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

Parent Newsletter – 9th October 2026

This week, we had our first 'Mini-Disco' hosted by the School Association for Nursery & Reception children with their parents. This was a great success and a lovely way to welcome Early Years children and their parents to school events. We look forward to continuing to develop events for all children in our school that are fun and memorable and a way of fundraising for the school.

Next week we look forward to welcoming parents into school for Parents' Evening as well as our first set of Reception tours for families considering choosing us for their Reception child 2027/2028. We are currently working on key dates for parents for the second part of the Autumn term, including the lead up to Christmas. I hope to share these dates with parents next week.

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

Prospective Reception Tours
Is your child due to start school in September 2027? If your child was born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023**, it will soon be time to apply for a Reception place.
We would be delighted to welcome you to our school and show you what makes our community so special. Join us on one of our upcoming Reception tours to meet our staff, see our learning environment in action, and find out more about life at our school. Our first tour is on Friday 16th October at 9.30am.
Book your place on one of our tours by contacting the school and please help us spread the word by sharing this information with friends, family, and other local parents who may be interested in applying for a Reception place.
Please see poster with all the dates for the tours attached below.

Isle of Wight Trip
We are delighted to announce our Isle of Wight School Journey has launched on Arbor this morning!
We still have some places available for years 3-6, so please do book if you are wanting a space for your child. £60 deposit will be required to secure your child's place.

Harvest Collection
This Harvest, we have been collecting donations for Dacorum Foodbank/DENS to support local families. If you are still 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 are available in classrooms, and all donations will be delivered directly to the Foodbank.

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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

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.

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
October	16.10.26	Halloween costumes Uniform
November	20.11.26	Coat and Christmas jumper swap Uniform
December	11.11.26	Christmas goodies Gifts Non-perishables 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 changed 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.

School Association Help Needed!

I met with the wonderful School Association this week who have fundraised over £20,000 for the school over the last year. 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 9th November at 6pm in the Myatt Room (next to the main school office).**

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School Association Upcoming events:
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
Please see poster attached for this event.

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.
Our lucky winner this week is a parent in year 5.
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
Comets	Haani Q	Naksh K	Ivy V
Stars	Marnie M	Kayaan K	Marie S
1C	Harrison	Albie M	Emilia U
1W	Ralphie H	Willow B	
2G	Sofia C	Sophia L	Amara H
2H	Frank F	Freya W	Benjamin R
3A	Alaia L	Hallie C	
3M	Annabel C	Max O	Oscar S
4C	Noah U	Milana L	Alfie C
4S	Henry H	Huxley J	Montague O
5B	Alicia R	Lea N	Zoya B
5M	Riley M	Jackson G	
6G	Alissa S	Elliotte B	Rosie P
6T	Alice M	Joy W	Elijah G

Excellent Work Awards:

Rua G 2G
Gwen B 3A

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Miss Hunter
Headteacher
Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School

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Key dates for parents Autumn 1

Sept	
1	INSET – School Closed for Staff Training
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3	Y1 – Y6 Children back to school 9.00-10.00 Nursery Group A taster session 10.30-11.30 Nursery Group B taster session 1.00-2.00 Nursery Group C taster session Reception Baselines all day
4	Reception Baselines all day 8.30-10 Group A Nursery 10.30-12 Group B Nursery 1-2.30 Group C Nursery
7	Nursery start Reception Baselines all day Swimming Y6
8	Reception children start Andrew Masters KS2
14	Swimming Y4
19	Teddy Bears' Picnic
21	Swimming Y5
22	Year 2 Trip Florence Nightingale Museum Andrew Masters KS1
23	Governors' Business meeting
28	Swimming Y3
29	Tea, Talk & Tales: Parent Reading Session Y1 and Y2 Introduction to Miss Hunter: Parent Session Y1 & Y2
30	Y4 Verulamium
Oct	
1	Tea, Talk & Tales: Parent Reading Session EYFS Introduction to Miss Hunter: Parent Session EYFS
5 - 9	Harvest Collection Week
13 & 15	Parents' evening
16	Reception Tours for September 2027 9.30am Too Good To Go 3pm – 4pm
19	Reception Tours for September 2027 1.30pm
20	Flu Vaccine am
21	Individual Photographs Reception Tours for September 2027 9.30am Halloween discos 5:00- 6:15pm, 6:30pm-8:00pm
22	Tea, Maths & More: Parent Maths Session Y3/4 9am – 10.15am Introduction to Miss Hunter: Parent Session for Y3/4 9am – 10.15am Tea, Maths & More: Parent Maths Session Y5/6 10.45am – 12pm Introduction to Miss Hunter: Parent Session for Y3/4 10.45am – 12pm
23	INSET – School Closed for Staff Training
26-30	Half term Helping Hands Half-term

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A happy start to your child's learning journey

Reception Tours

See our amazing learning environment and meet our friendly team!





Tour Dates

- Friday 16th October 9:30 - 10:30
- Monday 19th October 1:30 - 2:30
- Wednesday 21st October 9:30 - 10:30
- Wednesday 4th November 9:30 - 10:30
- Friday 6th November 9:30 - 10:30
- Monday 9th November 1:30 - 2:30

We'd love to meet you!

To book a space, please contact

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