

# **Hughenden Primary School**

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#### **Newsletter - End of Year Newsletter**

Dear Parents,

Following a review of the length of our school day and ensuring we provide a minimum of 32.5 hours of education per week, the following times will be followed from January 2025. These changes will apply for all pupils from Foundation to Year 6; Hoppers timings will remain the same.

- **8:40am School Gate Opens** children to make their way into class to complete their morning activities
- 8:50am School Gate Closes registration will take place.
- Pupils arriving 8:55am to 9am will be recorded as late on the register
- After 9am Children arriving at this time will be recorded as late after the register closed and this is recorded as unauthorised absence unless a satisfactory explanation for the late arrival can be provided, for example, attendance at an exceptional medical appointment or notification that registers have been kept open for extreme conditions.

Attendance and punctuality are key. Moving forwards, if difficulties arise then we are open to work with you to ensure punctuality. Opportunities of support will involve working alongside myself and Mrs Bendall to offer suitable suggestions to ease morning routines. It is vitally important that your child arrives at school on time as lessons start promptly. Children who arrive after this time often find it difficult to catch up with their learning.

Good attendance helps with not only academic achievement but also social skills, routines and enhance learning opportunities. As we prepare for the new Spring term, 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).
- 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. 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.

We hope you all enjoyed attending the nativities, once again, the children did themselves proud. Thank you for your kinds words, cards and gifts, we have been overwhelmed by your generosity. We hope you all enjoy the festive break with your families and look forward to seeing you back in school on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Kind regards Mrs Mann

#### **Kids Lunch**

Kids lunch are currently updating their menus. They will be ready to look at and order from on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. They are also in the process of redeveloping the website to enable parents to create an account whereby they can access their orders, make changes, cancel meals & obtain credits for cancelled meals. The new system will also link to a calendar so that the ordering process is much more efficient. They aim to have the new system up & running around February half term and we will keep you posted on this as we receive updates from them.

For meals for the first week back after half term, all orders need to be completed by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.

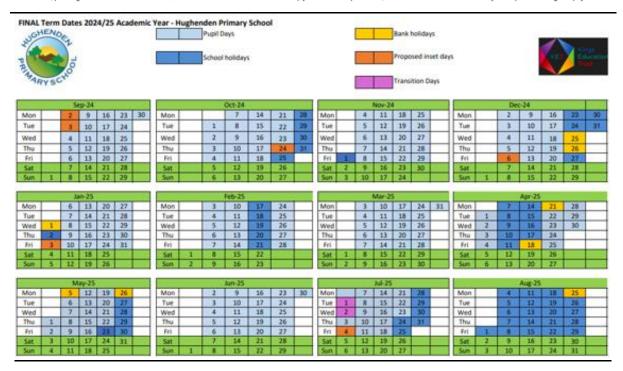
#### Extra – Curricular Term Dates 2025

Please see our Clubs Timetable for the Spring Term. All the details of how to book can be found on our school website under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs. Note the new addition of a Netball club.

## Extra-Curricular Spring Term 2025

DAY	Club	Type of Session	Start Date	How to Book	Times	Finish Date
MONDAY	Choir Club	Foundation – Year 6	6.1.25	Choir, open to everyone. (Free of Charge) Email: helen@littlestrummers.co.uk	Monday lunchtimes	31.3.25
	Netball Club	Year 3-6	13.1.25	Booking link on School Website Under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs	3.15 - 4.15pm	10.2.25
TUESDAY	Street Dancing	Foundation – Year 6	14.1.25	Book via email: nsgperformingarts@gmail.com Foundation class room	3.15 – 4.15pm	25.3.25
	Strumming Club	Music Foundation – Year 6	8.1.25	Open to everyone, instruments provided. (Free of Charge) Email: helen@littlestrummers.co.uk	Wednesday lunchtimes	2.4.25
WEDNESDAY	Orchestra & Music Club	Foundation – Year 6	8.1.25	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	2.4.25
THURSDAY	Samurai Kickboxing	Foundation, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4	9.1.25	Booking form on School Website Under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs	3:15 - 4.15pm	27.3.25 (3.4.25 – grading session – by invitation)
FRIDAY	Gym Club	Foundation – Year 6	10.1.25	Booking link on School Website Under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs Premier Sport – 20 places	3.15-4.15pm	14.2.25

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 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 2025**

Inset Day – school closed for pupils			
Children back in school – note new gate times 8.40-8.50am			
Foundation and Year 6 height and weight check – School Nursing team			
Information has been emailed to Foundation/Year 6 parents 17/12/24			
Deadline for Primary School Applications			
Year 2 coffee morning 9am with Mrs Messenger			
Year 4 Energise Dance Rehearsal – more details to follow			
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PTFA Year 4 donut sale			
Children finish for half term 3.10/3.20pm			
Children back in School			
Year 5 Residential - Woodrow			
World Book Day dress up			
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Energise performance at the Wycombe Swan – more details to follow			
Year 6 Residential - Norfolk			
Red Nose Day donation			
Energise performance at the Wycombe Swan – more details to follow			
PTFA Year 2 cake sale			
Mufti Day for Easter and Eid			
Finish at 1.30pm for End of Term			
Inset Day – school closed for pupils			

## Term Dates for Academic Year 2024 - 2025

#### Autumn Term 2024

INSET days (school closed for pupils) Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

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

Half Term Holiday Dates – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

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

#### Spring Term 2025

INSET day (school closed for pupils)
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

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

Half Term Holiday Dates – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

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

# Summer Term 2025

INSET day (school closed for pupils)
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Children in School – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (3.10/3.20 finish)

Half Term Holiday Dates – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Children in School – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (1.30pm finish)