



# Hughenden Primary School

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**Newsletter – March 2025**



Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome back the pupils following the February half term break. Last week, I accompanied Year 5 on their residential to Woodrow High House; everyone had an amazing time and we enjoyed a range of activities; my favourite was seeing everyone climb the totem pole to leap off and when they all moved through a muddy trail while blindfolded. The centre staff were extremely complementary of how well behaviour the pupils were and their exceptional manors – well done Year 5!

As we move through the Spring term, we continue to have a number of different events across the school. This include World Book Day on Thursday, Year 2's trip to Cadbury World, Red Nose Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March and the Year 6 residential to Norfolk Lakes. Please make sure you check the key dates on the newsletter and/or the school calendar on the website for up to date information.

I will be accompanying Year 6 on their residential to Norfolk Lakes and I am very much looking forward to the adventure packed week where activities will be including kayaking, high ropes and caving. While I am away, if you have any questions or queries, then in the first instance, speak to the office staff or Mrs Messenger, and if needed, they will contact me.

We are aware that Ramadan has begun, and understand that this is an extremely important time for our Muslim families. We understand that when children reach puberty they are expected to fast, this is usually around the age of 13 – 14 years old (children under the age of puberty are not expected to fast). However, we also understand that some wish to start earlier than this. To ensure that our children continue to learn to the best of their ability, the school requires that every pupil participates in the curriculum. At lunchtime, Miss Shabbir from 12-12:30pm has begun a small reflection group for those who are fasting and then from 12:30-1pm, the pupils go outside.

If your child is fasting, we kindly ask them to bring in a snack and some water in case they feel unwell during the day. Children who fast will be monitored during their lessons and parents will be called if any child shows signs of being unwell. For families fasting during the holy month of Ramadan I would like to wish you all Ramadan Mubarak.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Mann

## **No Crossing Patroller – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

As reported on Class Dojo this week, please be advised there is no crossing patroller on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – please be aware of this should your child/ren walk to and from school independently.



## **PTFA Sponsored Read Event 28<sup>th</sup> February to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Please see the details for the Sponsored Read event being run by the PTFA in conjunction with World Book Day. Sponsorship forms and further details have been sent home to all children w/c 24<sup>th</sup> February – spare copies are in the office should you need one.

Have fun!

## **Nut Free School**

Please note we are a **nut free school**. Please refrain from sending in any food, sandwich filling or nuts of any kind in children's lunch boxes. We have children in school with severe/life threatening allergies which puts them at risk. Thank you for your support with this.



We do ask parents to consider the nutritional value of the food they include. Nutritionists recommend that a child's lunchbox should include on portion of each of the following:

- Fruit or vegetables, cut up for younger children to prevent choking
- Milk or dairy item
- Meat, Fish or other protein source
- Starchy food such as bread, rice or pasta
- Consider limiting treats such as crisps, chocolate, cakes, etc, to one item a day.

Allergies seem to be on the increase and over the last five years we have always had at least one child with an allergy to nuts or some other type of food. To combat this, we educate the children about diversity and have a no swapping or sharing of food from lunch boxes rule in place.

We really appreciate your help in educating the children in the importance of a healthy lifestyle of which a healthy and balanced diet is crucial.

## **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. Unattended vehicles and parking spaces being blocked whilst dropping children off is having a knock-on effect with your child's learning schedule as staff cannot access spaces to park and start their working day.

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

Please be reminded that the school day ends at 3.10pm for KS1 (not including Hoppers), and 3.20pm for KS2. We have a small number who are consistently late and it is unfair on staff who sit there and wait. If you cannot collect at the relevant times without any reasonable explanation, children will need to be booked in to our wraparound care provider, Friends at Play, assuming they have spaces.

### Kids Lunch

Kids Lunch are 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 and user friendly. The website remains exactly the same in its initial appearance and the address is the same, it's just the mechanics behind this that will change.



Parents can continue to place their orders as usual. Once the new system is

working, they will be able to create an account for their children and place their orders as usual, the way this part looks will be different, but it will be very intuitive and user friendly.

**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.**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Friends at Play Easter Holiday Club



#### **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. [Schedule for Friends at Play here: https://www.friendsatplay.com](https://www.friendsatplay.com)

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.

## 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. <b>(Free of Charge)</b> Email: helen@littlestrummers.co.uk	Monday lunchtimes	31.3.25
	Netball Club	Year 3-6	24.2.25	Booking link on School Website Under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs	3.15 - 4.15pm	31.3.25
TUESDAY	Street Dancing	Foundation – Year 6	14.1.25	Book via email: <a href="mailto:nsqperformingarts@gmail.com">nsqperformingarts@gmail.com</a> Foundation class room	3.15 – 4.15pm	25.3.25
WEDNESDAY	Strumming Club	Music Foundation – Year 6	8.1.25	Open to everyone, instruments provided. <b>(Free of Charge)</b> Email: helen@littlestrummers.co.uk	Wednesday lunchtimes	2.4.25
	Orchestra & Music Club	Foundation – Year 6	8.1.25	Orchestra & Music club open to everyone. <b>(Free of Charge)</b> 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	28.2.25	Booking link on School Website Under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs Premier Sport – 20 places	3.15-4.15pm	28.3.25

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.

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

Month	Day	Date	Notes
Sep-24	Mon	2	Pupil Day
	Tue	3	Pupil Day
	Wed	4	Pupil Day
	Thu	5	Pupil Day
	Fri	6	Pupil Day
	Sat	7	School Holiday
	Sun	8	School Holiday
Oct-24	Mon	7	Pupil Day
	Tue	8	Pupil Day
	Wed	9	Pupil Day
	Thu	10	Pupil Day
	Fri	11	Pupil Day
	Sat	12	School Holiday
	Sun	13	School Holiday
Nov-24	Mon	4	Pupil Day
	Tue	5	Pupil Day
	Wed	6	Pupil Day
	Thu	7	Pupil Day
	Fri	8	Pupil Day
	Sat	9	School Holiday
	Sun	10	School Holiday
Dec-24	Mon	2	Pupil Day
	Tue	3	Pupil Day
	Wed	4	Pupil Day
	Thu	5	Pupil Day
	Fri	6	Pupil Day
	Sat	7	School Holiday
	Sun	8	School Holiday
Jan-25	Mon	6	Pupil Day
	Tue	7	Pupil Day
	Wed	8	Pupil Day
	Thu	9	Pupil Day
	Fri	10	Pupil Day
	Sat	11	School Holiday
	Sun	12	School Holiday
Feb-25	Mon	3	Pupil Day
	Tue	4	Pupil Day
	Wed	5	Pupil Day
	Thu	6	Pupil Day
	Fri	7	Pupil Day
	Sat	8	School Holiday
	Sun	9	School Holiday
Mar-25	Mon	3	Pupil Day
	Tue	4	Pupil Day
	Wed	5	Pupil Day
	Thu	6	Pupil Day
	Fri	7	Pupil Day
	Sat	8	School Holiday
	Sun	9	School Holiday
Apr-25	Mon	7	Pupil Day
	Tue	8	Pupil Day
	Wed	9	Pupil Day
	Thu	10	Pupil Day
	Fri	11	Pupil Day
	Sat	12	School Holiday
	Sun	13	School Holiday
May-25	Mon	5	Pupil Day
	Tue	6	Pupil Day
	Wed	7	Pupil Day
	Thu	8	Pupil Day
	Fri	9	Pupil Day
	Sat	10	School Holiday
	Sun	11	School Holiday
Jun-25	Mon	2	Pupil Day
	Tue	3	Pupil Day
	Wed	4	Pupil Day
	Thu	5	Pupil Day
	Fri	6	Pupil Day
	Sat	7	School Holiday
	Sun	8	School Holiday
Jul-25	Mon	7	Pupil Day
	Tue	8	Pupil Day
	Wed	9	Pupil Day
	Thu	10	Pupil Day
	Fri	11	Pupil Day
	Sat	12	School Holiday
	Sun	13	School Holiday
Aug-25	Mon	4	Pupil Day
	Tue	5	Pupil Day
	Wed	6	Pupil Day
	Thu	7	Pupil Day
	Fri	8	Pupil Day
	Sat	9	School Holiday
	Sun	10	School Holiday

### 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)



## DIARY DATES 2025

28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025- 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	PTFA Sponsored Read Week – more information to follow
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 5/6 Round Robin League football match – Hamilton School
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	World Book Day dress up
11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 4 Energise Dance Rehearsal Year 5/6 football match @ Disraeli 3.10pm departure
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Educational Psychologist Coffee Morning – 9-10.30am all welcome PTFA Open meeting - 7pm
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 4 Energise Dance Rehearsal @ Wycombe Swan Energise performance at the Wycombe Swan - evening
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025-21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Year 6 Residential – Norfolk Lakes
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Red Nose Day donation
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2025	Energise performance at the Wycombe Swan - evening
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 2 trip to Cadbury World
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 6 Easter Eggsplained – St. Michaels Church PTFA Year 2 cake sale PTFA event - Family Bingo Night
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Parents Evening – information sent on eSchools/Class Dojo
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Parents Evening – information sent on eSchools/Class Dojo
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Mufti Day for Easter and Eid <b>Finish at 1.30pm for End of Term</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Children back in school
28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	EYFS Trip to Buckingham Palace – refer to trip letter for details
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	PTFA Open Meeting – 7pm
12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 6 SATs week
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	PTFA Year 6 ice pop sale
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	PTFA Break the Rules Day –further details to follow on Classlist <b>Children finish for half term 3.10/3.20pm</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Children back in school
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Smiles at School – class group photos
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Travelling Book Fayre
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 5 to GKCS
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	Transition Days
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Transition Days
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<b>Inset Day – school closed for pupils</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Sports Day - TBC
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Enrichment Week – Surf and Turf
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Whole School trip to the seaside – further details to follow
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Colour Run Year 3 Ice-Pops
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	<b>Children finish for end of term – 1.30pm</b>