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'Inspiring confident and independent learners'

3rd October 2025



This Week

In assembly this week we presented certificates to our Year 4 boys' football team for playing well as a team at the Lockers Park competition and introduced our two school journeys to the children.

Our Year 3 children had their first taste of our pop up swimming pool. They have been challenged to develop their water confidence and to learn to swim at least 25m. It was great to see their confidence grow through the week.

We held two very popular Early Reading workshops with over 130 parents attending across the two mornings. I hope these sessions helped explain how we teach reading and how to help your child with their reading at home. Please try and listen to your child read most days as reading is part of everything we do.

School Journeys 2026

The school journey to Derbyshire is fully booked. We have opened more spaces for the journey to the Isle of Wight as the first 50 spaces have already been filled. Deposits for school journeys must be paid by Friday 10th October.

Harvest Support for DENS

We will be supporting DENS by collecting essential items next week. See separate letter for details. If you are able, pop an item from their list in your shopping basket and send in to school next week.

Attendance Challenge – Overall Winners – 1MC

1 st	Comets	97.4%
2 nd	Stars	90.6%

KS1

Best Class	1MC	98.8%
2 nd =	1AC	98.1%
2 nd =	2BG	98.1%
4 th	2JG	96.8%

Year3/4

Best Class	4S	97.2%
2 nd =	3S	96.1%
3 rd =	4B	95.9%
4 th	3T	95.6%

Coming Up

Our Year 3 children will be visiting Longdean School on Thursday 9th October to take part in a Target Games Workshop.

Parents' Evenings.

Make sure you book your appointment for this important activity. We would like to see every family and talk about how your child has settled this year and what their targets are for the year ahead.

Car Park

There have been some near misses in our car park with parents walking through the car park and parents driving into the car park to drop off children. From Monday, our car park gates will be closed between 8.35 – 9.50am and between 3.00 – 3.40pm. Please use the pedestrian gates for dropping off and picking up your children so that we can avoid any serious accidents.

Cycling to School

When cycling to school you must:

- Wear a cycle helmet
- Ride considerately if there are others walking on the pavement
- Not ride on the road
- Stop before crossing any road

Too Good To Go

Our first Too Good To Go opening is on Friday 17th October. We are running a Halloween theme and would welcome donations of Halloween costumes in preparation for our discos the week after!

Our November Too Good To Go will be a Christmas jumper and coat swap event. Please feel free to drop off any costumes, Christmas jumpers and coats to our school office. Your support is very much appreciated!

Vacancies:

Part-time teacher
Cleaner

Clothing and Textile Recycling

Don't forget to drop off your textiles (clothing etc) into our clothing bank in the car park to help raise funds for the

Year 5/6

Best Class	5G	98.2%
2nd	5C	98%
3rd	6M	97.3%
4th	6H	95.4%

Sports Competition Winners	Mars/Saturn
Team Point Winners	Mars

School Association. Keep the unwanted items coming and away from landfill.

School Lottery

This week's winner of £40.50 is a parent of a child in year 1. Thank you for your continued support.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hobbs-hill-wood-primary-school>

School Association

To join the School Association facebook page use this link:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/731531916907279/?ref=share>

This Week's Awards

29th September 2025

	Class Teacher Award	Handwriting Award	Special Achievement Award
Comets	Savannah Kargbo	Bonnie Flood	George Bulpit
Stars	Ava Davies	Jenson Telford	Lewis Neave-Wylie
1AC	Paisley-Mae Morrissey	Bhradain Burnett	Kleon Kosova
1MC	Thomas Moody	Ana Smith	Max Fisher
2BG	Tyla Hewitt	Keira Ti-Jones	Molly Cook
2JG	Libby Cooper	Albi Nurce	Gwen Bannister
3S	Lydia Mati	Huxley Jennings	Charlotte Chilton
3T	Evelyn Collins	Gabriel Shortt	Ibraheem Ibraheem
4B	Henry Ireland	Jackson Gott	Violet-Jayne Smith
4S	Evie Howie	Aisah Rahman	Jacob Butler
5C	Sadie O'Neill	Saoirse Bannister	Isaac Cooper
5G	Mason Donaldson	Andrei Cucu	Mariella Walters
6H	Anaya Hussain		Holly Charman
6M	Blossom Abrahami	Jessica Gray	Evie Broome

Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025/26	Spring Term 2025/26	Summer Term 2025/26
Thursday 4 th September – Friday 24 th October Monday 3 rd November – Friday 19 th December	Monday 5 th January – Friday 13 th February Monday 23 rd February – Friday 27 th March	Tuesday 13 th April – Thursday 21 st May Monday 1 st June – Friday 17 th July
School Test Week 2026 – 11 – 15th May (absence will not be authorised during this week - except illness)		
School Journey Dates 2026 National Forest 29 th April – 1 st May 2026 Isle of Wight 22 – 26 th June 2026		

School Meal Prices (Autumn Term) Daily £3.35 (paid by 9.00am) Weekly £16.75

Treetops Breakfast and After School Club

The clubs run from 7.45 – 8.45 and 3.15 – 6.00pm. For more information or to book please see our website or contact the school office

Oct	
9	Year 3 Target Games at Longdean
15	Y5 Hampton Court Y6 Kensington Palace
14,15,16	Parents' evening
21	EYFS/KS1 Maths Workshop for parents 9.00-10.15am KS2 Maths Workshop for parents 10.45am-12.15pm
22	Flu Vaccine am Halloween discos
23	Year 2 – 6 Cross Country at Longdean
24	Individual photos

27-31	Half term Helping Hands at Half -term
Nov	
3	Year 3 visit to Celtic Harmony
5	Family Firework Evening
6	Year 6 District Cross Country event Governor school improvement/resources meeting
10-14	Anti-bullying week
18	Film Night Years 1 – 3
20	Film Night Years 4 - 6
21	Children in Need
26	Christmas discos and light switch on Governors' Business meeting
28	Year 1 Athletics event at Longdean
29	Christmas fair
Dec	
1	Flu Vaccine 2 am
8	FS dress rehearsal (grandparents) 9.30am
9	KS1 dress rehearsal (grandparents) 9.30am FS Show 6pm
10	KS1 Show 6pm
15	Yr 3 and 4 dress rehearsal 9.30am Yr 5 and 6 dress rehearsal 1.30pm
16	Yr 3 and 4 Show 6.00pm
17	KS1 Christingle 9.00am Yr 5 and 6 Show 6.00pm
19	End of Term 2.15pm

Want to know more about the school?

Take a look at our school website for the latest news and information

www.hobbshellwood.herts.sch.uk

If you have not done so, please join our school lottery to help raise funds for school equipment and activities as well as a chance to win a prize for yourself. Join up details in poster below.

WEDNESDAY
22ND OCT

Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School

6:30PM
-8:00PM

HALLOWEEN *Disco*

This disco is for

YEARS 4, 5 & 6

The price for this disco is £5 and this includes entrance, bag of sweets & a drink. Please pay via Arbor. Halloween Fancy Dress is encouraged but is not compulsory.

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Primary School

Years 1, 2
& 3

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OUR SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

We are a small group of parents who organise a few events throughout the school year, to ensure that our children have some fun events to take part in whilst they go through their primary school journey. These are Movie Nights, Discos, Christmas Fair and the Summer Fair

Over the 6 years we have raised an amazing £100K and we have paid for
 FREE FRUIT FOR ks2 (not funded by the government)
 AN ENTIRE SUITE OF LIBRARY BOOKS
 WE PAID FOR THE ROPE SWING IN YEAR 5&6 PLAYGROUND
 GYM EQUIPMENT IN THE YEAR 3 & 4 PLAYGROUND
 THE PLAY EQUIPMENT IN RECEPTION AND EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND
 WE PARTIALLY PAY FOR THE END OF YEAR WHOLE SCHOOL OUTING
 WE HAVE PAID FOR AIR CONDITIONING IN THE SCHOOL HALLS
 WE PAY FOR THE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR BOTH PE AND IN CLASSROOMS
 and much, much more....

We would love to have some parents from the younger years to join us as this will help us to keep going. It really doesn't take up alot of time, we have a wonderful group of parents on the team but we need more, it would be a real shame after so long to see the association and all the benefits it brings to the children and the school come to an end. All new members would receive a full 12 month handover/support.

Please if you can help please can you email:
schoolassociation@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk or you can message us on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/731531916907279>

I am willing to be a part of the school association next year:
 Name: _____
 Class: _____ Contact Email/Phone No: _____

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