# Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School

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**'Improving outcomes for all our pupils through high quality teaching and learning'**

## Parent Newsletter – 2nd October 2026

This week, we have hosted Tea, Talk and Tales with parents from EYFS and Year 1 and Year 2. It has been wonderful to welcome parents into the school and to share with them the school's approach to teaching reading. The children loved having parents visit their classrooms and share their phonics and reading activities with them. I have personally enjoyed meeting parents and sharing with them a little about my journey to Hobbs Hill Wood and my vision for the school moving forward.

This week, we also welcomed KS2 parents onto the playground at the end of the day. Although the beginning of the week was very busy whilst we all got used to the new system, it has been great to see this end of day routine become smoother each day. Thank you for your support and patience with this change which has enabled a much safer end to the school day.

Finally, we have now completed our last week of swimming with Year 3 who have loved developing their swimming skills this week. It has been a great opportunity for all of KS2 to continue to practice this essential life skill within the school grounds. Thank you for your support with all the stress that comes with swimming at school!

**End of School Day Arrangements**
Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support with our end-of-day arrangements. Your cooperation helps us to ensure dismissal is calm and safe for everyone.

A gentle reminder that while waiting for children to be dismissed, please do not allow children to use the outdoor play equipment, as this equipment is not supervised by school staff at this time.

We also ask that mobile phones are not used while on the school site during collection, including for taking photographs or filming. Thank you for working with us to keep the end of the school day safe and welcoming for all members of our school community.

**Tea, Maths & More**
In a few weeks time, we are hosting 'Tea, Talk & Tales' – an opportunity for parents to come into school, to see the school in action and to take part in maths activities with their child. During each of these sessions I will also be holding an 'Introduction to Miss Hunter' session so that parents get to know more about the new Headteacher of Hobbs Hill Wood.

- 22nd October: Tea, Maths & More parent session LKS2 – Year 3 & 4 9am – 10.15am
- 22nd October: Tea, Maths & More parent session UKS2 – Year 5 & 6 10.45am – 12pm

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**School Uniform**

Since we have changed the expectation around children coming into school in PE kits, I wanted to remind parents that **when children come to school in their PE kit, they must wear their purple school PE hoodie**, rather than their usual school jumper or cardigan.

On non-PE days, children should wear their normal school uniform, including their purple school jumper/cardigan. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children come to school smartly and correctly dressed. Further information can be found in our School Uniform Policy.

**Parents' Evening**

Please remember to book your Parents' Evening slot through Arbor. We are running two dates:

- Monday 12th October until 7pm & Wednesday 14th October until 6pm

**Too Good To Go!**

Our first 'Too Good To Go' opening will take place on Friday 16th October, 3.00–4.00pm in the Myatt Room. With Halloween just around the corner, we are currently collecting pre-loved Halloween costumes. If you have costumes at home that your children have outgrown or no longer use, please consider donating them. Our Too Good To Go shop is run by school staff and parent volunteers. Come along, have a browse and help us give pre-loved items a new lease of life! Dates for this term are below:

| Month | Date | Theme |
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| October | 16.10.26 | Halloween costumes<br>Uniform |
| November | 20.11.26 | Coat and Christmas jumper swap<br>Uniform |
| December | 11.11.26 | Christmas goodies<br>Gifts<br>Non-perishables<br>Uniform |

**School Photographs – 21st October**

School Photographs are booked to take place on 21st October at school. On this day, all children must come to school in their uniform. If they have PE on this day, they must bring their PE kit in a bag and we will organise for them to get changes at school. Thank you for your support with this.

**Changes to KS2 Morning Gate – From Monday 2nd November**

A reminder to parents that the KS2 gates will open from 8.25am from Monday 2nd November.
This is a change as currently the gates open at 8.20am. This will continue until half term.

**Harvest Collection**

This Harvest, we are collecting donations for Dacorum Foodbank/DENS to support local families. If you are able to contribute, donations can be brought into school between 5th and 9th October. They are particularly in need of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items. Collection boxes will be available in classrooms, and all donations will be delivered directly to the Foodbank. Every donation is gratefully received, and together we can make a real difference to local families.

**SEND Support Plans**

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Staff have been preparing SEND support plans for children on the SEND register. These will be shared with families next week in preparation for Parents' Evening. If you have any questions about the plan, please contact your child's class teacher.

**School Association Help Needed!**
We are always looking for parent volunteers to help at events and to join us on the School Association Team. If you are interested, please come along to our next meeting on **Monday 5th October at 6.30pm in the Myatt Room (next to the main school office).**

**School Association Upcoming events:**
Thursday 8th October – 'Mini' Disco for Nursery & Reception with their Parents/Carers 5pm – 6pm
Wednesday 21st October – Halloween Disco for Year 1 , 2, 3 from 5pm – 6.15pm
Wednesday 21st October – Halloween Disco for Year 4, 5, 6 from 6.30pm – 8pm

**School Lottery**
Welcome to the Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children! It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - please see our Facebook page and School Association news letters for specific targets.
https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hobbs-hill-wood-primary-school

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

| | Class Teacher Award | Handwriting Award | Special Achievement Award |
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| **Comets** | Harley Smith | David Pasca | Haleema Nazir |
| **Stars** | Amelia Baker | Nicole Corodi | Ileri Odukomaiya |
| **1C** | Ziddan Bokhari | Daisy McNulty | Nila Sayyas |
| **1W** | Jaxon Talbot | Noor Mahmood | George Turner |
| **2G** | Paisley-Mae Morrissey | Sophie Leyman | Harriet Krysl-Davies |
| **2H** | Frankie McCarthy | Aria Smith | Mohammad Ali |
| **3A** | Sebastian Thomson | George Bone | Ismael Akram |
| **3M** | Taksh Shah | Stanley Flood | Evelyn Canty |
| **4C** | Evelyn Collins | Gabriel Shortt | Aaila Hussain |
| **4S** | Esmae Buck | Felix Berry | Amie-Grace Hewitt |
| **5B** | Faizan Rahman | Lily Khan | Samuel Mather |
| **5M** | Thanviha Sivakumar | Noah Mather | Areej Khan |
| **6G** | Isaac Cooper | Eli Shults | Aidan Ashraf |
| **6T** | Oliver Braushaj | Sofia Oprea | Finley Harvey |

**Excellent Work Awards:**
Freya Contreras 4S
Tommy Waterman 6G

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

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# Key Dates for Parents for Autumn 1

| Sept | |
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| 1 | INSET – School Closed for Staff Training |
| 2 | INSET - School Closed for Staff Training |
| 3 | Y1 – Y6 Children back to school<br>9.00-10.00 Nursery Group A taster session<br>10.30-11.30 Nursery Group B taster session<br>1.00-2.00 Nursery Group C taster session<br>Reception Baselines all day |
| 4 | Reception Baselines all day<br>8.30-10 Group A Nursery<br>10.30-12 Group B Nursery<br>1-2.30 Group C Nursery |
| 7 | Nursery start<br>Reception Baselines all day<br>Swimming Y6 |
| 8 | Reception children start<br>Andrew Masters KS2 |
| 14 | Swimming Y4 |
| 19 | Teddy Bears' Picnic |
| 21 | Swimming Y5 |
| 22 | Year 2 Trip Florence Nightingale Museum<br>Andrew Masters KS1 |
| 23 | Governors' Business meeting |
| 28 | Swimming Y3 |
| 29 | Tea, Talk & Tales: Parent Reading Session Y1 and Y2<br>Introduction to Miss Hunter: Parent Session Y1 & Y2 |
| 30 | Y4 Verulamium |
| **Oct** | |
| 1 | Tea, Talk & Tales: Parent Reading Session EYFS<br>Introduction to Miss Hunter: Parent Session EYFS |
| 5 - 9 | Harvest Collection Week |
| 13 & 15 | Parents' evening |
| 16 | Too Good To Go 3pm – 4pm |
| 20 | Flu Vaccine am |
| 21 | Individual Photographs<br>Halloween discos 5:00- 6:15pm, 6:30pm-8:00pm |
| 22 | Tea, Maths & More: Parent Maths Session Y3/4 9am – 10.15am<br>Introduction to Miss Hunter: Parent Session for Y3/4 9am – 10.15am<br>Tea, Maths & More: Parent Maths Session Y5/6 10.45am – 12pm |






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| | Introduction to Miss Hunter: Parent Session for Y3/4 10.45am – 12pm |
| 23 | INSET – School Closed for Staff Training |
| 26-30 | Half term<br>Helping Hands Half-term |

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