug-25						
Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25		
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Sun		4	11	18	25		Sun		1	8	15	22	29	Sun		13	20	27		Sun		3	10	17	24	31	

DIARY DATES 2025

2 nd April 2025	Parents Evening – information sent on eSchools/Class Dojo
3 rd April 2025	Parents Evening – information sent on eSchools/Class Dojo
4 th April 2025	Mufti Day for Easter and Eid Finish at 1.30pm for End of Term
22 nd April 2025	Children back in school Sponsored Mov-A-Thon starts – PTFA event
28 th April 2025	EYFS Trip to Buckingham Palace – refer to trip letter for details
1 st May 2025	PTFA Open Meeting – 7pm
2 nd May 2025	Gift Back donations to be collected.
9 th May 2025	Sponsored Mov-A-Thon ends – PTFA event
12 th May 2025	Year 6 SATs week
16 th May 2025	PTFA Year 6 ice pop sale
22 nd May 2025	PTFA Break the Rules Day –further details to follow on Classlist Children finish for half term 3.10/3.20pm
2 nd June 2025	Children back in school
3 rd June 2025	Smiles at School – class group photos
18 th June 2025	PTFA school disco
23 rd – 27 th June 2025	Travelling Book Fayre
26 th June 2025	Year 5 to GKCS
1 st July 2025	Transition Days
2 nd July 2025	Transition Days
3 rd July 2025	Summer concert on the field, then PTA event.
4 th July 2025	Inset Day – school closed for pupils
9 th July 2025	Sports Day – TBC
14 th July 2025	Enrichment Week – Surf and Turf
15 th July 2025	Whole School trip to the seaside – further details to follow
18 th July 2025	Colour Run Year 3 Ice-Pops
23 rd July 2025	Children finish for end of term – 1.30pm
31 st July 2025	Dental Health Survey completion date.