



Autumn Term 1 Newsletter 2026

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. We also welcome new teachers, TAs and midday staff to our school this term.

We have had a busy first half term with a lot of events which have taken place. Thank you to everyone who attended the Welcome Meetings at the start of term. These are an excellent opportunity to gain the initial headline information on your child's new year group, as well as ask any questions. If you missed these, the headlines for each year group are on the school website under the '[Learning](#)' tab. Also, thank you to everyone who has attended the Class Lesson Visits. It is a great way 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.

Parents Evening has now taken place and thank you to all parents who have made 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 discussion with

teachers is **essential** for us all to work together to help your child achieve their potential. If you have not yet had your parent evening session, your child's teacher will contact you for this to take place asap. There were so many positive comments about our school, what we are doing and how we work together as school and families - thank you for this. Feedback is always valuable to us.

Immediately after half term, we will share information with you regarding the many Christmas events, activities 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 and times etc. Please also read the information sent by our Friends Association who are organising events for our pupils over the next couple of months. You can also find upcoming dates on our website under [term dates](#) and [diary dates](#).

Andy Lyons

Headteacher

Attendance Report - Autumn term 1 2026

Reception

96.7%

Year 1

95.8%

Year 2

96.4%

Year 3

96.8%

Year 4

96.8%

Year 5

95%

Year 6

96%

School total

96.2%

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



Christmas Performances - EYFS and KS1



A reminder of the dates and times for our EYFS and KS1 Christmas performances this year.

Reception - Tuesday 1st December - 9.15am - 2.15pm

Year 1 - Thursday 3rd December - 9.15am and 2.15pm

Year 2 - Wednesday 2nd December - 9.15am and 2.15pm

Over the last few years, we have reviewed pupil attendance and noted a significant number of children did not return to school for the evening performances. This had a detrimental impact on the performance and required last-minute adjustments, which proved challenging for both the children and the staff involved. We want to ensure that all children have the opportunity to participate fully in these special performances and that the productions can be enjoyed as intended.

Football match



Here are our two football teams from the Yaxley tournament last Friday, both teams qualified through to the semi finals but sadly then got knocked out.

I was very proud of their teamwork and excellent sportsmanship.

They were a credit to the school!!

Mr Milner

⚠ 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 3 Flag Fen trip





Our Year 3 children had a fantastic visit to Flag Fen this half term.

This was led by specialist archaeologists who possess extensive knowledge of the site and Bronze Age Britain.

The children explored the Bronze Age site, discovering its treasures and the national significance of the location. They also took on the role of an archaeologist, learning how to read and understand the information that artefacts provide about life in prehistoric Peterborough.

This was an amazing opportunity for the children to gain insight into what life was like in prehistoric times, broadening their understanding of this period.

Change in weather

As the weather is now becoming cooler, we would like to remind parents and carers that unless there is heavy rain, children will continue to go outside at break and lunchtime. Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school each day so they can stay warm and comfortable.

You are also welcome to send your child to school with gloves, a hat and scarf if you wish.

Please ensure that all clothing and belongings brought into school are clearly named.



Staff Updates

This term we have welcomed new teachers - Miss Mortlock in Year 1, Mrs Hayes and Miss Baker who have both joined the Year 3 team, and Miss Emery who has joined us in Year 4. We also welcomed Miss Merry and Miss Brown who have joined us as TA's, Miss Balaam who joined us as a Student teacher and Miss George who joined us on a placement year and as a Midday supervisor. We also had three new Midday Supervisors join us - Miss Lonetti, Miss Birch and Ms Satkova.

After half term, class 1JG will have two new teachers - Mrs Dugdale and Mrs Arora. Mrs Dugdale is joining our school as an experienced teacher and has already been working with the children in 1JG and Mrs Arora, who has been a teacher in EYFS and Year 1 in our school for many years.

We say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Bird who has left our school after 17 years. We wish her all the best in her new career. We also say goodbye and good luck to Miss Asplin who is leaving to go on Maternity leave at half term and Miss Griffin will be leaving to go on Maternity leave at the end of November. We look forward to hearing their happy news.



We also wanted to share some happy news with you that Mrs Debell, who was with us in Year 4 last year has welcomed a new addition into her family - a baby girl!

Congratulations from everyone at Hampton Hargate!

New Facebook page

A reminder that we have a new Facebook page to help share information.

This will not be a replacement for ParentPay messages, this will remain your main source of information from the school.

Please give us a follow! [Hampton Hargate Facebook page](#)



Harvest Festival

As you will be aware, this year we once again took part in the Peterborough Foodbank Harvest Appeal.

Thanks to your kind contributions, we handed over **198kg** worth of food donations!

You can find lots of information about Peterborough Foodbank, including centre locations and the latest volunteering opportunities on their website: www.peterborough.foodbank.org.uk



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.

Year 3 Paleoquest Workshop

This term Year 3 had a visit from Dr Helen, a palaeontologist and geologist, who brought in an impressive collection of various rocks, authentic dinosaur fossils and several remarkable replicas for our exploration.

During the workshops, the children had a range of activities to complete, such as identifying a range of fossils and examining different rocks, crystals and gems using magnifying glasses.

It was an engaging experience that really enriched Year 3's learning.







Year 5 - Victorian day

Year 5 enjoyed their Victorian day when they got to experience what school may have been like.

They participated in a range of activities including reading, writing and arithmetic.

Thank you for your support, sending pupils in costume so they fully immersed themselves in the experience.



Uniform Donations

Peterborough City Council have recently set up a second-hand uniform shop called **Roots and Rise** in Queensgate shopping centre.

If you have any uniform that you would like to donate, we have a new donation box in the main office that you are able to put this into and we will arrange for it to get to Roots and Rise.

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/bins-waste-and-recycling/reduce-reuse-recycle/second-chance-school-uniform-shop>



Year 4 Hockey skills festival

A small group of children in Year 4 had a brilliant morning at The Peterborough City Hockey Club.

The children had lots of opportunities to develop their skills and apply these in game situations.

The children were engaged and willing to give their best efforts.

Mrs Allen



AMB - Kitchen vacancy

An opportunity to work at your Childs school and become part of the catering team has become available. We are looking for a reliable and experienced Chef Manager to join the team .

Requirements:

- Good cooking skills and relevant qualifications.
 - Knowledge of food hygiene, allergies and menu planning.
 - Good leadership and teamwork skills.
 - Ability to manage stock, orders and food safety records.
 - A positive and reliable attitude.
- ✓ Full training and uniform provided.
- ✓ DBS and safeguarding checks required.
- Interested?** Please send your CV and cover letter to apply for this exciting opportunity to hshepherd@abmcatering.co.uk

Our catering company ABM currently have a vacancy available for an experienced Chef Manager position.

Please see above advert for more information and how to apply if you are interested.

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.

Hockey Festival





We had a lovely morning at The City of Peterborough Hockey Club taking part in the Year 5 and 6 School Games Peterborough Primary School Hockey Festival.

The children have worked well as a team, engaged well with the events and behaved beautifully.

It was great to watch their skills progress as the morning went on - a huge well done to those who took part.

Miss Asplin

Free NHS Eye tests ... more than just a sight test

As children grow, their eyes change quickly. Because they have nothing to compare it to, children who need glasses rarely complain, as they assume everyone sees the world exactly the same way they do.

To support their learning and overall health, high street opticians recommend that children have an eye check every **1 to 2 years. Completely Free:** All children under 16 qualify for free NHS sight tests

- No Reading Required: Opticians use fun, picture-based shapes and lights, meaning children do not need to know their alphabet yet.
- More Than Just Vision: Routine checks spot hidden issues like lazy eyes early on, when they are much easier to treat. If your child is due for a check-up, simply phone or book online with any local high street optician.



Poppy Appeal

This year we are again taking part in The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal to help raise funds for a huge number of charities that they support, these will be distributed from **Monday 2nd November** by some of our Year 6 pupils during school for **20p** per poppy, however, you can of course donate more if you wish.

As this will be donated in cash, to help our Year 6 pupils, please could we ask that your child brings in the exact amount that you would like to donate. For example, if you would only like one poppy and to donate 20p, please do not send a £1 coin as your child is then able to ask for 5 poppies, and the Year 6 children will put the £1 into a collection pot that we are unable to open.

Please speak with your child about what this is for, so they know what to give to the year 6's when they come round, or by putting this money in a labeled envelope to help your child, especially if they are in the younger year groups.



School Dinners



Booking lunches:

It is the responsibility of all parents/carers to make sure that a suitable meal has been booked for their child/ren, all vegetarian options will have a (V) in the description, and we do not offer a halal menu. We will not let any child go without something to eat, however, we are only able to offer them a jacket potato if the meal is not booked in advance by a parent/carer.

When meals are booked in advance this means the kitchen can prepare accordingly and stop food waste. You can book as far in advance as you would like, however, you cannot make meal bookings on the day.

Can we please 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, when these meals are not cancelled this leads to a large amount of food waste.

*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.*



YOUnited self-referral

YOUnited 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 YOUnited for mental health support.

www.cpft.nhs.uk/younited-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.

YOUnited 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

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.

Term Dates and Events

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



Term Dates - School Year 2026-2027

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

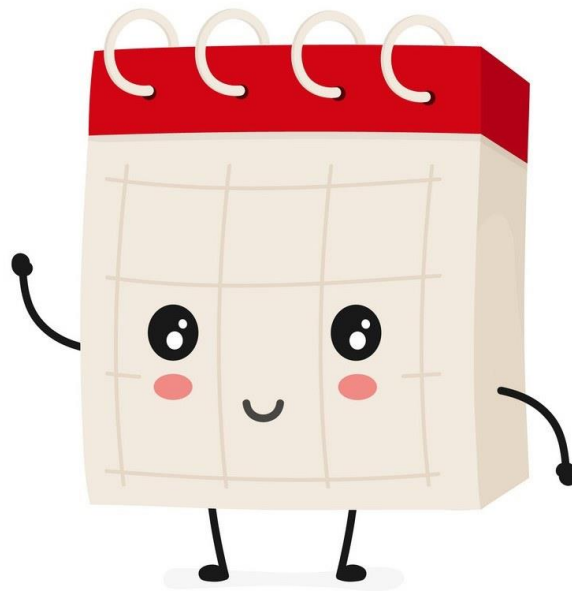
Summer term 2027 starts: Monday 12th April 2027

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 23rd October 2026, these dates may change, please make sure you check our website [HERE](#) and keep an eye on your ParentPay messages for updates.*



OCTOBER

27th – 31st Oct - Half term week

NOVEMBER

W/C 2nd Nov - Careers Week - Yr 5&6

Fri 6th Nov - Yr2 Trunk Theatre

Mon 9th Nov - Yr1 Recycling Workshop

Tue 10th Nov - Reception New Intake for Sept 2027 Meeting 9.15am – 10.15am

Tue 10th Nov - Reception New Intake for Sept 2027 Meeting 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Thurs 12th Nov - Reception New Intake for Sept 2027 Meeting 1.45pm – 2.45pm

Thur 12th Nov - Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 6

Fri 13th Nov - Children In Need Day – non-uniform

Thurs 19th Nov - Year 5 visit to Space Centre

DECEMBER

Tue 1st Dec - Reception Christmas Production 9.15am

Tue 1st Dec - Reception Christmas Production 2.15pm

Wed 2nd Dec - Yr 2 Christmas Production 9.15am

Wed 2nd Dec - Yr 2 Christmas Production 2.15pm

Thur 3rd Dec - Yr 1 Christmas Production 9.15am

Thur 3rd Dec - Yr 1 Christmas Production 2.15pm

Mon 7th Dec - Yr 3 Christmas Production 9.00am

Mon 7th Dec - Yr 3 Christmas Production 6.00pm

Fri 11th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day 1

Tue 15th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day 2

Thur 17th Dec - End term

SPRING TERM 2027

JANUARY

Tue 5th Jan - Start of spring term

Wed 6th Jan - Yr1 - Junior Stem Robotics

Thur 7th Jan - Yr2 - Junior Stem Robotics

Thur 7th Jan - Yr2 - STEM (computing)

Fri 29th Jan - Young Voices – Birmingham

FEBRUARY

Mon 1st Feb - Parent Evening 3.30 – 7.30pm - *NEW DATE*

Tue 2nd Feb - Parent Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm - *NEW DATE*

Mon 8th Feb - Yr1 Museum visit

Mon 8th Feb - Wed 10th Feb - Year 4 Residential - Group 1

15th – 19th Feb - Half Term Week

Mon 22nd - Wed 24th Feb - Year 4 Residential - Group 2

Thur 25th Feb - Class Photo Day

MARCH

Tue 2nd March - Yr 5 performance 9.00am

Tue 2nd March - Yr 5 performance 6.00pm

Wed 3rd - Fri 5th March - Year 4 Residential - Group 3

Tues 16th March - Year 6 to Cambridge - Zoology Museum and Botanical Gardens

Thurs 18th March - Year 5 Trip to West Stowe Anglo Saxon Village

Tue 23rd March - Yr 4 Performance 9.00am

Tue 23rd March - Yr 4 Performance 6.00pm

Thur 25th March - Easter Egg Raffle

Thur 25th March - End of term

SUMMER TERM 2027

APRIL

Mon 12th April - Summer Term starts

Wed 28th April - Yr1 Hamerton Zoo

MAY

Mon 3rd May - Bank Holiday

W/B 10th May - Yr6 KS2 SATs week

W/B 17th May - SPORTS WEEK

31st May – 4th June - Half Term Week

JUNE

Tue 8th June - Children return (*Please note this is a Tuesday*)

7th to 18th June - Yr 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check begins

Wed 9th June - Yr2 Woburn Safari

W/C 14th June - Phonics Screening begins

Wed 16th June - Yr 3 to Hazard Alley Group 1

Thurs 17th June - Yr 3 to Hazard Alley Group 2

Tue 22nd June - KS2 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.15am

Wed 23rd June - KS1 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.15am

Wed 23rd June - Year 4 to Sacrewell

Thur 24th June - Reception Sports Day 9.30am – 10.45am

Tue 29th June - **RESERVE** KS2 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.15am

Wed 30th June - **RESERVE** KS1 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.15am

JULY

Thur 1st July - **RESERVE** Reception Sports Day 9.30am – 10.45am

Wed 7th July - Move up day *TBC*

Thur 8th July - Reports go home

Mon 12th July - Open Afternoon 3.15 – 5.45pm

Mon 12th July - Music Concert 6.00 – 7.15pm

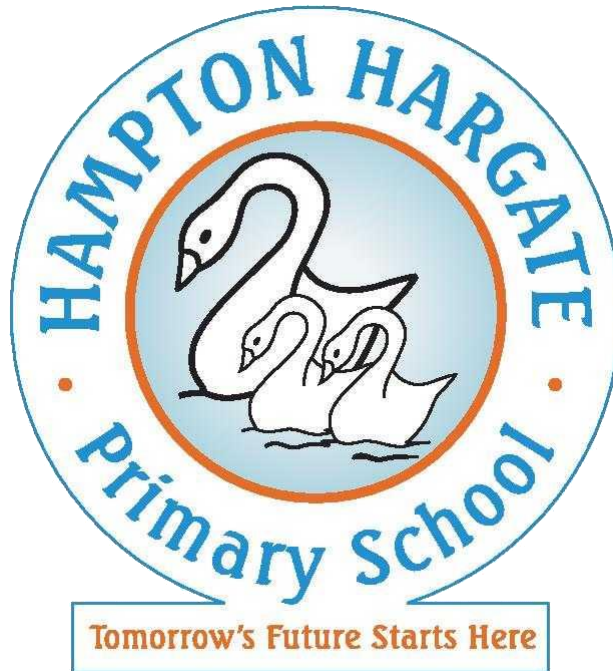
Thur 15th July - Yr 6 Performance 6.00pm

Tue 20th July - Yr6 Leaver Assembly (with Yr6 parents) 9.00am

Tue 20th 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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