



# December 2025

Hungerford Primary School Newsletter



**“Pupils are happy, feel safe, and thrive in our caring, ambitious school.”**

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## Our Values

**Respect** To show determination and perseverance

**Resilience** To show mutual respect, kindness and understanding of the world and everyone in it.

**Responsibility** To develop independence and make responsible, safe choices

## Principal's Welcome



### **Season's Greetings from Hungerford Primary Academy!**

As we approach the end of a wonderful term, we want to thank our entire school community for your support, enthusiasm, and commitment to learning. This season reminds us of the importance of kindness, togetherness, and joy—values we hold dear at Hungerford.

A special mention goes to our **EYFS children and all new pupils**, who have completed their very first term with us. We are so proud of how they have settled in, embraced new routines, and become part of our Hungerford family.

Wishing you all a **peaceful holiday, filled with laughter and love**, and a **Happy New Year**. We look forward to another exciting term of learning and growth in 2026!

### **Exciting News!**

We are delighted to share that **Mrs Holdsworth** has welcomed a beautiful baby girl into her family. Both mum and baby are doing well, and we send our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to them during this special time.

## Governor Message

### **Christmas Greetings from all the Governors at Hungerford.**

Last week we concluded our final meeting of the year at which in very formal terms 'we hold the senior leaders at the school to account'. In other words, we want to make sure that all that Hungerford offers your children, both in and out of the classroom is of the highest calibre and is helping to make your child the best they can be.

We read the reports ahead of the meetings, we listen to the responses to the questions we ask, concerning the priorities identified by the leaders and we also invite the children to join us. Over the year they have spoken to us about the Pupils' Parliament, Sustainability and Climate Change and most recently they shared the work that they have been focusing on in English. They talked about the book that they had been studying and the author, they gave us a synopsis of the story and then shared a piece of work from their Writing Book, a piece that they were most proud of. All the children confidently talked about their piece telling us what it was that had made them so proud. There were eleven children from Y3 to Y6. If your

child was one of them, I hope they told you about meeting with us, you should be very proud of them.

Please if you see us around school, wearing our orange lanyards, stop us and say hello. Take the time to tell us what you think is going well and tell us what you think could be even better. We hope to increase our presence this year at school events such as productions and parents' evenings, so hopefully see you there.

Wishing you a peaceful new year

Kind regards

Anne Gadsden – Chair of Governors

## Christmas Celebrations



## Christmas Fair



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Christmas Fair! It was a wonderful afternoon filled with festive fun, delicious treats, and plenty of laughter. From the exciting stalls and games to the raffle and seasonal crafts, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

We are so grateful to our staff, volunteers, and families for their hard work and support in making this event such a success.

We raised £800 and the funds raised will go towards enriching experiences for our pupils—thank you for helping us make a difference!

**The PTA have gifted all of the children a present this year, we hope they enjoy them.**

## Nativities



### **EYFS and KS1 Nativities – A Wonderful Celebration!**

This year, our EYFS and KS1 pupils treated us to two fantastic Nativity performances, each filled with festive spirit and joy.

Our **EYFS Nativity** was a heartwarming introduction to the Christmas story, with our youngest learners shining brightly on stage. Their confidence and enthusiasm were truly inspiring!

The **KS1 Nativity** followed with an equally magical performance, showcasing beautiful singing, expressive acting, and teamwork that made us all proud.

A huge thank you to the staff for their hard work in preparing these events and to families for your support. These performances remind us of the importance of community and celebration during this special season.

## KS2 Carol Services



### KS2 Carol Services – A Joyful Celebration

This year, KS2 pupils treated us to **two wonderful carol services**, each filled with festive spirit and beautiful music.

Our **Lower KS2 service** was full of energy and joy, with pupils singing their hearts out and sharing thoughtful readings that reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas.

The **Upper KS2 service** followed with stunning harmonies and expressive performances that created a magical atmosphere for everyone present.

A huge thank you to all staff and families for supporting these events and helping make them such memorable celebrations. We are so proud of our pupils for their confidence, teamwork, and talent!







## Christmas Discos



### **Christmas Discos – A Huge Success!**

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our festive Christmas discos! The children had an amazing time dancing, laughing, and celebrating together. It was wonderful to see so much joy and excitement as we wrapped up the term in true Hungerford style.

Special thanks to our staff and volunteers for making the event run so smoothly and creating such a magical atmosphere.

We hope everyone enjoyed the music, treats, and festive fun—it was the perfect way to start the holiday season!

## Christmas Dinner

### **Christmas Dinner Day – A Festive Treat!**

Christmas Dinner Day was such a lovely occasion for our pupils to enjoy a tasty festive meal together. The hall was full of smiles, laughter, and plenty of Christmas cheer as everyone tucked into a delicious lunch with all the trimmings.

A big thank you to our amazing kitchen team for making it so special—it was the perfect way to celebrate the season!

## Crewe Alex

This month we were given the special opportunity to meet Mickey Demetriou and Lewis Billington from Crewe Alexandra Football Club and ask them questions about their career. The children had clearly put in a lot of thought into their questions and we are grateful for the chance to put these forward. Crewe Alex FC have given all children a complimentary ticket for their match on December 19th with a discounted adult ticket, these will be handed to the children over the next few days.



## Star reader



**We are continuing with our start reader approach. All the children who read five times this week are entered into our raffle. We have some a wide range of fantastic books for the children to select and keep as a gift from the school.**

**Reading regularly at home—even just 10 minutes a day—makes a huge difference to children’s progress, confidence, and enjoyment of books. Whether it’s sharing a bedtime story or listening to your child read aloud, every little bit helps build strong reading habits. Thank you for your continued support!**

## Parking

Please be mindful when parking before and after the school day. We kindly ask that you do not block residents’ driveways or homes. Your consideration helps keep our school community safe and respectful for everyone. Thank you for your support.



**We’d love for you to follow us on Facebook! It’s a great way to stay connected and see what’s happening across the school—we’re sharing more updates, photos, and celebrations than ever.**

## Diary Dates

### January

**05.01.26** School opens

**13.01.26** Infant Movie night

**15.01.26** Junior Movie night

**15.01.26** Year 4 swimming starts

**19.01.26** Clubs start

**26.01.26** Year 4 Class Assembly 2:45pm – parents invited

**29.01.26** Year 6 Trust event. – Humanitopia building resilience for transition

## **February**

**09.02.26** KS1 disco

**10.02.26** KS2 disco

**10.02.26** Safer Internet Day

**12.02.26** School closes

**23.02.26** School opens

## **March**

**05.03.26** World Book Day

**09.03.24** Year 3 Class Assembly 2:45pm – parents invited

**20.03.26** End of term report to parents

**20.03.26** Last day of clubs

**24.03.26 and 26.03.26** Parent consultations times tbc

**27.03.26** School closes

## Daily reporting of absences

**Please report any pupil absences first thing in the morning. There is an absence line where you can press 1 and leave a message. It is important all absences are reported daily to the office.**

## Attendance



Regular school attendance is really important for giving children the best start in life. Ideally, students should aim to attend 100% of the time. Missing school often can make it harder to keep up with work and may cause extra worry. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Did you know...?

- A child who is 10 minutes late misses 32 hours a year of education.
- A child who misses 1 day a week loses 2 months a year of education.
- Half a day a week missed throughout school life equates to 1 full year of lost education.

## Penalty Notice Fines for School

To help maintain good attendance, the school and local authority may issue penalty notices if attendance rules are broken. Here's how it usually works:

**First offence:** If your child takes unauthorised leave (like a holiday during term time) or is regularly late without a valid reason, you may receive a warning or a penalty notice. This usually involves a fine.

**Second offence:** If the issue happens again within a short period, another penalty notice may be issued, with a higher fine. Continued absence without permission could also lead to further action from the local authority.

**Third offence:** Repeated offences may result in more serious consequences, such as prosecution in court, which can carry larger fines or other penalties. We want to work with families to avoid these situations, so if you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please get in touch with the school office as soon as possible.

**If a penalty notice is issued, it usually means a fine will need to be paid. We encourage all parents to make sure their children attend school regularly and on time to avoid these consequences.**

## Safeguarding

Looking out for our children's well-being is really important to us. If you ever need to talk to someone at school about safeguarding or any welfare concerns, please get in touch with the office on 01270 902057. You can ask to speak to a member of our Safeguarding team: Mrs. Wheaver and Mrs. Carman (Designated Safeguarding Leads), or Mrs. Blackburn and Mrs. Bartrum (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads).

**You can also email us at [hungerfordoffice@sbmat.org](mailto:hungerfordoffice@sbmat.org), and the Admin Team will make sure your message reaches the right person who will get back to you. Thank you.**

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