



Spring Term 2 Newsletter 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Over the last term our pupils have yet again achieved, and been involved in, so many great events, activities and learning opportunities. Various year groups have been on trips/visits and participated in different sporting festivals.

We have held our own special events in school including Science Week, which was a fantastic week of activities, challenges and learning, and involved visitors into school to work with the children on exciting and varied science experiments!

Comic Relief Day, World Book Day, Child Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day are some of the many other events which our school pupils have all participated in.

Thank you for your ongoing support, interest and enthusiasm in our school. I hope you and your children enjoy the Easter break.

Children are back in school on **Monday 13th April** and we will update you on the many events taking place in the summer term. Please also refer to event dates on this newsletter and on the school website.

Dates for the next term and also for the **next academic year 2026-2027** are provided below and are always on our school website.

Andy Lyons

Headteacher

Attendance Report - Spring term 2

Reception

93.5%

Year 1

93.4%

Year 2

95.6%

Year 3

96.7%

Year 4

96%

Year 5

95.2%

Year 6

95.5%

School total

95.2%

⚠ 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 residents and from 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.

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



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.

Year 6 - Trip to Peterborough Cathedral

In February Year 6 visited Peterborough Cathedral. This linked in with their "*History of Peterborough*" History unit by visiting the city's most historic building.

The children explored the Saxon and Viking origins of the site before taking part in interactive activities focusing on how it was built and other notable moments in its history, and included learning about why the Cathedral was damaged during the English Civil War.

This was part of Year 6's amazing enrichment for the school year, a big thank you to those who have contributed to the Year 6 enrichment so far, without your support we would be unable to put on topic linked events like these.





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



Science Week

Science Week was kicked off with a whole school Science assembly lead by Dr Ken. He delivered an amazing circus themed assembly where the children were able to complete different activities, related to their Science curriculum, in a circus theme.

The children participated in Circus themed STEM projects and cross curricular projects, depending on their year group ranging from making Shadow Puppet theatres to using data loggers.

We took part in a World Water Day where the children were taught the importance of clean water and how we can look about this precious commodity.

The children were able to participate in a poster competition, run by the science ambassadors.

We also had our annual Science Gadget Shop where children were able to purchase science related toys/ gadgets during their lunchtime and after school.

A big thank you to those who have contributed to their child's enrichment so far, without your support we would be unable to put on events like these.











World Book Day – A Wonderful Celebration of Words

A huge **thank you** to our whole school community for making **World Book Day** such a joyful event. Our **Word Parade** was a fantastic success, with children, parents and staff showing real imagination by dressing up as words. We certainly achieved our aim: to have fun with language!

It was wonderful to hear excited conversations around school as children tried to guess each other's words and discuss their meanings. Vocabulary was everywhere — in classrooms, corridors and the playground.

Some staff costumes caused particular amusement. Mrs Smith came as **hirsute** (*very hairy*), and judging by the photo you may struggle to spot her at all! Mrs Fewtrell appeared as **juxtaposing** (*placing two things side by side to highlight their contrast*), while Mr Milner chose **competitive** — although some may dare to argue he hardly needed a costume for that one!

Across the school we also spotted some wonderfully creative words including **chic**, **nocturnal**, **illuminate**, **chaotic**, **fragile**, **brave**, **floral**, and **magic**.







HAPPY

A positive state of well-being,
contentment and joy, often accompanied
by smiling, laughter, and a sense
of pleasure.

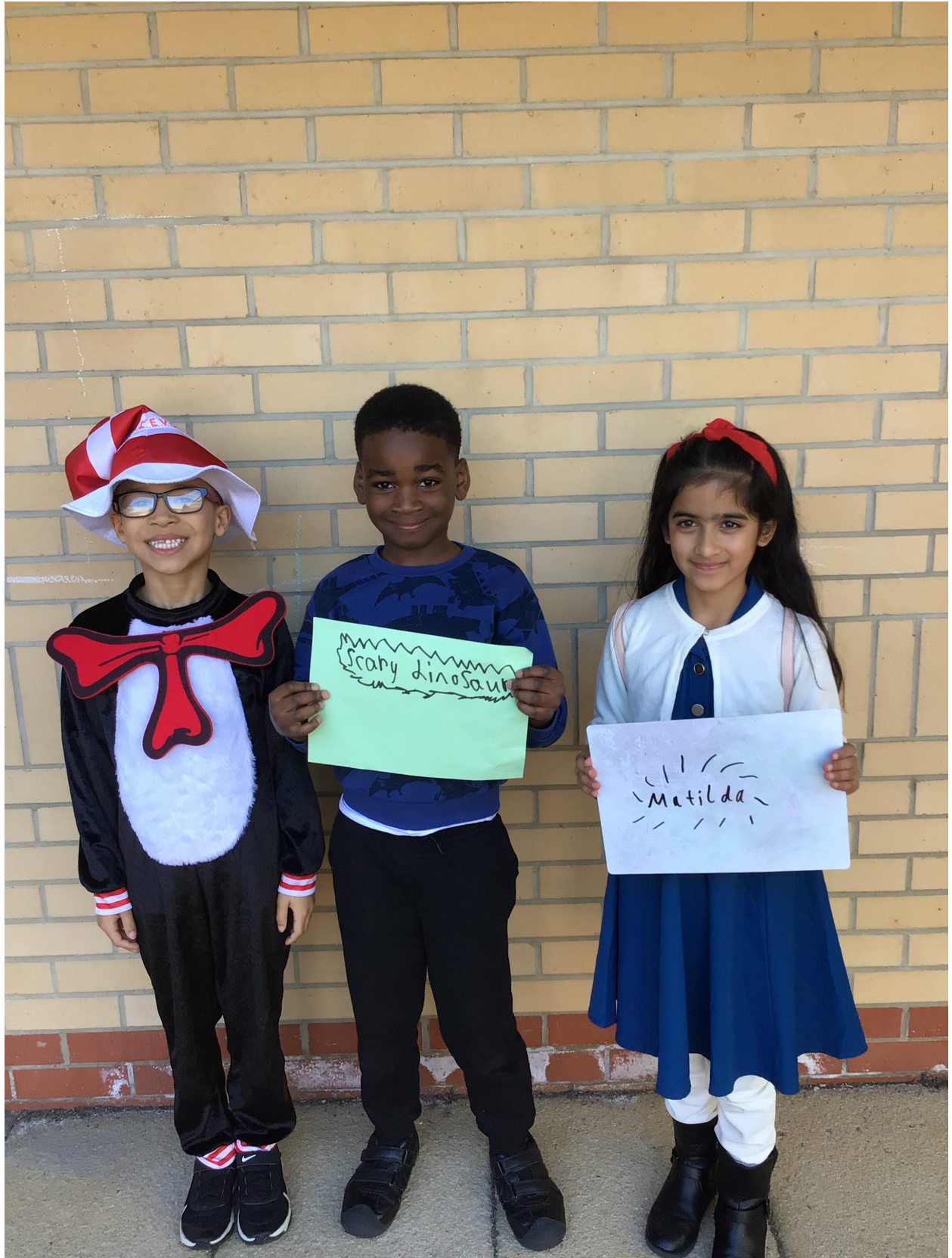


EXHAUSTED

Adjective: very tired

Edie was **exhausted** after a busy day at school





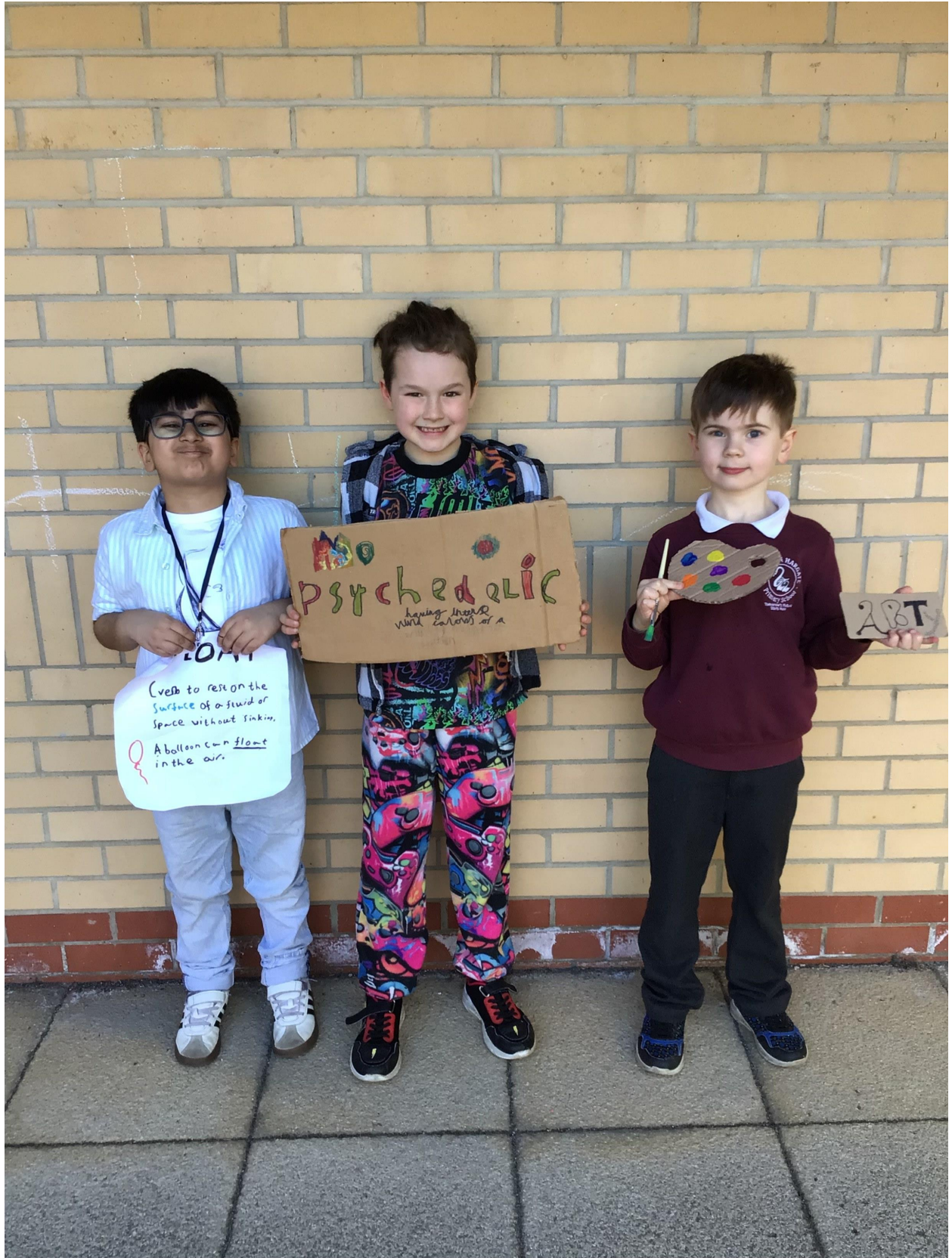
Scary dinosaur

Matilda









Verb to rest on the surface of a fluid or space without sinking.
A balloon can float in the air.

psychedelic
having altered mind colours of a

ABT

Year Group Enrichments



All Parents/Carers will have now been sent details of 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 still be paid up to the end of the summer term. 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 3 - Trip to Hazard Alley

Year 3 had a fantastic and memorable trip to Hazard Alley, a purpose-built safety education centre in Milton Keynes.

During their visit, the children explored a life-sized village where they encountered a wide range of everyday hazards, helping them to develop essential knowledge and practical strategies for staying safe.

Throughout the experience, the children took part in realistic scenarios involving water safety, railways, building sites, kitchen appliances, and online environments. One of the highlights was the opportunity to make a 999 emergency call to an on-site operator using a large mobile phone, without adult assistance. This included responding to situations such as a fire, an incident on a train line, an accident by a lake, and an injury.

The day provided a fun, interactive, and a highly valuable learning experience.

This was part of Year 3's amazing enrichment for the school year, a big thank you to those who have contributed to the Year 3 enrichment so far, without your support we would be unable to put on topic linked events like these.





Staff Updates

This term we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Smith, one of our amazing Year 6 teachers, we wish her the very best of luck in her next role and would like to say a big thank you for her years of hard work and support.

We are also very excited to welcome our new teacher, Mrs Allen, to our team in Year 6 in April.



Year 6 Netball and Football Festival

At the beginning of March, some of our Year 6 pupils took part in a netball and football festival at Hampton College.

These sports festivals are an excellent opportunity for the children to visit another setting, take part in activities that are slightly different to those undertaken in our usual PE lessons and to compete against children from other schools. This competition encourages teamwork and social interactions. It gives opportunities for children to display leadership skills and gives children a sense of achievement when taking part. These skills are important for their development not only in PE, but also for their broader educational experience.

We are very proud to share that our Year 6 children **WON** both the football **AND** netball tournament!

Well done to all of our children for their team work and good sportsmanship.



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.



*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.

KS2 Languagegenut Competition

There was a fantastic response to our KS2 Spring Languagegenut competition. Thank you and congratulations to everyone who took part and spent time learning a new language.

The winners were:

1st: Celine in Year 3

2nd: Preslav in Year 4

3rd: Hanna in Year 3

And the overall class winner, scoring the most points altogether, was **3HB** who celebrated with a non-uniform day.



Amazing Fundraising!

Last week we held a non school uniform day to help raise funds for Comic Relief, with your help we raised an amazing **£380.51!**

Thank you to everyone who supported this cause, if you would like to learn more about this charity, please click here for the [Comic Relief website](#).

The Friends of Hampton Hargate PTA



On the 13th of March The Friends of Hampton Hargate PTA held their "Raise Some Dough" event where they sold Krispy Kreme doughnuts and allergy friendly cupcakes. Thank you to everyone who enjoyed these treats and helped raise money for the school at the same time.

A **big thank you** to The Friends as always, for the huge time and effort they put into all these events.



The Friends next exciting event is "The Big Picnic" taking place on Saturday the 13th June, where there will be lots of fun and entertainment for the whole family! If you are able to volunteer your help at this event, even just for 30 minutes, please do get in touch.

Enjoy the perfect day out for all the family!*

DELICIOUS FOOD AT THE FOOD COURT Friends of Hampton Gate PTA

INFLATABLE DARTS AND NERF ZONE **LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON!** PENALTY SHOOTOUT

TUNES FROM DJ OP! MINI GOLF

MOCKTAILS, CANDYFLOSS, AND POPCORN BALLOON ENTERTAINER

Hampton Hargate Primary School PRESENTS

THE BIG PICNIC

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FROM KPOP DEMON HUNTERS RUMI, MIRA, & ZOE

£1 ENTRY PER PERSON
UNDER 2'S FREE

SPECIAL APPEARANCES FROM BLUEY, SPIDERMAN, JESSIE & WOODY FROM TOYSTORY

SATURDAY 13th JUNE 2026
12pm - 3pm

*Subject to volunteer conditions, no alcohol permitted. **Please see our FB page for more info.

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.

Winter Reading Challenge – Reading widely and reading for pleasure

We were also delighted to celebrate the winners of our **Winter Reading Challenge**.

Congratulations to **3RB**, who had the highest number of winners and will enjoy a fun training session after Easter with Gavin from **Peterborough United F.C.** Individual winners from each year group have been announced in assembly, with certificates awarded to everyone who took part.

A big thank you to parents and carers for supporting this challenge. Encouraging reading at home helps children develop a love of books — something that will benefit them for years to come.



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.***

*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.*



Bedtime stories evening

This term also saw the return of our popular **Bedtime Stories** event — and what a turnout it was! Children arrived in their pyjamas, clutching teddies and ready for a story. Classrooms were transformed with soft lighting, cosy furnishings, relaxing music and, in some cases, even sofas. The atmosphere was wonderfully calm — so much so that one or two children were genuinely surprised when it was time to put their shoes back on and go home!

A special mention goes to **Mrs Bethel and class 3HB**, where an impressive **100% of the class** came back to school to take part.

At a time when national surveys suggest reading engagement among children is declining, it was truly heartwarming to see such enthusiasm. Walking around the school and seeing so many children completely absorbed in stories was a real highlight.

A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers and support staff who stayed late to make the evening possible, our kitchen team for baking the delicious cookies, and our office staff who worked hard behind the scenes to organise everything right up to the last minute. The excitement and delight on the children's faces when they walked into their cosy classrooms was priceless.



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 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).



Reception - Living Eggs



As part of their science enrichments in school, Reception had an exciting opportunity to learn with first-hand experience from eggs to hatching of chicks in class.

The children experienced life cycles and growth and development first hand and this opportunity encouraged social interaction and promoted caring and nurturing skills.

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

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 try to 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.

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

Class Assemblies

Please see the list of class assemblies scheduled for the next half of the summer term. Please note these dates **MAY** change, we will send a letter out a week or two before to confirm.

4BW - 22/04/2026

5LW - 30/04/2026

1HT - 07/05/2026

4EA - 15/05/2026

Term Dates and Events

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



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

2026-2027 Term dates

Term Dates - School Year 2026-2027

Autumn term 2026 starts: Wednesday 2nd Sept 2026

Half-term week: Monday 26th Oct – Friday 30th Oct 2026

Autumn term ends: Thursday 17th Dec 2026

Spring term 2027 starts: Tuesday 5th Jan 2027

Half-term week: Monday 15th Feb – Friday 19th Feb 2027

Spring term ends: Thursday 25th March 2027

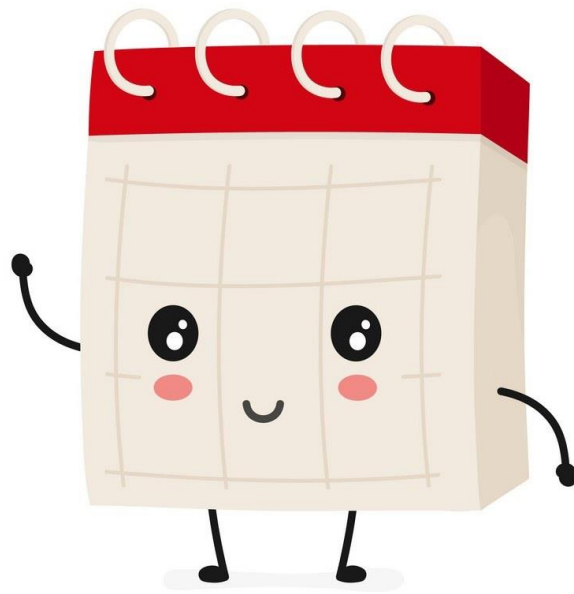
Summer term 2027 starts: Monday 12th April 2027

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

Half-term week: Monday 31st May – Monday 7th June 2027 (Please note – children return on Tue 8th June 2027)

Summer term ends: Tuesday 20th July 2027

DIARY DATES: Please note that these dates are correct as of 27th March 2026, these dates may change, please make sure you check our website [HERE](#) and keep an eye on your ParentPay messages for updates.



SUMMER TERM 2026

APRIL

Mon 13th April - Summer Term starts

Thurs 23rd April - Year 5 Space Centre Trip

Mon 27th April - Year 1 Trip to Hamerton Zoo

MAY

Mon 4th May - Bank Holiday

W/B 11th May - KS2 SATs week

Tue 12th May - Reception trip to Sacrewell

Fri 15th May - Non Uniform Day in exchange for Tomobola Items

W/B 18th May - SPORTS WEEK

25th – 29th May - Half Term Week

JUNE

Tue 2nd June - Children return after Half Term. Please note this is a Tuesday.

W/B Tues 2nd June & W/B Mon 8th June - Yr 4 Multiplication Times Table Check

Fri 5th June - Year 2 trip Woburn Park

W/B 8th June - KS1 Phonics Screening week

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

Wed 10th June - Cresset Dance Festival - 6pm

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

Thur 11th - Friday 12th June - Year 4 Sacrewell Trip - Group 1

Sat 13th June - The Friends Big Picnic Event 12pm - 3pm

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

Thur 18th - Friday 19th June - Year 4 Sacrewell Trip - Group 2

22nd - 24th June - Yr6 Residential Caythorpe

W/B 22nd June - Languages Week

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

Thurs 25th June - Airport Day

JULY

Wed 1st July - Move up day

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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