



# Hughenden Primary School

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**Newsletter – December 2024**  
**SCHOOL NEWS**

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to December and of course the start of the many festive celebrations in school; please make sure you note down the diary dates for the next two weeks. Some of the up-and coming events include the EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performances, Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day and of course, the greatly anticipated Winter Wonderland being organised by the Friends of Hughenden Primary School.

Over the last few weeks, we have welcomed many prospective parents to have a look around the school before deciding their school place for their son or daughter. If you know anyone with a child who is looking for a school place for September 2025 and hasn't had a tour of the school then please ask them to get in touch for a visit.

Thank you for the recent fundraising events – we donated a total of £196.51 to the Poppy Appeal and for Children in Need we raised nearly £3,000! We are still waiting for the Children in Need medals and these will be presented once we receive them.

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs McClusky who has been teaching in Year 2; we would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication and we wish her well with her new teaching post. We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Messenger will be returning in January as the Year 2 class teacher. Mrs Ali, who worked across a number of different classes, is no longer working at the school; we again wish her well.

As you are aware, Mr Churchill has been off for a number of months following a health procedure; he is recovering well but, after many discussions with him, it is with regret that he has made the decision to step away from the classroom. We truly wish him well and he will be retuning in the summer term to run a variety of school projects. As a school community, we thank him for his many years of hard work, dedication and the positive impact he has had on so, so many children.

As we come to the end of the Autumn term, I would like to 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.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards

**Mrs. Katherine Mann**  
**Headteacher**

## Spring Valley Drive junction

The supervisor from Buckinghamshire council has provided us with 2 additional signs at the junction of Spring Valley Drive. Whilst on a visit to see Mario, our school crossing patroller, the supervisor observed several parents using their mobile phones whilst turning into the school junction, as well as children not seated correctly in the moving vehicles. This included lack of seatbelts and/or car seats. This is such a worrying sight. The crossing patrol is in operation every day before school and also after school. When approaching the school and when turning right out of Spring Valley Drive onto Valley Road, please do have an awareness of Mario, parents and children. With the low sun this time of year, please take extra precaution to ensure the roads are clear before manoeuvring.



## Be Bright Be Seen!



**During Autumn and Winter the days are getting shorter, morning and evening are darker. Mist and fog have an impact on visibility, so it is harder for drivers to see pedestrians walking near the road.**

**It is important to wear reflective and fluorescent clothes when we are walking, cycling or scooting to and from school, to stay safe and to be seen by the drivers.**

### Stay safe near the roads:

- Always remember to stop, look, listen and think before crossing the road.
- Traffic can be fast and dangerous so we should always take care near the road.
- We can help keep ourselves safe by wearing reflective or bright clothes, wearing bike helmets when we cycle and wearing seatbelts in the car.

**Fluorescent** fabrics work well during daylight and the hours of dusk but won't show up in the dark so it's important to also look for **reflective** fabrics and consider adding reflective tape to bags and clothes to ensure you can be seen in the dark by car headlights.

Anyone cycling during winter months should ensure bike lights are clean and in good working order. It is important to remember, it is against the law to cycle at night without a white front light, a red back light and a red reflector at the back of your bike.

## Message from Thames Valley Police

Dear resident,

you may know someone who has an e-scooter at the top of their wish list this Christmas 🎄

Whilst many retailers are now advising the law around e-scooters at the time of buying, we also want to make sure that you know the laws before committing to a big purchase 🇸🇬

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988, which means you need to have a licence and insurance to ride one in public.

It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters. This means it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as parks, street pavements, and shopping centres.

If you use a privately-owned e-scooter in public, you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for having no insurance.

Find out more on our website: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/>

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## Christmas Lunch – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December



The poster features a festive border with illustrations of a gingerbread house, holly leaves, a candy cane, a gingerbread man, a red gift box, a red Christmas stocking, and a Santa hat. The text is centered and reads:

Hughenden Primary School  
Christmas Lunch  
Thursday 12th December

Lunch options:

- Hot Roast Turkey with sage and onion stuffing bap
- Roast Turkey bap
- Vegetarian Sausage with sage and onion stuffing bap
- Vegetarian Sausage bap

Served with savoury Christmas snacks and cakes.

All orders to be made by Friday 6th December at 12pm

Kids Lunch are pleased to be able to offer a Christmas lunch that coincides with our Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### **How to order:**

Foundation/KS1/PP – Food will be pre-ordered automatically, taking dietary needs into account. You do not need to do anything.

KS2/Hoppers – Place your order as you would normally, disregarding what the choices online are. This is for payment only. After this has been done, please email [office@kidslunch.co.uk](mailto:office@kidslunch.co.uk) to let them know your child's choice.

**Please ensure your child's order is placed by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm.**

## Discover Bucks Museum

Please see the attached flyer for some Family Christmas Fun at Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury. Activities are running from 24<sup>th</sup> November, all the way through to 21<sup>st</sup> December.



**Discover Bucks Museum**  
& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum  
Church Street  
Aylesbury HP20 2QP  
discoverbucksmuseum.org  
01296 331441

# Christmas Family Fun!

From 24 November - 21 December

Join us for Magical Christmas Tales with Santa, A Christmas Carol, Creative Crafts, Cake decorating and Fun Science Adventures!

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit [discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)



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- Christmas Cake Decorating**  
Sunday 24 November  
Learn how to create a snowman cake decoration to take home and decorate your Christmas Cake with.  
12.30pm & 2.15pm (adults only)  
£10 per participant
- Storytelling with Santa in the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery**  
Saturday 30 November & Saturday 21 December  
Join us for a heart-warming experience that brings the joy of the festive season to life.  
10am - 12pm and 1.15pm - 3.15pm (3-10yrs)  
Included in your standard Roald Dahl Children's Gallery admission
- The Science of Christmas**  
Saturday 7 December  
Could Father Christmas catapult a present down a chimney? How can you grow a candy cane? Is it possible to make a snowman without snow? Discover the answers in our seasonal workshop.  
10.15am, 12.00pm & 2.00pm (5-11yrs)  
£5 per participant
- A Christmas Carol**  
Sunday 8 & 15 December  
Ring in the Christmas season with this exquisite performance of the Dickens' festive classic, brought to life in vivid detail by Mat Jones.  
7pm (11+yrs)  
£21 per ticket
- Christmas Clay**  
Saturday 14 December  
Make your own hanging clay and paper ornaments to take home!  
10am - 2pm (3-11yrs)  
£4 per participant

Make a day of it and visit the *Roald Dahl Children's Gallery* and the rest of the Museum whilst you're here.

Discover Bucks Museum  
Aylesbury HP20 2QP  
01296 331441  
[discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)



## 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.



**GYMNASTICS CLUB**

VENUE: Hughenden Primary  
DATES: Friday 10th January - 14th February (6 sessions)  
TIMES: 3:15pm - 4:15pm  
CLASS: Reception - Year 6  
COST: £34.50

LIMITED TO 20 PLACES

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK ONLINE TODAY!](#)



**NEW NSG CLUBS NEW**

**TUESDAYS**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**  
3.15PM - 4.15PM  
HUGHENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

**STREET DANCE CLUB**

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TODAY](#)

[nsgperformingarts.com](http://nsgperformingarts.com)

## Message on behalf of the PTFA

There will be a Children's book stall at the Winter Wonderland event. We will be asking for donations of used/good condition children's books for stall.



**Winter Wonderland**  
**FRIENDS**  
 of Hughenden Primary School  
 Fri 26th Dec.  
 1:30 - 3:30pm

**Friends of Hughenden REQUEST:**  
**Secret Santa Bag**  
**TOMBOLA**

**WHY DO I HAVE A PAPER BAG?**  
 ASK YOUR CHILD TO DECORATE IT AND THEN FILL WITH MINI-TOYS, TREATS, STATIONARY... BASICALLY AN EPIC PARTY BAG! \*\*  
 RETURN TO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 16TH DEC

**SECRET SANTA BAG TOMBOLA**  
 BRAND NEW WINTER WONDERLAND GAME  
 TOMBOLA WHERE EVERY TICKET IS A WINNER!

**\*\* TAKE CARE WITH:**  
 NO SHARP / BREAKABLE / GLASS OBJECTS  
 NO NON-HALAL PORK GELATINE  
 NO NUTS  
 (THIS INCLUDES 'MAY CONTAIN' LABELS)  
 ENSURE CONTENTS SUITABLE FOR AGE 3+

**I WANT TO FILL MORE BAGS!**  
 SIMPLY ASK YOUR CLASS REP... WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH 1 OR MORE EXTRA BAGS!  
 THANK YOU!

[friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com](http://friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com)



**Winter Wonderland 20th Dec**  
**FRIENDS**  
 of Hughenden Primary School

**RAFFLE PRIZES**

Calling all parents!

Can your company or the business you work for donate a prize or an experience for our Raffle?

Or do you have a new unopened, unwanted gift you'd like to re-gift?

All donations gratefully received! Please give to reception by Friday 13th of December

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## DIARY DATES 2024/25

6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Inset Day
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch – details are above
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Hoppers and Foundation Nativity 2pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	PTFA Foundation - Year 1 cake sale
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Carol Concert 2.30pm All Welcome
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm show start
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Key Stage 1 Nativity 9:30am show start
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Hoppers and Foundation Christmas Stay and Play from 1:30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	School finishes at 1:30pm PTFA 1.30 Winter Wonderland
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Children back in school

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

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**INSET Days**

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

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025