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'Inspiring confident and independent learners'

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This Week

This week the weather has impacted our activities with the Year 6 cricket event cancelled due to the weather and our class photos having to be moved under our playground shelter to avoid the risk of rain.

We met some of our new Reception children on Tuesday when they came along for a stay and play session so we could get to know the children and their parents.

On Thursday we celebrated the retirement of our Office Manager, Jo Smith. We wish her all the best as she enjoys the next chapter in her life.

We welcomed our new Office Manager, Mrs S. Lam. Please bear with us as Mrs Lam gets used to all our systems.

Today we are holding our annual sponsored walk. This is a great opportunity for the whole school to do something together and for everyone to get lots of exercise. It also helps us raise money for our school activities through sponsorship of the children. We hope to walk the equivalent distance from Hobbs Hill Wood to Washington DC! If you have sponsored your child, please send in the sponsor form and money next week. There are prizes for raising certain amounts of money. Everyone gets a Mars Bar and Certificate for taking part.

During half-term the playground sockets for our new tennis courts were installed. We are now waiting for the markings to be done so we can start to play more tennis!

Attendance Challenge – Overall Winners – 3W

1 st	Comets	95.8%
2 nd	Stars	92.2%

KS1

Best Class	2BG	96.3%
2 nd	2JG	95.6%
3 rd	1AC	92.5%
4 th	1MC	89.2%

Year3/4

Best Class	3W	99.6%
2 nd	4B	99.2%

Coming Up

Next week we will be carrying out government tests for Year 1 (phonics) and Year 4 (times tables). Please make sure your child is in school all week so they can take these tests.

On Tuesday Year 4 will be going on their Thames Explorer trip and on Wednesday Year 5 will be visiting Kew Gardens. On Thursday Year 3 will be having a tennis morning at Leverstock Green Tennis Club.

Summer Fair

Please see the posters below for the Summer Fair. We need the following next week:

- Beach bag raffle items
- Unwanted crockery (no glass)

If you forgot to send in a bottle for the bottle tombola this week then you can send one in next week – we don't have many!

We also need volunteers to help so please do sign up. All monies raised go towards our summer term events and activities.

Cycling to School

Please remember that, if your child is cycling to school, they must wear a cycle helmet. If your child does not have a cycle helmet, you will be asked to come to school to collect their bike.

Nursery Places for September 2026

If your child will be 4 years old between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027 you can apply for a Nursery place now. The application form is on our website or a paper copy can be collected from the school office. Visits to see the nursery can be arranged by contacting the school office.

Open Table

Don't forget to come and help yourself to food from the table outside the main entrance on Friday mornings.

Vacancies:

- Finance Manager
- Teaching Assistants (SEND)
- Teacher (maternity cover)
- SENCO (part time)

3 rd	4S	98.8%
4 th	3A	93%

Year 5/6

Best Class	6T	93.3%
2 nd	5G	93.1%
3 rd	6M	92.1%
4 th	5C	88.8%

Sports Competition Winners	Neptune
Team Point Winners	Jupiter

There are an increasing number of children who arrive late for school. Please make sure that you get your child to school on time so that they can have a settled start to the school day.

Please see our website for details of how to apply.

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

School Lottery

Our lucky winner this week of £31.25 is a parent in Year 3. 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

1st June 2026

	Class Teacher Award	Handwriting Award	Special Achievement Award
Comets	Emily Papapanagiotu	Emaan Zafran	Liam Torrens
Stars	Violette Crowley	Rory Miller	Teya Nedelcheva
1AC	Juno Fisher	Rua Gardiner – Taggart	Mihai Carstoiu
1MC	Frank Fletcher	Arabella-Rose Hicks	Kayan Halai
2BG	Oscar Chaffey	Elliot Sayers	Jacob Bunyan
2JG	Hallie Carrington	Albi Nurce	Musab Khan
3S	Jackson Dingley	Henry Howie	-
3T	Ibraheem Ibraheem	Jack Cornish	Brody Hammersley
4B	Isabella Chaffey	Saif Shakeel	Poppy Waterman
4S	Muhammad-Deen Bokhari	Eren Say	Anna Ashraf
5C	Noor Tufail	Belle Stone	Jason Hasa
5G	Summayyah Butt	Mason Donaldson	Hania Rani
6H	Joseph Lear	Mya Arnold	Katie Manolea
6M	Jasmine Sabet	Dylan Brogan	Evie Broome

Excellent Work Awards:

Laura Li (3S)

Evelyn Canty (2BG)

Max Oprea (2BG)

Ayaan Abbas (2JG)

Liyana Khan (2JG)

Ismael Akram (2JG)

Autumn Term 2026/27	Spring Term 2026/27	Summer Term 2025/26
Thursday 3 rd September – Thursday 22 nd October Monday 2 nd November – Friday 18 th December	Tuesday 5 th January – Friday 12 th February Monday 22 nd February – Thursday 25 th March	Monday 13 th April – Thursday 21 st May Monday 1 st June – Friday 17 th July
School Test Week 2027 – 10 – 14th May (absence will not be authorised during this week - except significant illness)		
School Journey Dates 2026 Isle of Wight 22 – 26 th June 2026 School Journey Dates 2027 Sheringham 28 – 30 th April 2027 Isle of Wight 21 – 25 June 2027		

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.

June	
5	Sponsored walk

9	Y4 Thames Explorer trip
10	Y5 Kew Gardens trip New Reception parents talk 6pm Governor Committees 7.30pm
11	Year 3 to Leverstock Green Tennis Club
18	Y2 Brighton trip Year 4 Sports at Longdean Year 5 Brass Performance
20	Summer Fair 12.30 – 2.30pm
22-26	Isle of Wight School Journey
24	Year 3 to see Cleopatra Exhibition and British Museum
26	Too Good to Go
30	New to Year 1 Parents' meeting 9.00am New to Year 4 Parents' meeting 2.30pm New to Nursery Parents meeting 6.00pm
July	
1	Year 1 visit to the Postal Museum New to Year 6 Parents' meeting 9.00am; New to Year 5 Parents' meeting 2.15pm SIP Governors meeting 6.00pm Governors' Business meeting 7.30pm
2	New to Year 3 Parents' meeting 9.00am New to Year 2 Parents' meeting 2.30pm
3	Whole School Transition morning
6-10	Celebration of the last 40 years of Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School
6	Sports Day
7	Gold cards celebration
8	Platinum cards celebration Choir performance for parents 4.00pm
9	Year 6 Transition day
10	Reports sent out
13	Year 6 leaving outing
14	Open Evening and Families on the field 5.00 – 9.00pm – Celebrating the last 40 years of Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School
15	Gullivers' Land Whole School outing
16	End of Year Presentation Assembly Year 6 Leavers assembly 2.15pm
17	End of Year assembly End of term 2.15pm
Sept	
1 & 2	Inset
3	Children return to school

Want to know more about the school?

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

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

SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR
SATURDAY 20TH JUNE

DONATION REQUESTS

W/C 1ST JUNE
PLEASE DONATE BOTTLES AND TEDDIES
PLEASE ENSURE BOTTLES ARE UNOPENED AND IN DATE AND TEDDIES ARE CLEAN AND IN GOOD CONDITION

W/C 8TH JUNE
PLEASE DONATE BEACH BAG ITEMS IN ANY COLOUR AND ANY UNWANTED CROCKERY

W/C 15TH JUNE
PLEASE DONATE YOUR LOVELY HOMEMADE CAKES
PLEASE ENSURE ALL CAKE BOXES ARE NAMED

PLEASE DON'T FORGET WE ARE UNABLE TO RUN THESE EVENTS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT. IF YOU COULD SPARE AN HOUR IT WOULD MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.

HOBBS HILL WOOD

SAVE THE DATE

Summer fair

12.30 - 2.30PM
SATURDAY 20TH JUNE

BOUNCY CASTLE, BBQ & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PLEASE COMPLETE OUR FORM. AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME WOULD MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.

SAVE THE DATE!

40 years of Hobbs Hill Wood

Tuesday 14th July 2026

Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School, Peascroft Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8ER

Join us for a celebration of 40 years of Hobbs Hill Wood.

An evening to celebrate, including: Open Evening, food and drink, live entertainment from pupils, a live band and an opportunity to celebrate Mr Haynes' retirement.

More details to follow.




INFORMATION AND ADVICE ABOUT EMOTIONALLY BASED SCHOOL NON-ATTENDANCE (EBSNA) FOR FAMILIES

EBSNA can affect children and young people of any school age. It can happen as a result of a wide range of different factors - home, wider family, community, school, friendships - often a combination of some or all of these.

WHY COULD MY CHILD BE ANXIOUS?

Anxieties can stem from a number of things such as:

- An unmet special educational need such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia or dyspraxia
- Friendship issues, not 'fitting in', or bullying
- Finding schoolwork confusing and overwhelming
- Separation anxiety
- Trauma
- Bereavement
- Low self-esteem
- The environment itself - especially for those who are autistic and/or neurodivergent



A child might become anxious about school at any stage. It can occur when children start school or transition into secondary school, or it might be related to puberty or hormonal changes. Read more on the [Local Offer website](#).



WHAT ARE THE WARNING SIGNS

- ? Can you spot patterns in your child's absence from school, e.g. certain days/activities?
- ? Does your child regularly say they don't want to go to school, or reluctant/delaying going to school?
- ? Does your child struggle with changes to environment, routine or stimulus?
- ? Are there physical symptoms on school days e.g. tummy aches, feeling sick, headaches?

(NB please always check with a GP to rule out any medical cause or illness).



WHAT TO DO

- 👉 Ask for a meeting with your child's school involving someone who knows your child e.g. class teacher, pastoral lead, SENCo. Be prepared by taking along any notes about the things your child finds difficult.
- 👉 Work together with school to build a child centred plan that understands the underlying problems which are making your child feel anxious about going to school. This could include adjustments to help your child access their education. There are tools which can help such as [Hertfordshire's EBSNA Framework](#).
- 👉 Include your child's voice in any plan as they are more likely to be able to stick to it. Check in after a while and review it with your school to see what is working well and what is not.
- 👉 Do advocate for your child's needs but also understand the limitations as to what your school might be able to do.
- 👉 If the agreed strategies are not working, speak again with your school to identify other services and professionals that might be able to support your child. The [Herts Hub](#) has a wealth of mental health signposting and ideas for early help.



REMEMBER...

- 🕒 With the right plan in place, being in school supports your child's academic progress, social development and mental wellbeing.
- 🕒 Small steps are often big wins.
- 🕒 ...also ensure that you find ways to support your own wellbeing in the process.

STRATEGIES TO TRY AT HOME

- ✓ Develop a plan for the evenings, which can include calming activities before bedtime e.g. gentle music, bath, story or reading.
- ✓ Also plan for the morning, and where possible get things ready for the next day the night before (school bag, lunch box etc).
- ✓ Make a diary which includes your child's worries and also identifies positives and what works well.
- ✓ Respond with empathy whilst encouraging small, manageable steps.
- ✓ Visual timetables at home and school might also help.

