



Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

A special 'Hello!' to all parents who are new to our school from this term. I hope you and your child have been able to settle in and feel at home. If there are any questions or you need help/clarification on any aspect of school life, please do talk with the class teacher who will be happy to help you.

A busy term and we are already over a month into it. Thank you to everyone who attended the Welcome Meetings at the start of term. This is an excellent opportunity to gain the initial headline information on your child's new year group, as well as any questions. Thank you also, to everyone who has attended the Lesson Visits that we have had so far. It is a great opportunity to spend a short amount of time working with your child in their classrooms, seeing how the lessons work and are structured, and participating in their learning. We will aim to provide a similar opportunity in the summer term.

Parent Evening is coming up and we encourage all parents to make use of the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher/s, ask any questions you may have and find out what your child/ren are doing well with, as well as their next targets. This opportunity for discussion with teachers is essential for us all to work together.

In the coming weeks we will share information with you regarding Christmas events and performances. I know you receive a lot of emails and information, but please do check them so that you receive up to date and accurate dates etc.

Andy Lyons

Headteacher

Attendance Report

Reception

96.73%

Year 1

98.03%

Year 2

96.98%

Year 3

97.44%

Year 4

96.60%

Year 5

96.18%

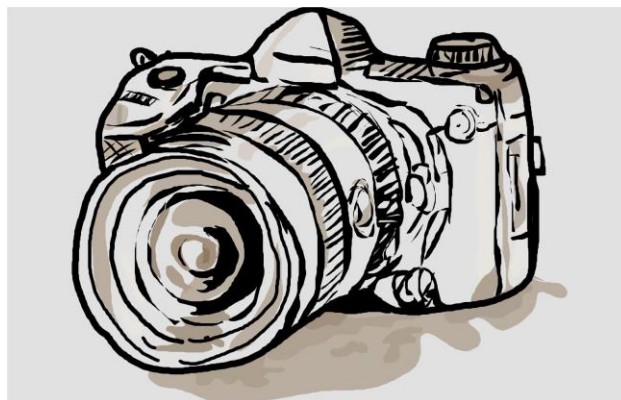
Year 6

95.93%

School total

96.85%

School Photos



Our children had their individual photos taken on the 4th of October, information will be sent out shortly on how to make your orders, there is a chance to get free delivery for these if come back to the school, however there is a cut off date for this so please check this when ordering.

Dyslexia Awareness Week 2023

From 2nd to 8th October 2023, we are celebrating individuals with dyslexia from all backgrounds and walks of life. We will enjoy learning about their individual journeys with dyslexia and discovering the diversity of experiences within our community. While having dyslexia can present its challenges, it also shapes one's experiences and perspectives, making each individual unique. The theme for the week is #UniquelyYou, and we aim to inspire everyone to value and appreciate individuals with dyslexia.

If you have your own story to tell, join the conversation and share your 'uniquely new' story here: <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/support-us/awareness-events/what-make-you-uniquelyyou-2>

Please find more dyslexia resources [HERE](#)



Parent Evening

Our Parent Evening's will be taking place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October (RMH will be on 17th and 19th October), If you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher/s please remember to book this on the link sent on the recent letter. Please click on this link to book your slot.

[Parent Evening Link](#)

You are able to book onto this until Wednesday the 11th October, please check your ParentPay letters for more information on this.



School Grounds Reminders



Please can we remind all visitors to the school to **NOT** push the front gate into the school grounds, this unfortunately causes the gate to break and is costly to repair, please ring the bell and wait for the gate to open for you, it is really important to keep this working properly to help keep the school grounds safe and secure.

- Please can we also ask that parents wait until the gates have all been opened by our site manager before coming into the school grounds, the only people inside the school grounds before 8:35am should be those who take part in Sensory Circuits or those attending Swans, these will be buzzed in by the Swans Club team. We do understand you would like your children to be in school promptly, however this again is to keep the school grounds as safe as we can, please can parents of children who walk to also have this chat with their children and ask them to **NOT** buzz the gate open for other people.

- Please **DO NOT** smoke or vape on the school grounds.
- Please remember to lock up bikes and scooters, and to take them home at the end of the day. If your child takes part in an after school club or booster group, the grounds will be locked before they come out so please bear this in mind when leaving bikes and scooters.
- **No** biking or scootering is permitted in the school grounds.
- Please can we ask parents to park considerately when dropping off and collecting their children from school.

Harvest Festival



We are once again celebrating our annual Harvest Festival to help Peterborough Food Bank. We will be having our Harvest Assembly on Wednesday 11th October.

If you would like to make a contribution, we would be extremely grateful if you could send your tinned or jar donations into school with your child from **Friday 6th October** to **Tuesday 10th October**.

Please do not send in any perishable or fresh goods or anything in a packet or box as we are unable to currently store these.

Black History Month 2023

Black History Month is an opportunity to raise awareness of historical events, identify the lessons that can be learned and celebrate our cultural diversity. Black History Month has been celebrated across the UK for over 30 years, each year growing from strength to strength.

The trailblazing women in the picture above have been played a vital role in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. For more information on these visionary British figures, visit: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/news/black-history-month-resource-pack-2023/>

For information on Peterborough's own celebration of Black History Month on 14th October in Cathedral Square, please visit <https://bhmpeterborough.org/>

Musician of the Month – October – Stevie Wonder

In school each month we have a famous musician that we listen to and discuss in various places around school. This month, we are looking at Stevie Wonder, an African American singer, songwriter, musician, and record producer who was born in 1950. He is one of the world's best-selling musicians, with sales of over 100 million records worldwide. In school we are looking at three of his songs, "Sir Duke", "Ebony and Ivory" (A duet with Sir Paul McCartney) and "Superstition". Maybe you could listen to some of his other music at home.

Classes will also learn about the lives people of colour who have made remarkable contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport, business, politics, academia, social and health care, and more.



The Friends of Hampton Hargate PTA



Sadly, our Friends of Hampton Hargate PTA is at risk of closure due to lack of volunteers at events and attendance at meetings.

Our PTA organise amazing activities and events in our school including Christmas gift shops, film nights and our amazing summer fayre. They raise a significant amount of money and are able to subsidise the cost transport for our school trips.

These events are all a huge help in supporting the school as fundraisers, the money made from these go directly back into school to help the education of **all** of the children at Hampton Hargate.

In a final desperate attempt to keep things going, we will be hosting a meeting at 6pm - 7pm on Wednesday 1st November. We would love to see as many parents and carers there as possible.

We do not expect parents to help at every event or attend every meeting as we know how busy life is for us all. But, we need people to help and we do not currently have enough people to do this.

Arts Week

We enjoyed getting creative during 'Arts Week'.

Children across the school practised their observational drawing skills by sketching their self-portraits. Next, the children were given lots of different media and allowed to express themselves freely to create their own, unique piece of 'free art'.

We also looked at art and artists from a range of other cultures and 'buddied up' with other classes to complete our activities. The groups produced some wonderful collaborative artwork.

The children also took part in a 'draw your teacher' competition. Our school arts council chose the winners with a prize being awarded (1 per year group).

As you will be aware, the children recently come home with a Christmas card design, if you would like to register to order anything with this design on, please remember to hand this back into school by **Wednesday 11th, this is the cut off date set by Xmas4schools.**



School Dinners



We would like to express our gratitude for all your patience so far this school year with the closures we have had to face and we are hoping to have things back to normal as soon as possible.

The safety of the pupils is paramount and please rest assured that we are following advice from all relevant services.

As a reminder for booking lunches:

Please remember that you are able to book your child's meal by midnight the day before they are required, when we are back to our hot food options, children are not able to make a meal choice on the day, if no meal has been booked, they will only be able to be offered a jacket potato.

Can we also ask parents to please remember to **cancel** meals when they are not required. We will only cancel meals for children who are absent or on a trip. If you decide to send your child with a packed lunch instead or you know they will have an appointment over lunch, **please cancel the booking you have made.**

This does also include children who are entitled to Free School Meals, and those who are entitled to the Reception and Key Stage 1 free school meals.

If you need to cancel this on the day, please call us or email the office by 9:30am.

Since the start of term on the 5th of September until today, the 4th of October, the kitchen have made **336** lunches that were booked by parents/carers, that were then not needed due to a packed lunch being brought in instead and the lunch not being cancelled, this has also amounted to a large amount of food waste.

This has amounted to **£840** which has to be paid for from the **school budget** and therefore has an impact on your child's education.

Please remember that we are a **nut free school**, this includes all nut spreads such as peanut butter, almond butter and Nutella, and also includes donations, gifts and any birthday treats that are kindly brought in to share with the class.



Reading for pleasure

Reading for pleasure opens up new worlds for children. It gives them the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. Interestingly, reading for pleasure also improves children's well-being and empathy. It helps them to understand their own identity, and gives them an insight into the world and the views of others. Research also shows that reading for pleasure can be directly linked to children's success throughout their time at school and even into adulthood.

At Hampton Hargate, we strongly believe that it is our job to instill a love of reading in our pupils. We prioritise discussing which texts we enjoy – pupils and staff alike – and share our recommendations with each other. We want children to see themselves as readers whether they read fiction, non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, blogs, instructions, recipes... the list is endless.

We've introduced a reading wall, with an interactive display where children can uncover which member of staff is 'The Masked Reader' and also hear book recommendations from fellow pupils. If your child is bursting to tell us about a favourite book of theirs, we'd love to know. Please email us (office@hampton-hargate.peterborough.sch.uk) a video clip of them telling us about the story, the characters and what makes it such a riveting read!





We want you to join the party!

We wanted to share with you some ideas for encouraging your child to read for pleasure:

- Set aside a special time – just a few minutes a day is enough to create a reading habit.
- Get caught reading yourself – show that reading for pleasure is not just for children.
- Read to each other – if your child really doesn't want to read on their own, then read together. You read a page, then they read a page. Or one of you could read any dialogue. Be brave and put on different voices.
- Value the books they choose to read – all reading is valuable for a child's development. Some of us prefer non-fiction; some of us prefer comics. One child might like superhero books; another might a book of football statistics.
- Set a challenge – can they read ten books before they're ten? Can they read a book from six different genres: a comic, an information book, a funny book, a sci-fi book, a classic and an instruction manual?
- Reading buddies – reading to a younger sibling can boost your child's self-confidence and communication skills.

- Audiobooks – audiobooks allow children to experience a book above their own reading level. It also allows you to share a book together or make the most of those car journeys. Listening to a story over and over again can improve vocabulary and encourage deeper comprehension.
- Read-a-thon – join a sponsored reading event to raise money for charity.
- Stage and screen – use your child’s favourite films or games as a springboard into reading. Knowing the characters and storyline can be a helpful bridge into reading a longer story.
- Book club – find out about local book clubs.



Year 1 made fantastic book reviews for homework this week. This one is worthy of Steven Spielberg!

[Please click here for video.](#)

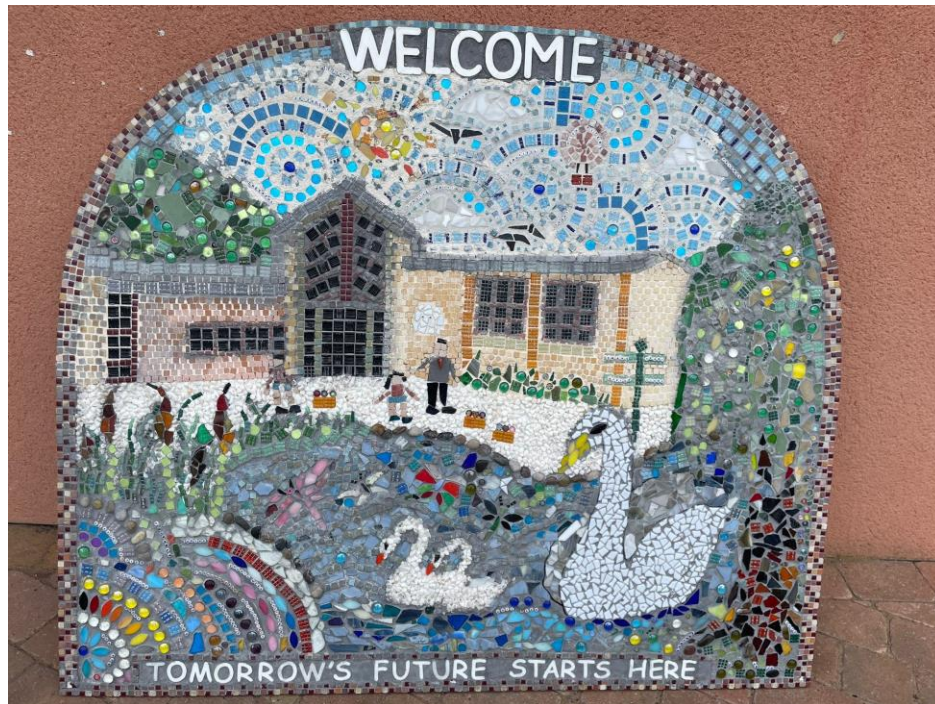


New School Mosaic

Some of our teachers and children have completed an amazing mosaic that is now displayed outside the front of the school.

The design has been inspired by nature in the local area, with the school building and logo motif included.

The school council were involved in ideas for the design. If you look closely, you find some hidden words which represent what our school means to us. The project has been a collaboration from Mrs Morris, Miss Barks and Miss Debell, working with some of the children in school.



Ideas for the half term holidays

Here are a few ideas to get you started off from our Family Support worker.

An indoor picnic - Throw down an old sheet or rug and make some sandwiches, fruit and yogurt etc.

Make an inside den - Drape an old blanket over the settee or corner of the bedroom. Put down some cushions and let the children make their own fun.

Crafts - from crochet, sewing to air fix models and everything in between - many charity shops have needles, wool and sewing kits that are donated to them. Poundland do some kits with glitter and glue etc. They also have paper, pens, and colouring books, maybe you could make a photo album or scrap book together.

Read a book together and talk about it afterwards .

Painting - Cover up the table or floor with newspaper, use washable paint and use your hands, feet or even potatoes!

Junk modelling - cereal boxes, egg boxes, toilet roll tubes, foil and bottle tops can be used to name a few.

Board games - Children love to play these especially if you are joining in. It also helps them learn a little patience by taking turns.

Cooking - Make some cakes, cookies, pizza or even an entire meal!

Have a film afternoon and eat some popcorn that you have made

Have a treasure Hunt - Hide some small items around your house, garden and give the children clues where to look.

Make musical instruments. Use dried seeds, beans or beads and yoghurt pots to make shakers, old tubs could be made into drums.

Plant some flower or vegetable seeds in pots and watch them grow.

Local things for an hour or two

Go for a nature walk and play eye spy, or count different bird, plant species.

Go for a bike ride.

Feed the ducks.

Visit Hampton nature reserve.

Have a walk around Crown Lakes.

Swimming .

Days out

These do not have to cost a fortune, look online or in newspapers and magazines for vouchers you may be able to use. Take a picnic with you to avoid paying for food out, maybe take a football or cricket set so if there is space you can have a game.

Some ideas locally:

Ferry Meadows

Nene Valley Railway

Central Park

Barnwell Park

Sacrewell farm

Hills and Hollows at Barnack

Fine shade woods

Burghley Park

Grimsthorpe Castle

Children may say they are bored during the holidays, but that is absolutely normal and helps them learn to find things to do.

Vacancies



We currently have the following vacancies available:

Class Teacher position - Please click [HERE](#) for more information

Midday Supervisor position - Please click [HERE](#) for more information

Please remember.....

ABSENCES: If your child is going to be absent from school, please make us aware as soon as possible by either leaving a message on our absence voicemail service or by emailing office@hampton-hargate.peterborough.sch.uk

The school office is open between 8:00am – 4:15pm, Monday – Friday.

You can find more information regarding attendance [HERE](#).

Lost Property



Over the term we have had a large amount of lost property including coats, cardigans and jumpers, bottles, snack boxes and more at the main entrance to the school.

Unfortunately, the items were not named so we were unable to reunite with owners, please can we ask parents to make sure **EVERYTHING** your child brings to school is named, this way we can reduce the amount of lost property we have and also get the items back to their rightful owners as quickly as possible.

We love our planet...



Don't forget to bring your used batteries into the school reception area and deposit in our battery bin for recycling.

Term Dates and Events for next year.



TERM DATES: These can also be found [HERE](#)

Autumn term starts: Tuesday 5th September 2023

Half-term week: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2023

Autumn term ends: Tuesday 19th December 2023

Spring term starts: Thursday 4th January 2024

Half-term week: Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February 2024

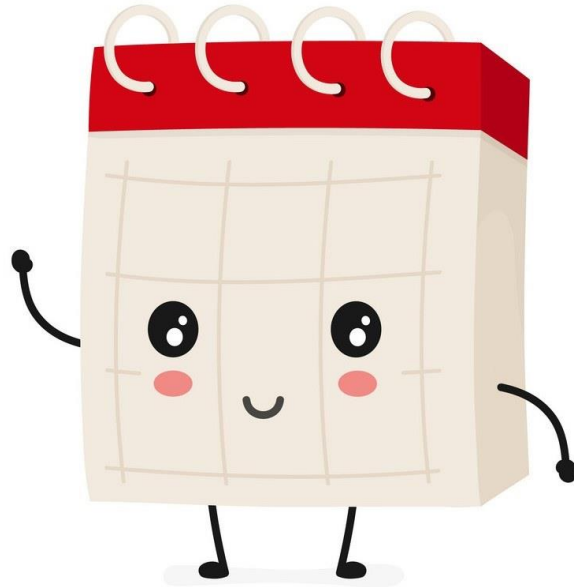
Spring term ends: Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer term starts: Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

Half-term week: Monday 27th May – Monday 3rd June (Please note – children return on **Tue 4th June**)

Summer term ends: Friday 19th July 2024



DIARY DATES: These can also be found [HERE](#)

OCTOBER 2023

Mon 2nd Oct - 2RW class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Mon 2nd Oct - 2RK class lesson visit 10.00 – 10.50am

Mon 2nd Oct - 2HI class lesson visit 11.00 – 11.50am

Tue 3rd Oct - 1JG class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Tue 3rd Oct - 1LJ class lesson visit 10.00 – 10.50am

Tue 3rd Oct - 1BC class lesson visit 11.00 – 11.50am

Wed 4th Oct - Individual photo day

Thurs 5th Oct - 5AJ class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Thurs 5th Oct - 5CW class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Thurs 5th Oct - 5NM class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Fri 6th Oct - 6DM class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Fri 6th Oct - 6LS class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Fri 6th Oct - 6AS class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Mon 9th Oct - 3HB class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Mon 9th Oct - 3RR class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Mon 9th Oct - 3GT class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Mon 9th Oct - Reception Lesson Visit

Tue 10th Oct - 4BW class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Tue 10th Oct - 4EW class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Tue 10th Oct - 4EA class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am

Wed 11th Oct - Year 5 visit to Black Country Museum

Tue 17th Oct - Parent Evening (3.30pm – 7.15pm)

Wed 18th Oct - Parent Evening (3.30pm – 5.15pm)

Thurs 19th Oct - Year 5 Netball and Basketball Festival

Fri 20th Oct - Jeans for Genes Non Uniform Day

23rd - 27th Oct - Half term week

NOVEMBER 2023

Mon 13th Nov - Year 6 visit to Peterborough Museum

Tue 14th Nov - Reception New Intake Evening (for Sept 2024) 9.15am / 6pm

Fri 17th Nov - Children In Need Day – non-uniform

Thurs 23rd Nov - Year 6 Cross Country

Mon 27th Nov - Year 4 Trip to Peterborough Cathedral

DECEMBER 2023

Mon 4th Dec - Year 1 Christmas Production 9.30am

Mon 4th Dec - Year 1 Christmas Production 6.00pm

Tue 5th Dec - Reception Christmas Production 9.15am

Tue 5th Dec - Reception Christmas Production 6.00pm

Wed 6th Dec - Year 2 Christmas Production 9.15am

Wed 6th Dec - Year 2 Christmas Production 6.00pm

Thurs 7th Dec - Hampton College Christmas Concert 5.30pm

Tue 12th Dec - Year 3 Christmas Production 9.15am

Tue 12th Dec - Year 3 Christmas Production 6.00pm

Wed 13th Dec - KS1 Choir singing at Cranberry Court

Wed 13th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day – pupils & Christmas Jumper Day 1

Fri 15th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day 2

Tue 19th Dec - End of term

SPRING TERM 2024

JANUARY 2024

Thurs 4th Jan - Start of spring term for pupils

Thurs 18th Jan - Year 1 Multi Skills Festival

Thurs 25th Jan - Young Voices - Birmingham

FEBRUARY 2024

Thurs 1st Feb - Year 2 Multi Skills Festival

Tue 6th Feb - Safer Internet Day & Parent Evening 3.30 – 7.15pm

Wed 7th Feb - Parent Evening 3.30 – 5.15pm

19th – 23rd Feb - Half Term Week

Thurs 29th Feb - Year 3 Sports Hall Athletics

MARCH 2024

w/b 4th March - Science Week

Wed 20th March - Year 4 Performance – 9.00am / 6.00pm

Thur 28th Mar - Easter Egg Raffle 9.00am

Thur 28th Mar - End of term

SUMMER TERM 2024

APRIL 2024

Mon 15th Apr - Summer term starts for pupils

MAY 2024

Mon 6th May - Bank Holiday

W/B 13th May - KS2 SATs week

W/B 20th May - SPORTS WEEK

27th – 31st May - Half Term Week

JUNE 2024

w/b Tue 4th June - International Languages Week

Thur 6th June - Airport Day

Tue 11th June - KS2 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.15am

Wed 12th June - KS1 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.15am

Thur 13th June - Reception Sports Day 9.15am – 10.30am

Tue 18th June - **RESERVE** KS2 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.15am

Wed 19th June - **RESERVE** KS1 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.15am

19th-21st June - Year 6 Residential Week

Thur 20th June - **RESERVE** Reception Sports Day 9.15am – 10.30am

JULY 2024

Wed 3rd July - Move up day **TBC**

Mon 8th July - Year 4 Kwik Cricket Festival & Music Concert

Thur 11th July - Reports go home

Mon 15th July - Open Afternoon 3.15 – 6.00pm

Tue 16th July - Yr6 Performance 6.00pm

Fri 19th July - Yr6 Leaver Assembly (with parents) 9.00am

Fri 19th July - End of term

We will add more dates as they are confirmed. Please always refer to newsletters and letters sent home with your child or emailed to you for any late changes.

If you haven't signed up for the email service, please contact the school office.

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