



# Autumn Term 2 Newsletter 2024

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

The autumn term is almost at an end and I am not sure where the last two weeks have gone! Thank you very much to Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 for their excellent Christmas performances over the last fortnight. They each provided great performances with enthusiasm and determination. Thank you to all parents/family who supported and provided such great feedback.

Over the last few weeks, our choirs and musicians have been busy at various performances in and around Hampton, and many classes and year groups have participated in trips and visits over the term. The Friends Christmas Fayre was a huge success and I would like to thank everyone who supported the event, but a very special 'well done' and a huge 'thank you' to The Friends of Hampton Hargate chair Venetia and all The Friends of Hampton Hargate team for making the event so successful and popular - as well as raising a significant amount of money to help support resources for our school pupils.

Next term promises to be as busy and positive as this term with a wide variety of opportunities and experiences planned across school. The children return on Monday 6th January 2025.

I would like to wish you all a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas and a very happy 2025. Thank you for your support, feedback and willingness to work with us. It makes a huge and appreciated difference to what we can achieve in our school.

***Andy Lyons***

***Headteacher***

## **Attendance Report - Autumn term 2**

### **Reception**

88.70%

### **Year 1**

96.29%

### **Year 2**

94.50%

### **Year 3**

95.34%

### **Year 4**

94.72%

### **Year 5**

95.74%

### **Year 6**

95.79%

### **School total**

**94.50%**

## Safety First

Sadly, again the gate at the front of our school has been forced open and is now broken. We cannot stress enough how important it is that these gates remain working to help keep your children safe.

This cost to fix this will now need to come from the school budget.

Please can we ask that parents/carers **DO NOT** force the gates open, please can you also share this information with your children and anyone else who collects your child.

Can we again remind parents/carers to please park and drive considerately if you are dropping your child off or collecting them from school in a car.

Whilst we appreciate it is very busy at drop off and collection times there are hundreds of children, including your own, who are coming in and out of school that we need to try and keep safe.

We have received multiple complaints from the local businesses regarding parent/carer parking in their private car parks and their attitude when challenged. We feel it is our duty to inform you that they are now considering employing a parking attendant with a view to fining those involved or clamping vehicles.

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*Can we please also remind parents that they should not be in our layby to drop off or collect children.*

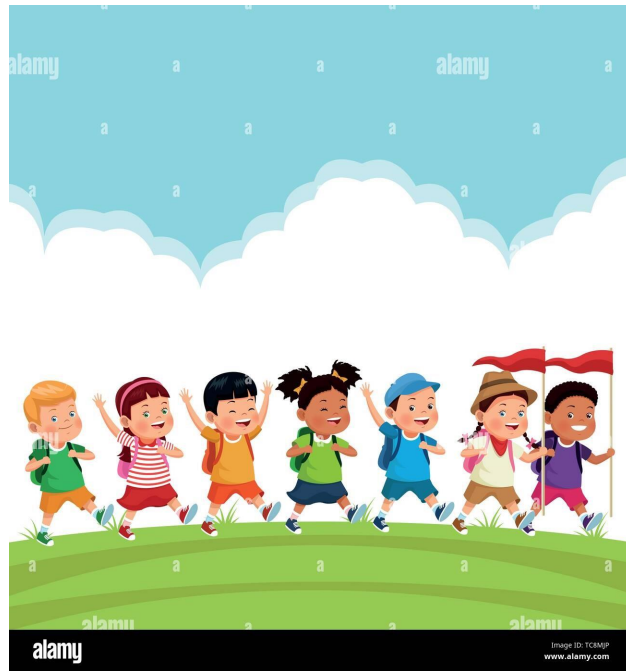
*The layby is there to ensure access to the school at all times for the emergency services if they were required.*

[POLICE.UK ADVICE](https://www.police.uk/advice)

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## Enrichment



All Parents/Carers will have now been sent their child(ren's) enrichment activities for the whole school year. We hope the children are all looking forward to the exciting activities, trips and visitors that will bring a new perspective to the topics the children will be learning.

These enrichment programmes can still be paid, details and payment can be found on your ParentPay account and can be spread over the three terms. If you are able to make **any** contribution towards these activities, this would be greatly appreciated.

We really do rely on your support to ensure the children are able to take part in as much of these as possible.

*Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough contributions, we may have to cancel one of these events.*

## The Friends of Hampton Hargate PTA



The Friends of Hampton Hargate PTA have hosted some amazing festive fundraising events this half term including a Kids Christmas Shop where the children were able to purchase a gift for their friends and family.

The Friends wrapped an incredible **1000** gifts for this event!





They arranged Christmas face painting where the children were able to choose a design to have on the day.

They also organised the fantastic **Hampton Sparkle** event, which had an amazing 1400-1500 people attend!

This was complete with real Reindeers, amazing food stalls, and loads of games and crafts to enjoy, plus our wonderful Hampton Hargate primary school choir who put on a wonderful performance.











Between these 3 events, thanks to your generosity The Friends of Hampton Hargate PTA managed to raise an amazing

**£4388!**

This money will go straight back in to supporting your children in school.

## After School Arrangements



If anyone other than parents or carers are going to be collecting your child after school, whether this is another parent in the class or a friend/relative, you must make the class teacher **and** the school office aware.

As a matter of safeguarding we **WILL NOT** let any children go with anyone we have not been informed about, and will not let the child go until we have had clarification from parent/carer.

## Sporting events



Just before October half term, some Year 3 and 4 pupils were invited to take part in a School Games Hockey Festival at the City of Peterborough Hockey Club. The pupils worked as a great

team and showed brilliant sporting behaviours. We had fantastic shooting, tackling and defending.

We are very proud of everyone who took part.

In November we attended a School Games Football festival at Jack Hunt. It was a huge event, where many local primary schools participated. Our Hampton Hargate team were fabulous - the team morale was brilliant, it was a pleasure to see them supporting one another and how beautifully they worked as a team.

Many goals were scored, including a hat-trick in one of the games. We are so proud of how the children represented our school.

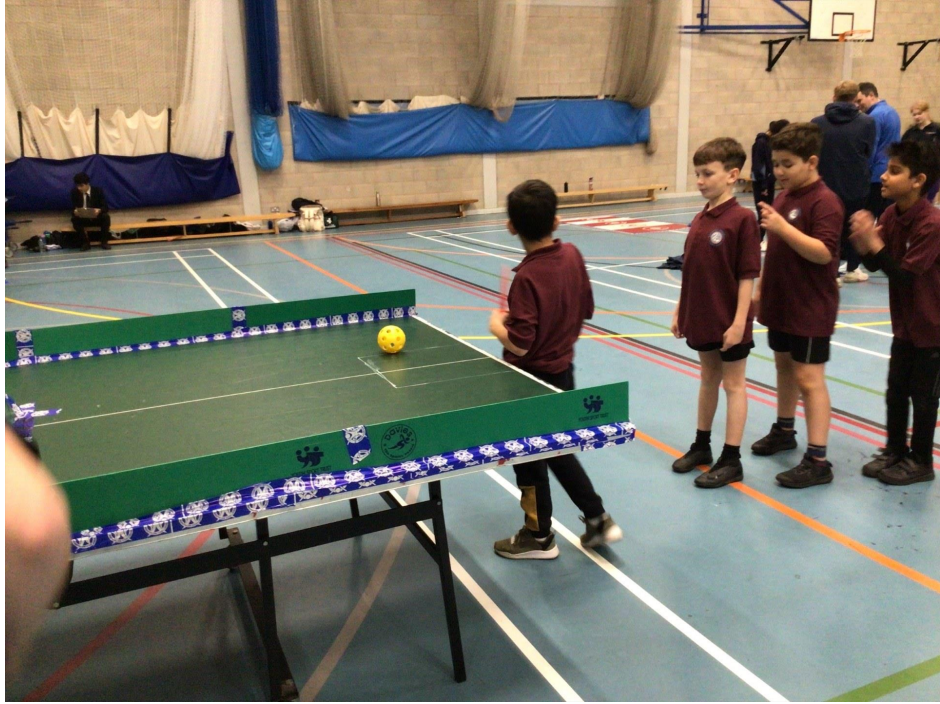


We were very impressed with the pupils who took part in the Panathlon event last week, they all represented our school incredibly well. They all demonstrated fantastic teamwork, effort and a willingness to try their best in every activity.

The children did exceptionally well in all the events and we even managed to win a shiny, bronze medals for coming 3rd place. We couldn't be any prouder of them.







## Staff Updates



We very sadly say goodbye to some members of staff this term.

Mrs Davies leaves us as a class teacher, EYFS & KS1 SENCo and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, after an amazing **17 years** with us at Hampton Hargate Primary School.

Mrs Brookes one of our brilliant TA's, has been with us at Hampton Hargate for an incredible **22 years** will also sadly be leaving us in January.

We wish them all the best for the future and thank them for all of their hard work and commitment.

In the spring term we will be welcoming our new EYFS & KS1 SENCo and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Sullivan and 2 new members of our Lunchtime team Mrs Pereira and Miss Hankins.

We hope you will join us in giving them a warm welcome to our school.

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## Code-Breaking

Eight year six children travelled to The Peterborough school to compete against year 6 children across the city and Stamford in a code-breaking day. We were delighted that one of our teams came first!

The prized trophy has been added to our school trophy cabinet!

Well done to **Esa, Usman, Panthea, Earl, Joshua, Josiah, Liam and Eric.**

Mrs Smith



## YOUUnited self-referral

YOUUnited has launched a self-referral pathway to support children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health. Parents of children age 5+ and young people aged 13-17 can self-refer to YOUUnited for mental health support.

[www.cpft.nhs.uk/youunited-self-referral](http://www.cpft.nhs.uk/youunited-self-referral) directs young people and parents/carers to more information about the self-referral process and an online form, which asks for information about difficulties the child or young person is experiencing and what support they are looking for.

YOUUnited is a joint partnership between Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust), Cambridgeshire Community Services (CCS), Ormiston Families and Centre 33 (Centre 33 - supporting young people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough).



## School events

### *Shoebboxes*



As you will be aware, Hampton Hargate Primary School had chosen to support the Christmas Box Appeal run by House of Opportunity by asking for donations of shoeboxes with helpful items in.

You kindly donated an amazing **64 shoeboxes**, these will make a real difference to the families they are sent to.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Bookfair



The Bookfair has raised over **£1500** this year which will mean some great new books for your children to use in school, thank you to everyone who took part and we hope the children are enjoying their new books.

## Language nut

Congratulations to the winners of Hampton Hargate's first ever Languagenut Competition.

We were delighted with the children's enthusiasm towards this event and look forward to promoting future opportunities to learn languages at home and school.

### Winners

- 1 🏆 Phillip (Y5) 542,700 ★
  - 2 🏆 Husayn (Y5) 527,600 ★
  - 3 🏆 Matei (Y3) 435,300 ★
  - 4 Leo (Y3) 407,200 ★
- Y4 winner** Nithika ★
- Y6 winner** Charlotte ★

## School Dinners



### ***Booking lunches:***

Please remember that you are able to book your child's meal by midnight the day before they are required, if no meal has been booked, they will 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 to school with a packed lunch instead, or you know they will have an appointment over lunch, **please cancel the booking you have made.**

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*Please remember that we are a **nut free school** and this also includes donations, gifts and any birthday treats that are kindly brought in to share with the class.*

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## Christmas Choirs

**KS1 CHOIR GO TO CRANBERRY COURT**

The KS1 Choir were privileged to go to Cranberry Court retirement Home on Wednesday to entertain and meet the residents.

They sang 6 songs to the audience of 30, and then took requests, Following a quick snack break, the children then chatted to the residents, asking them all about their holiday plans.

The children were impeccably behaved and sang beautifully – well done KS1 choir!





**KS2 CHOIR PERFORM WITH HAMPTON COLLEGE**

KS2 choir were invited to take part in the Hampton Christmas Concert again at Hampton College, where the children prepared a 15 minute programme which they sang beautifully.

The other schools that performed were Hampton Vale, Hampton College Primary and Secondary, and Hampton Gardens, they then all joined together at the end to do a big finale.

The children were a credit to themselves, and the school, showing real maturity in their approach to what was a very long day.

The audience commented on how lovely they sounded – well done KS2 choir!

## Fundraising



This year we had a new photography company start with us called Braiswick Photographers, we hope parents were happy with the individual & sibling photos that were taken.

Through their School Photography 50th year anniversary celebrations, they donated part of their profits to Cancer Research UK.

This raised an amazing **£124!**



We had a non-uniform day to help raise funds for children in need which raised a brilliant **£504!**

## Family Support

As we approach the Christmas holidays please remember to be kind to yourself. Not everyone enjoys this time of year. Every family is different and there is no right way to celebrate/or not. There can be a lot of social media pressure to have a perfect and magical time.

Whatever you choose to do over the festive period, please do not put yourself under pressure to provide expensive gifts, Christmas experiences and excess of food that may possibly cause financial problems and stress into next year.

**COPING AT CHRISTMAS**

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...

<b>NHS</b> 111 online Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7 <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health">Nhs.uk/mental-health</a>	<b>PAPYRUS</b> Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: <a href="mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org">pat@papyrus-uk.org</a> 24/7 <a href="https://www.papyrus-uk.org">Papyrus-uk.org</a>	<b>SAMARITANS</b> Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: <a href="mailto:jo@samaritans.org">jo@samaritans.org</a> for a reply within 24 hours <a href="https://www.samaritans.org">Samaritans.org</a>
<b>MIND</b> Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday on 0300 102 1234 <a href="https://www.mind.org.uk">Mind.org.uk</a>	<b>shout</b> 85258 Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19 <a href="https://www.giveusashout.org">Giveusashout.org</a>	<b>CALM</b> Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Whatsapp 0800 585858 <a href="https://www.thecalmzone.net">Thecalmzone.net</a>

Public Health North Northamptonshire

*Please do not dread school holidays, they do not have to be expensive, here are a few ideas to get you started off.*

- 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 and 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, colouring books very cheaply
- 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 hands, feet, potatoes
- Junk modelling save cereal boxes, egg boxes , toilet rolls, foil and bottle tops to name a few
- Board game. Children love to play these especially if you are joining in. It also helps them have a little patience by taking turns.
- Cooking. Make some cakes, pizza even an entire meal
- Make some “slime“ or playdough
- Have a film afternoon and eat some popcorn that you have made
- Puppet show (make your own puppets)
- Talent show
- Have a treasure hunt. Hide small items around your house and give the children clues where to look. They could then do one for their friends.
- Make musical instruments. Use dried seeds and beans to make shakers. Old tubs can be made into drums.

*Children will say they are bored but that is normal and does not mean you need to fill every minute of every day*

## Attendance

We have seen a worrying rise in late arrivals since September.

It is important to encourage punctuality as it ensures the children are calm and ready to learn and they will be gaining valuable social skills with their friends at the start of the day and getting into good habits for their schooling and later in life.

We would like to remind parents/carers that in your child's admission documents you will have signed a home school agreement that states that you will **"Ensure that my child goes to school regularly, prepared for learning and arrives on time"** it is your responsibility to ensure that your child is punctual each day so that they arrive with their peers ready to learn.

The school gates and classroom doors open at 8:35am, this is when your child should be coming into the classroom, the gates and doors close and registration starts at 8:45am.

We appreciate that this will not be relevant for everyone, and the vast majority of pupils are arriving on time, however this has now become something we need to address.



Please can we remind parents/carers that any child who has been suffering with vomiting and/or diarrhoea should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days **(48 hours)**

Please note that we abide by NHS guidelines with regard to illnesses, which you can find here - [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

**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](mailto:office@hampton-hargate.peterborough.sch.uk)

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

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

## Lost Property



Please 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...



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

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## Term Dates and Events for next year.



### Class assembly dates 2024/2025

Please note that these dates **may change** but parents/carers will be sent a letter approximately 3 weeks prior to the class assembly.

REF 10/07/25

RMH 26/06/25

RCP 03/07/25

1JG 13/03/25

1BA 19/05/25

1LJ 06/03/25

2RW 20/03/25

2RK 05/06/25

2HI 19/06/25

3HB 08/05/25

3RW 27/03/25

3GT 16/05/25

4EW 30/01/25

4EA 13/02/25

4BW 05/02/25

5NM 23/01/25

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

### **Term Dates - School Year 2024-2025**

- **Spring term 2025**

**Spring term starts:**

Monday 6th January 2025

***Half-term week:*** Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025

**Spring term ends:**

Friday 4th April 2025

- **Summer term 2025**

**Summer term starts:**

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

***Bank Holiday:*** Monday 5th May 2025

**Half-term week: Monday 26th May – Monday 2nd June (Please note – children return on **Tue 3rd June**)**

**Summer term ends:**

Friday 18th July 2025

**CURRENT DIARY DATES:** These can also be found [HERE](#) please remember to check these regularly as dates CAN change.

- **SPRING TERM 2025**

**JANUARY 2025**

**Mon 6th Jan** Start of spring term

**Wed 8th Jan** Junior Stem Robotics – Year 1

**Thurs 9th Jan** Junior Stem Robotics – Year 2

**Mon 13th Jan** Year 1 to Peterborough Museum

**Mon 20th Jan** Reception and Year 1 Multi Skills Festival

**Fri 31st Jan** Year 4 Roman Workshop

**FEBRUARY 2025**

**Wed 5th Feb** Choir Festival

**Tue 11th Feb** Parent Evening 3.30 – 7.30pm

**Wed 12th Feb** Parent Evening 3.30 – 5.15pm

**Thurs 13th Feb** Year 6 to Peterborough Cathedral

**17th – 21st Feb Half Term Week**

**Tue 25th Feb** Class Photo Day

**MARCH**

**Mon 10th Mar** Year 1 Multi Skills Festival

**Wed 19th Mar** Year 5 Performance 9.15am / 6.00pm

**w/b 24th Mar** Science Week

**Tue 25th Mar** Year 3 to Hazard Alley

## **APRIL**

**Tue 1st Apr** Year 3 to Hazard Alley

**Wed 2nd Apr** Year 4 dress performance 9.15am / 6.00pm

**Fri 4th Apr** Easter Egg Raffle 9.00am

***Fri 4th April End of term***

## **SUMMER TERM 2025**

***Tues 22nd Apr Summer Term starts***

**Mon 28th Apr** Year 1 to Hamerton Zoo

**Wed 30th Apr** Year 5 to Space Centre

## **MAY**

***Mon 5th May Bank Holiday***

**W/B 12th May** KS2 SATs week

**Mon 12th May** Year 3 Kwik Cricket Festival

**W/B 19th May** SPORTS WEEK

***26th May–2nd June Half Term***

## **JUNE**

***Tue 3rd June Children return after half term***

**3rd to 6th June Yr6 Bikeability (*TBC*)**

**Wed 4th June KS1 Sports Day – 9.15 – 11.00am**

**Fri 6th June Year 2 to Woburn Safari Park**

**Tue 10th June KS2 Sports Day – 9.15 – 11.00am**

**Thur 12th June Reception Sports Day 9.30 – 10.45am**

**Thurs 12th / Fri 13th June Year 4 Sacrewell Residential – Group 1**

**Date TBA Yr6 RSE lessons**

**Mon 16th June Year 4 Kwik Cricket Festival**

**Tue 17th June *RESERVE* KS2 Sports Day – 9.15 – 11.15am**

**Wed 18th June *RESERVE* KS1 Sports Day – 9.15 – 11.15am**

**Thur 19th June *RESERVE* Reception Sports Day 9.15– 10.30am**

**Thurs 26th /Fri 27th June Year 4 Sacrewell Residential – Group 2**

## **JULY**

**Tue 1st July Reception trip to Sacrewell**

**Wed 2nd July Move up day *TBC***

**Mon 7th – Wed 9th July Year 6 Residential - *TBC***

**Thur 10th July Reports go home**

**Mon 14th July Open Afternoon 3.15 – 5.45pm**

**Mon 14th July Music Concert 6.00pm**

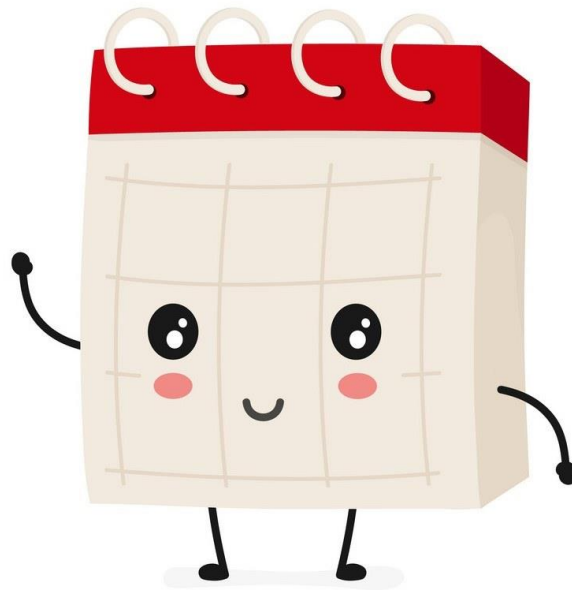
**Wed 16th July Yr 6 Performance 6.00pm**

**Fri 18th July** Yr6 Leaver Assembly (with parents) 9.00am

***Fri 18th July End of term***

We will add more dates as they are confirmed.

Please always refer to [ParentPay](#), newsletters and letters sent home with your child for any late changes.



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

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