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

Parent Newsletter – 16th October 2026

It was wonderful to welcome so many families to our recent Parents' Evening. Thank you to everyone who attended and took the time to meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress and achievements. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting many parents throughout the evening and hearing your feedback about life at our school.

This week, we were also delighted to host our first Reception Tour for families whose children will be starting school in September 2027. It was a pleasure to share our school with prospective families and showcase the what makes our school community so special. We look forward to welcoming more families on our upcoming tours over the coming weeks.

Finally, Next week, we are hosting Tea, Maths & More for KS2 parents. I am looking forward to welcoming more families to our school and to have the opportunity to introduce myself to our school community.

Tea, Maths & More

Next week, 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

Dacorum Family Services Parent Workshops

We are hosting two workshops in November by Dacorum Family Services. These sessions are designed to be relaxed and welcoming to parents supporting them with advice and guidance around a range of issues. If you are interested in attending, please contact the school office for further information.

- Monday 9th November 9am -10am Routines & Boundaries – Helping parents with routines and boundaries at home (hosted in school)
- Tuesday 10th November 10am – 11.30am Anxiety & Attendance – Helping Children Feel More confident about coming to school (hosted online or in school)

Family Firework Spectacular – Thursday 5th November

Once again, our annual Family Firework Spectacular returns to Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School. This year we are also able to fire the stunning aerial shells that burst high above the ground with spectacular effects that you can both see and feel. The display will be fired by Titanium Fireworks and their trained operators. It will take place on the school playing fields on Thursday 5 November at 7:00pm. The gates open at 5:45pm, when refreshments will be available, and the display is fired at 7:00pm. We are looking for parent volunteers to help, please sign up here: Fireworks Display 2026 - Can you help? – Fill in form

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Too Good To Go!

Our first 'Too Good To Go' opening will take place today on Friday 16th October, 3.00–4.00pm in the Myatt Room. 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 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.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for Parents

Interested in learning more about supporting Youth mental health? Our school is hosting Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for parents! Contact schoolsmh@hertfordshire.gov.uk to book a place



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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. Book your place on one of our tours via our website or contacting the school office 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.

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.

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 9th November at 7:00pm 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 newsletters for specific targets.
https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hobbs-hill-wood-primary-school
Congratulations to the lucky winner of this week's lottery, a parent of a child in Reception.

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

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

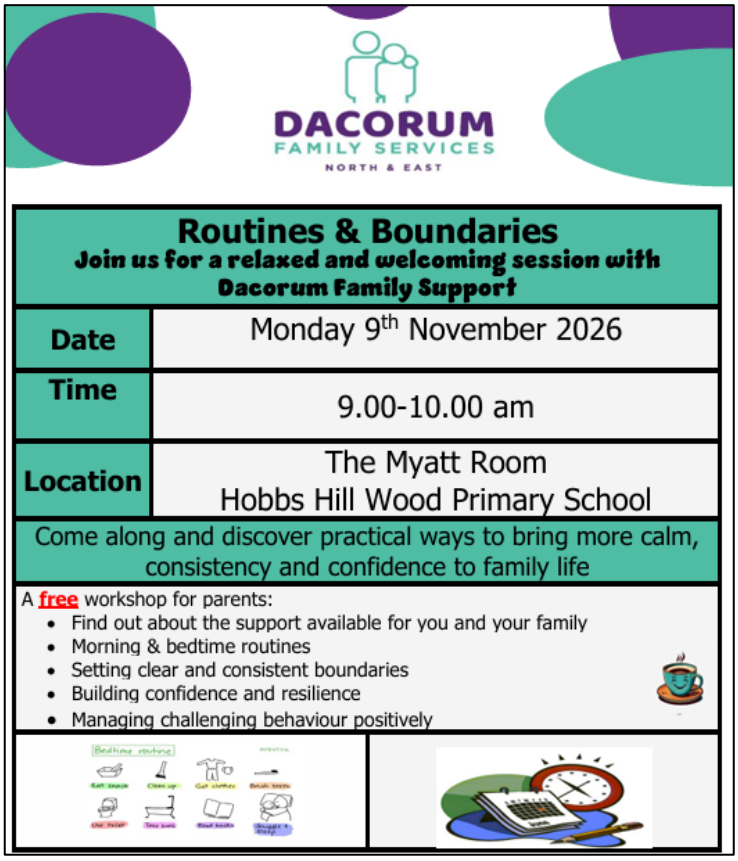
Miss Hunter
Headteacher
Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School





Key Dates for Parents for Autumn 1

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 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 Y5/6 10.45am – 12pm
23	INSET – School Closed for Staff Training
26-30	Half term Helping Hands Half-term





To register your place at these workshops, please email jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

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Christmas Fair

DONATIONS

Please see below donation requests to make this year's Christmas fair another great success

W/C 2nd & 9th Nov

Chocolates & Bottles





W/C 16th & 23rd Nov

Teddy's & Jars



W/C 30th Nov

Class hamper gift and anything forgotten from previous weeks,

Colours for the hamper items:

Reception & Yr 6 Red

Year 1 & 5 Green

Year 2 & 4 Silver

Year 3 & 5 Gold



Friday 4th Dec

Please remember your cake and bakes



