



# Spring Term 1 Newsletter 2026

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

How are we already half-way through the school year?

With so much to reflect back on this school year, it has been fantastic to see how our pupils have worked so hard, made great progress and engaged with a wide range of learning opportunities across all of our year groups.

Thank you to all parents who have attended school for our February Parent Evening sessions. I hope you were able to see some of your child's work as well as discussion with the teacher on the progress so far. If you have not yet had this, please do contact your child's class teacher to arrange.

The next half of the school year promises to be just a busy and exciting for the children with trips, visits, class assemblies, Friends events and sports days etc. coming up.

Dates for the next half of the year are provided below and available on the school website

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our school.

**Andy Lyons**

**Headteacher**

## **Attendance Report - Spring term 1**

### **Reception**

93.6%

### **Year 1**

93.7%

### **Year 2**

95.8%

### **Year 3**

96.8%

### **Year 4**

95.9%

### **Year 5**

95.6%

### **Year 6**

95.5%

### **School total**

**95.3%**

## **⚠ Safety First ⚠**

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 advice - Parking outside schools

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### **Swans Club - Drop offs and collections**

Please can we also remind parents/carers dropping off and collecting from Swans Club, that they should not be coming into the staff car park to do this, the staff car park is secured for staff only to ensure your children are kept safe, the same way the school is kept secured.

**Please do not follow in behind a member of staff, the car park can be as dangerous as any other car park, and should not have children walking through it.**

### **Class photographs**



On Tuesday 24th February we will be having our class photographs taken, please ensure your child comes to school on time and in full school uniform.

As a reminder - there will be no sensory circuits running this day.

## Community Information Page

A reminder that we have a Community Information Page on our website.

This page has been set up so that Parents/Carers have access to information relating to community events, sports clubs and other bits of information that the school feels might be relevant to local families.

Please remember, these are **not run by the school**, and we would encourage all parents/carers to be diligent in checking DBS information when booking with outside companies.

You can find this page [HERE](#) and or by going to:

1. <https://www.hampton-hargate.peterborough.sch.uk/>
2. News & Events
3. Community Information Page



## Hampton Hargate KS2 Choir

On Tuesday 13th January, 50 children from our KS2 choir took part in “Young Voices 2026” at the BP Pulse Live Arena in Birmingham. We left school at 10.30am and after the long drive, arrived at the arena in time for lunch. All fed and ready to go, we entered the arena to find out we were sitting at the front – it was so exciting!!!! We did a rehearsal for a few hours – it was amazing to hear the band, singers and over 5000 children practicing together. Following tea, we were

concert ready and enjoyed all the build up – the lights, the Mexican waves, and of course the chanting of “Young Voices”.

The concert was amazing, we sang all the songs we had learnt, as well as some dances and actions. The concert opened with “Golden” from K-Pop Demon Hunters, which although we hadn’t rehearsed it, we all knew and sang along to. All of the children were amazing, sang and smiled throughout the day. Our favourite song though, had to be “Power in Me” which really got us all energised.

We were very proud of every student that took part in Young Voices 2026, from learning their lyrics to their impeccable behaviour. Thank you to them all, and also to the staff that made the day happen!!

Mrs Firth



## Year Group Enrichments



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, and have enjoyed the ones that they have already taken part in.

These enrichment programmes can still be paid for. Please refer to your ParentPay account where you will find further details and payment options which 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.*

## Year 4 Ferry Meadows Trip



As part of their History topic about Local Romans this term, Year 4 organised a trip to the Education Centre at Ferry Meadows where they took part in a variety of activities which enhanced their learning.

They had the opportunity to find out more about The Roman Empire in the local area and followed a trail using map skills and coordinates. They worked as a group to take part in some willow weaving and made Roman Onagers which were catapult engines and had the opportunity to put one to the test.

## School Grounds Reminders



A reminder that the following are **NOT** permitted on the school grounds.

- Mobile phones - please do not go on your phone anywhere in or around the school.

- Pets.
- Cigarettes or vapes.

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*Please do not ride scooters or bikes in the school grounds, this includes electric scooters. If your child is bringing a bike or scooter to school, please ensure this is **LOCKED**.*

*The school is not responsible for bikes and scooters that have been left in the school grounds.*

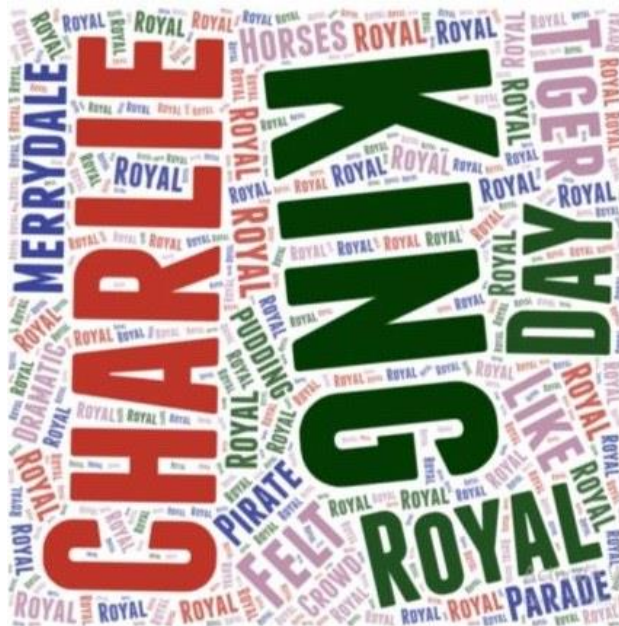
**If your child has a club after school, please remind them to lock their bike or scooter at the Year 5 bike lock area so they are able to access this at the end of the club.**

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## National Storytelling Week – Stories Through Music

This year's theme for National Storytelling Week is *Sharing Stories Through Music*. Mrs Firth has taken the lead on this across the school.

Last week, our KS2 pupils listened to *William Tell Overture* and noted down words and ideas that the music made them think about. These were then combined to create a short class story, which has been recorded with the music playing in the background. It has been lovely to see how the children responded to the music and worked together on a shared piece of writing.



## Reminder: Bedtime Stories – Thursday 26th March at 6pm

Don't forget to join us for our much-loved Bedtime Stories evening. Children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas to enjoy sharing books together, eat a cookie and cosy up for a relaxed and magical end to the day. We hope to see you there!



## Amazing Fundraising!

During our Christmas Jumper Day's last term, we raised money for Alzheimer's Society and you helped us raise an amazing **£142.55**

Thank you for your generous donations, if you would like to learn more about this charity please click [here](#).



One of our amazing TA's Mrs Massam has been fundraising for Crohn's & Colitis UK, she has raised an amazing **£295** so far.

If you would like to find out more about this charity, please click [here](#).

## 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.

## School Dinners



**Booking lunches:**

Please remember that you are able to book your child's meal until 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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## **YOU**united 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).



## Absences



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 you know your child will not be in school, regardless of reason for absence, you can call the office from 8:00am. Alternatively, you can leave a message on our absence voicemail service from 7:30am, or you can send the office an email at any time on [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

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*Please make sure EVERYTHING your child brings to school is named, this way we can try to get the items back to their rightful owners as quickly as possible.*

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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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Please note, this is for batteries **ONLY**, please do not put vapes in this bin.

## Term Dates and Events



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

### ***Spring term 2026***

#### ***Half-term week:***

*Monday 16th Feb – Friday 20th Feb 2026*

#### **Spring term ends:**

Friday 27th March 2026

***Summer term 2026***

**Summer term 2026 starts:**

Monday 13th April 2026

***Bank Holiday:***

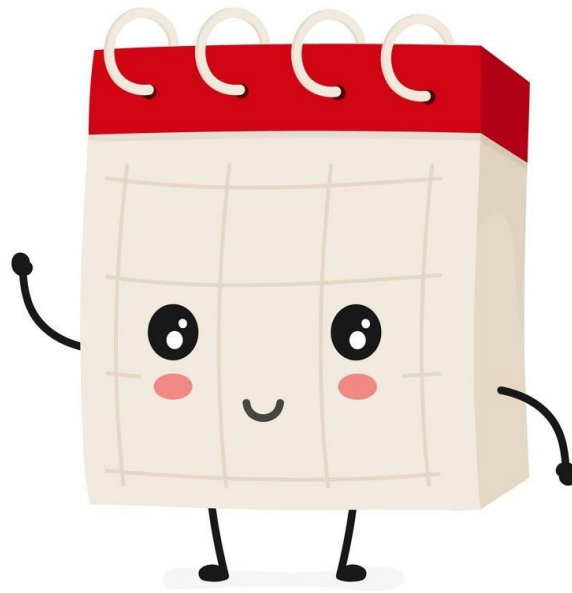
*Monday 4th May 2026*

***Half-term week:***

*Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June 2026 (Please note – children return on Tue 2nd June 2026)*

**Summer term ends:**

Friday 17th July 2026



**DIARY DATES:** Please note that these dates are correct as of 13th February 2026, these dates *may change*, please make sure you check our website [HERE](#) and keep an eye on your ParentPay messages for updates.

**SPRING TERM 2026**

## ***FEBRUARY***

***16th – 20th Feb - Half Term Week***

**Tue 24th Feb** - Class Photo Day

**Thurs 26th Feb** - Bedtime Stories Event 6pm - 7pm

## ***MARCH***

**Wed 4th March** - Year 6 Football and Netball Festival – Hampton College

**Thurs 5th March** - Year 3 Maths Challenge

**Thurs 12th March** - Year 4 Performance 9.15am - ***NEW DATE***

**Thurs 12th March** - Year 4 Performance 6.00pm - ***NEW DATE***

**Fri 13th March** - Doughnuts and Cupcakes - *The Friends*

**Tue 24th March** - Year 5 Performance 9.15am

**Tue 24th March** - Year 5 Performance 6.00pm

**Fri 27th March** - Easter Egg Raffle

## **SUMMER TERM 2026**

## ***APRIL***

***Mon 13th April - Summer Term starts***

## ***MAY***

**Mon 4th May - Bank Holiday**

**W/B 11th May - KS2 SATs week**

**W/B 18th May - SPORTS WEEK**

**25th – 29th May - Half Term Week**

## **JUNE**

**Tue 2nd June - Children return**

**W/B 8th June - KS1 Phonics Screening week**

**Tue 9th June - KS2 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.00am**

**Thur 11th June - Reception Sports Day 9.30am – 10.45am**

**Mon 15th June - Year 3 Kwik Cricket Festival Hampton College**

**Tue 16th June - RESERVE KS2 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.15am**

**Wed 17th June - KS1 Sports Day – 9.15am – 10.45am (*this is a date change*)**

**Thur 18th June - RESERVE Reception Sports Day 9.15am – 10.30am**

**22nd - 24th June - Yr6 Residential Caythorpe**

**Wed 24th June - RESERVE KS1 Sports Day – 9.15am – 10.45am (*this is a date change*)**

## **JULY**

**TBA - Reception trip to Sacrewell**

**Wed 1st July - Move up day *TBC***

**Mon 13th July - Open Afternoon 3.15 – 5.45pm**

**Mon 13th July - Music Concert 6.00pm**

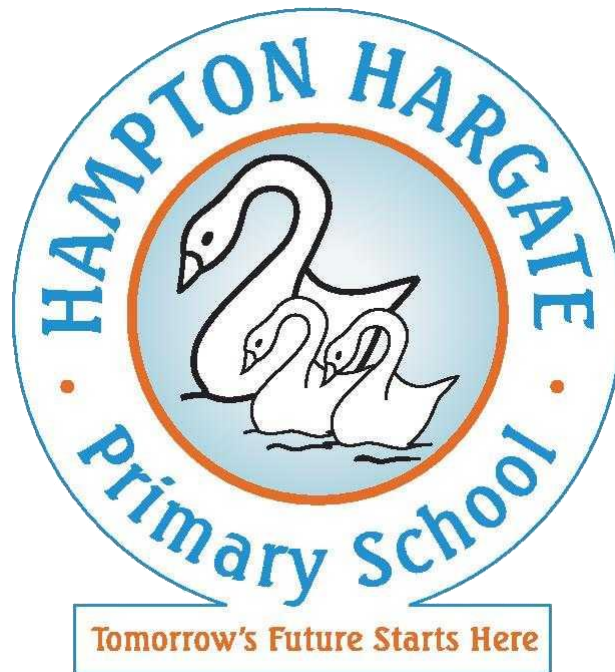
**Wed 15th July - Yr 6 Performance 6pm**

**Fri 17th July - Yr6 Leaver Assembly (with parents) 9.00am**

***Fri 17th July - End of term***

If you haven't signed up for the ParentPay service, please contact the school office - Messages to parents are sent via this service, so you may miss important information if you are not signed up.

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