

Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School

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'Inspiring confident and independent learners'

12th June 2026



This Week

This week we carried out government tests for Year 1 (phonics) and Year 4 (times tables). Well done to all the children for concentrating and doing their best in these tests. Results will be reported to parents with school reports later this term.

On Tuesday Year 4 went on their Thames Explorer trip and on Wednesday Year 5 went to Kew Gardens. Despite some overcast weather both year groups had a great time, learned new things and were very well-behaved. On Wednesday afternoon Year 3 went out to explore the local area as part of their geography topic. On Thursday Year 3 had a tennis morning at Leverstock Green Tennis Club which unfortunately was cut short by rain.

On Wednesday our new headteacher, Miss Hunter, visited the school to meet school staff, plan the term ahead with the senior leadership team, talk to our new Reception parents and meet the school's Governing body. Miss Hunter will be visiting again later this term with a focus on introducing herself to the children.

We had two assemblies this week. Our usual Monday assembly focussed on being on time for school and on Tuesday we had a visit from Watford Swim School who talked to the children about the importance of water safety (see below).

Squishes

Due to a number of incidents involving 'exploding' squishies in school, please note that these are no longer allowed in school.

Too Early for School!

If your child is in years 3 – 6, please do not send your child to school before 8.15am. The KS2 gates are opened at 8.15am. Children should not be standing outside the gates from 8.00am as they are not supervised.

Attendance Challenge – Overall Winners – 1MC

1 st	Stars	96.6%
2 nd	Comets	95%

Coming Up

Next week our Year 2 children will be visiting Brighton. This is an amazing adventure by train. On Thursday afternoon there is a brass performance for parents of children in Year 5 – see details in the class email.

On Friday we hope to share the new classes information for parents and children followed by an invite to our 'New to....' Meetings (see calendar for dates).

At the end of next week is our fabulous Summer Fair. Do come along and enjoy all the fun and activities that the School Association has organised.

Summer Fair

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

- Cakes on Friday or Saturday please

If you forgot to send in a bottle for the bottle tombola or a prize for the Beach Bag Raffle 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.

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)

Please see our website for details of how to apply.

KS1

Best Class	1MC	99.7%
2nd	2BG	97.3%
3rd	1AC	97%
4th	2JG	96.1%

Year3/4

Best Class	4B	98.4%
2nd	4S	98.3%
3rd	3W	98.2%
4th	3A	92.7%

Year 5/6

Best Class	6T	98.7%
2nd	5G	98.6%
3rd	6M	96.7%
4th	5C	90.3%

Sports Competition Winners	Neptune
Team Point Winners	Neptune

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.

This Week's Awards8th June 2026

	Class Teacher Award	Handwriting Award	Special Achievement Award
Comets	Isla Osborne	Albie Marshall	Ayaan Javeed
Stars	Bareera Butt	Lola Wilton	Ralphie Holder
1AC	Archie Gavin	Kleon Kosova	Paisley-Mae Morrissey
1MC	Evie Williams	Harrison Gott	Maribelle O'Malley-Lewis
2BG	Freddie Hutchinson	Hunter Bentley-Hamm	Lorenzo Walters
2JG	Jack Harrison	Ella Miller	Ismael Akram
3S	Lydia Mati	Jackson Dingley	Jae Sithole
3T	Olivia Smith	Arwen Taylor	Jack Cornish
4B	Andy Morosan	Jacob Challis	Jackson Gott
4S	Fareed Mohammed	Lily Khan	Chace Gaskell
5C	Abigail Moran	Leo Welch	Jessica Harvey
5G	Landon Miller	Amelia Ahmed	Alice Mennie
6H	Bronte Bull	Will Brown	Neva Mesiano
6M	Lilly Wadham	Luna Nurce	Laiba Khan

Excellent Work Awards:

Austin Martin Stars

Jaxon Talbot Stars

Laura Li 3S

Autumn Term 2026/27 Thursday 3 rd September – Thursday 22 nd October Monday 2 nd November – Friday 18 th December	Spring Term 2026/27 Tuesday 5 th January – Friday 12 th February Monday 22 nd February – Thursday 25 th March	Summer Term 2025/26 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

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

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>

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	
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 School Association Celebration and meeting 7.30pm
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.

CO-OPTED GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We are currently looking for new co-opted governors to join our friendly governing body. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school, and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role. All school Governors serve a 4-year term. They act as a 'critical friend', working voluntarily to strategically oversee the running of the school.

The main responsibilities of a Governor

As part of a team:

- Setting the strategic direction of the school
- Holding the leadership to account for the performance of the school
- Making sure that resources are used well, and that money is well spent

Requirements

There are no specific qualifications for the role of governor. You just need the right attitude, enthusiasm, and time to devote to the role.

Specific requirements for this school

We need governors with skills in either finance, health and safety, premises management, procurement, project management or human resources.

Day and times of most meetings

Full Governing Body meetings are twice a term, normally on Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9.30 pm
Committee meetings are once a term, normally Wednesdays from 8.30 to 9.30 pm

The time commitment

Approximately 10 days per year spent attending meetings, visiting the school from time-to-time and undertaking relevant training.

Why volunteer?

Volunteering as a School Governor is a great opportunity to gain leadership experience at board level as well as transferable skills that enhance performance and employability. Most of all, you will have the satisfaction of making a real difference to children's lives and helping them to realise their potential.

If you are interested in the learning more or would like to apply, please contact us on:

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Phone: 01442 401222

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