



# Hughenden Primary School

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**Newsletter – December 2023**  
**SCHOOL NEWS**

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of the autumn term, the pupils should be tremendously proud of what they've all achieved; from walking through the front door for their first day of their school journey or to having the confidence to present their work in front of a large audience- well done to all!

We held another open morning session for prospective pupils this week. The Year 6 pupils were proud to show the parents around and they were complemented on their passion and enthusiasm for their school. If you know anyone with a child who is looking for a school place for September 2024 and hasn't had a tour of the school then please ask them to get in touch to visit the school.

We welcomed Danny & Kate from Smiles at School earlier this week who were filming for a short promotional video. It was a busy day but some excellent footage was filmed and we look forward to seeing the final edit.

We have several events happening as we approach the end of term so please check the Christmas schedule. In the meantime, thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Katherine Mann



### **Christmas Post Box**

The Christmas post box will be in the entrance hall to receive the children's Christmas cards from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Last posting day will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please make sure that the envelopes are addressed with first name, surname and class.

### **Thursday 30th November – Year 6 Walk to Hughenden Church**

Year 6 will be attending the Christmas Unwrapped event at Hughenden Church. The children will have an early lunch before walking to Church, they will be back for a normal school collection.

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Bake sale & Mufti**

The amended date for our charity cake sale and mufti day is taking place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December in order to raise funds for the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. There is a suggested donation of 50p for mufti but if you prefer to just support the bake sale, or visa versa, that's completely understandable.

The funds raised will be donated to Save the Children. There are many different charity organisations, but from talking to the pupils, staff, parents and other local schools, we feel that Save the Children are able to support all children affected by the conflict in Gaza.

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Prestmas 4.15**



The children in the choir have been invited to sing at Prestmas, the Prestwood Christmas celebration, on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

We will be singing from about 4.30pm for 20 minutes in Prestwood Village Hall and will be meeting there at 4.15pm. Christmas jumpers and festive hats optional! Please let Mrs Sumner know if your child is attending. [hsumner@hughendenprimary.co.uk](mailto:hsumner@hughendenprimary.co.uk)

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Carols around the Tree - CHANGE OF TIME 2PM**

All welcome, this will be held at the Village Hall. The community can support but this is not a school event.

### **Tuesday / Wednesday KS1 Nativity – 5<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm & 6<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am**

This year the children have been working hard to put on the performance of, Baubles- a Tree-mendous Nativity. Tickets should be requested via your child's class Teacher on Class Dojo.

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Trenchard Museum Year 6 trip - 9am – 3pm**

Year 6 will be visiting the Trenchard Air Museum at RAF Halton in Wendover, as part of their learning about World War Two and the Battle of Britain.



### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children**



Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers/top/sparkly clothes on the top half with normal uniform and school shoes on the bottom half. If children would rather not participate in these events, they should wear their school uniform to school as normal. Your donation of 50p towards Save the Children would be greatly appreciated.

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Choir singing at Hughenden Manor 11am**

The choir and anyone else who would like to join in are booked to sing at Hughenden Manor on the 9<sup>th</sup> December at 11am, please arrive for 10.45am. Mrs Sumner will be there to meet you.

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Hughenden Parish Church - Christingle service 3pm – 4pm

Hughenden Parish Church will be holding a Christingle service which explains the importance of Christmas through the symbolism of a Christingle. This is an all age service and everyone is welcome.



## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Dolce Christmas Lunch – open for booking

In order for your child to take part in the Dolce Christmas Lunch, which is now available to order. You will need you to pre-order using your Schoolgrid account in the normal way, no later than 4<sup>th</sup> December please. I just wanted to confirm that the issues blocking the parents from ordering Xmas Dinner has now been resolved.



## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Carols 2.15pm in School

We would like to invite all parents into school to sing with the children. We will be congregating on the bottom playground for 2.15-2.45pm. Refreshments will then be available in the school hall for you to mingle with each other before we end the day. We hope you can join us.

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Rainbow Glitz Mufti Day

**HOPPERS & RECEPTION: Red** The children get to wear their rainbow glitz mufti clothes in exchange for bringing in 1 item for the Christmas Wonderland Hampers.

**YEAR 1: Orange**

**YEAR 2: Yellow**

**YEAR 3: Green**

**YEAR 4: Blue**

**YEAR 5: Pink**

**YEAR 6: Purple**

Each class will be assigned a colour, as shown below and the item the children donate for their year group colour must be suitable for a hamper gift. The PTFA will provide a big cardboard hamper box to sit in each classroom ready to receive the colour co-ordinated donations.

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Winter Wonderland

The PTFA have organised a Christmas Winter Wonderland directly after school, which we hope you can all attend - it promises to be a fun event. This event will have:

**ELF SCHOOL:** The children will take part in Christmas themed craft activities.

**RUDOLPH'S CHRISTMAS CHEER:** Lots of games with small prizes, lucky dip game & the Wonderland Raffle.

**MRS CLAUS' KITCHEN:** Where we will have food and drinks for purchase.

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Grotto & Christmas Jumpers

The PTA will be running another amazing event during the school day for each child to visit Santa's grotto, which will be held in the school Pavilion.

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Term 1.30pm finish

School will finish at 1.30pm, including Hoppers. There will be no after school clubs as it is the last day of term.

## Severe Weather

As we head into winter, I thought it might be helpful to have a reminder of our severe weather policy. On snowy days the following policy has been agreed to help parents:

- The school aims to open on all school days.
- In the event of severe weather, a decision will be made by 8AM
- Parents will be informed of this in the following ways:  
Class DOJO  
Check the Local Authority Web Site at <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/>



On icy days a path is salted from the pedestrian school gate, along the path to the main school entrance. Please note that the car park is not salted or cleared of snow and particular care needs to be taken especially when collecting children from the After-School Club. If in any doubt please park outside the school gates and walk along the safe route.

### Smarties Challenge

Well done & thank you to all those children who participated in the Smarties challenge and did their chores & good deeds to help raise money for the school!



We now have the results of the challenge....

Hoppers - £11.68  
Foundation - £77.65  
Year 1 - £34.18  
Year 2 - £47.29  
Year 3 - £76.72  
Year 4 - £26.39  
Year 5 - £24.65  
Year 6 - £22.35

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO FOUNDATION WHO RAISED THE MOST!**

**Your prize is a Mufti Day for your class and each child will receive a house point. The Mufti Day will be arranged and communicated to Foundation parents soon.**

Thank you to all year groups for the generous donations, all of which will help to fund supplies and future events for the school.

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Back to School

Just a quick reminder for all children, school is back again from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### Fundraising Update from The Friends of Hughenden Primary School

**Halloween Trail & Pumpkin Carving Competition**

RECORD NUMBER OF HALLOWEEN TRAIL MAPS SOLD!  
PUMPKIN ENTRY RECORD SET!!! 54 Entries!!

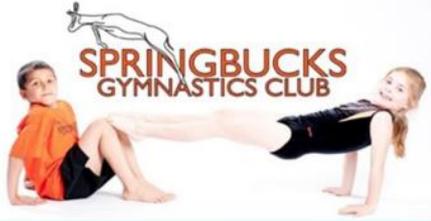
WELL DONE TO ALL THE WINNERS and STAR RUNNERS UP from each year group!  
The HPS PTFA hope that you enjoyed your treats!

THANK YOU to:  
ALL the Resident Houses, Village Shop & Harrow!  
ALL the children who entered and spent time carving / decorating their pumpkins!  
Mr. Andrew Pitman (King Richard) from The Valley Players - Hughenden for presenting the Awards!  
Mrs Mann, Mrs Brinkworth and teachers for Judging the Pumpkins!

**FUNDRAISING TOTAL FOR THE TRAIL & COMPETITION (minus expenses): £506.78**

### DIARY DATES 2023/2024

30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Christmas Unwrapped, Year 6 walk to Hughenden Parish Church
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Christmas Post Box opens Bake sale & Mufti day – Save the Children
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Choir signing at Prestmas 4.15, 4.30 start meet at Prestwood Village Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2023	Carols around the Tree - 4.30
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Nativity – 1.30 PM – Baubles- a Tree-mendous Nativity
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Nativity – 9.30 AM –Baubles- a Tree-mendous Nativity Trenchard Museum Year 6 trip - 9am – 3pm
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day - 50p donation towards Save the Children
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Choir signing at Hughenden Manor 10.45, 11am start
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Hughenden Parish Church – Christingle Service 3pm – 4pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Lunch – pre-order through Schoolgrid Christmas Carols 2.15pm in School Rainbow Glitz Mufti Day – bring in your class contribution
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Last day for Christmas Post Box PFTA Grotto - and Christmas jumpers PFTA Christmas Wonderland – after school
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Last day of term 1.30 Finish whole school including Hoppers
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Back to School
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	9.30 Open Day for prospective parents
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Application deadline for Foundation / Reception



**SPRINGBUCKS**  
GYMNASTICS CLUB

Need some  
Christmas  
shopping time  
without the  
kids?



**TRY OUR  
CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAY  
CAMPS!**

**HAZLEMERE CAMP –**  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023  
Hazlemere Youth Centre,  
Rose Avenue, HP15 7UB

**MARLOW CAMP -**  
21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2023  
Court Garden Leisure  
Centre, Marlow, SL7 2RE

OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES  
& EXPERIENCE, AGED 4 – 12 YEARS

NEW for 2023



Times: Mornings 9am -12 noon (£16)  
Lunch Club\* 12 – 1pm (£3)  
Afternoons 1pm – 4pm (£16)  
FULL DAY 9am – 4pm (£35)

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[www.springbucks.co.uk](http://www.springbucks.co.uk)



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25th Nov - 24th Dec

Help Mrs Claus and the Eco Elves unlock the  
magic of our Christmas tree machine.  
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TICKETS  
**£3**  
per person

**eden**  
@edenhighwycombe



**CHRISTMAS**  
at hughenden  
church

**Christingle  
Service**

10<sup>th</sup> December  
3.00 pm

Join us at Hughenden Church for a  
service that tells of the importance of  
Jesus Christ through the  
symbolism of a Christingle.

In support of The  
Children's Society

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

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

**Family  
Christmas Day**

**Saturday 2 December 2023**

11am - 4pm

Step back in time this December with our Christmas Family Day! Try  
your hand at historical Christmas crafts, play traditional seasonal games,  
visit our Christmas Craft Fair and don't forget to keep an eye out for a  
very special Christmas visitor straight from the North Pole!

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



Your ticket includes the  
Family Christmas Day,  
Christmas Trail, Roald Dahl  
Children's Gallery, I Grew Up 80s  
exhibition & Craft Fair.

Adult £5.50, Child £8.50,  
Under 3's Free  
Family tickets available  
[discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)





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## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR FUN DAYS

SWIMMING, MULTI SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, NERF WARS, CLIP 'N' CLIMB, LASER TAG, BOUNCY CASTLE, ESPORTS, LEGO BUILDING & MORE!

Week 1: Wednesday 20th December – Friday 22nd December  
Week 2: Tuesday 2nd January – Wednesday 3rd January



**Wycombe Leisure Centre**  
Handy Cross, High Wycombe HP11 1UP  
**9.00am – 4.00pm**  
Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12  
**FROM £22.50 PER DAY!**

Discounts for siblings & full week booking – please see booking page for details.

We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!

Please bring: Lunch, Snacks, Waterproof Clothing & A Refillable Drinks Bottle.

Accepting HAF bookings if your child is eligible for free school meals

For more information,  
call 01344 508008 or email [letmeplay@play-sport.co.uk](mailto:letmeplay@play-sport.co.uk)  
Book online: [www.letmeplay.uk](http://www.letmeplay.uk)



## WYCOMBE MUSEUM

# FESTIVE EVENTS

Sun 26 Nov – Thu 21 Dec  
**Festive Food Trail**  
Learn about festive food through the ages with our activity trail!  
£3 per trail | Drop in or prebook

Sun 26 Nov | 11am – 3pm  
**Xmas Craft Fayre**  
Shop for Christmas gifts from local craftspeople and small businesses.  
Free entry

Sun 3 Dec | 10am – 12pm  
**Festive Foliage Wreath Workshop**  
Make your own beautiful door wreath with natural, locally foraged materials.  
Hosted by Nature's Jewels.  
Tickets £37.50

Sun 10 Dec | 11am – 3pm  
**Christmas Family Fun Day: WWII**  
Experience Christmas on the Home Front! Festive rations recipes, make do & mend craft, and more!  
Tickets £6 per child

Fri 15 Dec | 10 – 11am  
**Tiny Talk Time: Storytime with Mrs Claus**  
Hear Christmas stories with Mrs Claus, ice gingerbread biscuits, and more.  
Tickets £4.50 per child

Thu 21 Dec | Various sessions  
**Discover & Make: Christmas Candle Crafts**  
Make beeswax candles and create a festive gift box for a loved one!  
Tickets £4.50 per child



**Christmas Raffle Fundraiser**  
24th November - 21st December • Tickets £1.50 • Buy in the museum or online  
Show your support for Wycombe Museum from just £1.50 a ticket. Be in with the chance to win hundreds of pounds worth of prizes donated by local businesses.

Get more info and book tickets at [www.wycombemuseum.org.uk/blog/xmas23](http://www.wycombemuseum.org.uk/blog/xmas23)



HUGHENDEN VILLAGE STORE & COFFEE SHOP AND THE SHOP CHOIR INVITE YOU TO

## COFFEE & CAROLS

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT 2PM

MUSIC, HOT DRINKS, FOOD AND A WARM WELCOME

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## All Aboard

Every Thursday | 3:30pm-5:30pm | Free  
Starting 9th November

### Hazlemere Library

Let the games begin!  
Join us for an exciting and fun-filled junior board game afternoon aimed at children and their families.

Free, no booking required.

Buckinghamshire Libraries  
[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries)



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