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Hungerford Primary School Newsletter



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

We're just a week into Autumn Term 2 and already there's lots going on! From exciting learning in classrooms to preparations for the festive season, it's a busy and joyful time at Hungerford. Keep an eye out for key dates, updates, and ways to get involved as we build up to Christmas together.

This term's highlights...

Mayor of Crewe

Year 3 were very lucky to welcome the Mayor of Crewe, Councillor Sally Graham, to school today. The Mayor had heard about the fantastic support our staff give to children every day and came to say thank you. She also spoke to the children about her role and even let some of them try on the mayoral robes and chain!









Bronze Award



We are delighted to let you know that we have achieved the Bronze award from the Woodland Trust to celebrate our commitment for planting trees and our approach to recycling.

School Council Trip to House of Parliament

What an incredible day our School Council had in London! We started our adventure at the Houses of Parliament, where we learned all about how laws are made. Next, we stopped at Downing Street for a peek at one of the most famous front doors in the country. We then finished the day with stunning views of the city from the London Eye!





Harvest

On Monday, 10th October we held our Harvest Festival. We were joined by a representative from St Paul's Food Bank in Crewe. This organisation provides the Food Bank services for Crewe and we were proud to be once again, helping this important cause. Thank you as always for your support.



Sporting Events

Well done to our Hungerford basketball team. First time playing the sport competitively and we came 3rd overall! The children played 6 games, 5 of which were without a break and their hard work never deteriorated! We are very proud of them and their attitude!



We are so proud of our Year 5 and 6 Ultimate Frisbee team who played in the St Barts competition. Having never played the sport before, we went against all the schools in the trust. In the group stage, we went undefeated, scoring 23 goals and conceding only 2 which meant we progressed to the semi-finals. It took extra time for the tie to be decided and unfortunately, we lost an extremely tight game to the eventual overall winners. The smiles on the children's faces throughout the day were a joy to witness and the attitude they had was commendable. Other Schools were singling us out with high praise! Thank you to St Barts and Bee Active for organising such a fun, well organised and unique event.



Earlier in the term our Year 2 footballers had a great afternoon representing the school so well.



World War 2 at Hungerford

As part of their World War 2 topic, Year 6 visited the Heritage Centre and hosted a World War 2 team room for families. Their trip to the Heritage Centre helped the children to appreciate the courage, resilience and teamwork of local people who lived through World War 2. It was both educational and inspiring.





Well Being Afternoon

In the last week of Autumn 1 we embraced wellbeing with the first special session of the year dedicated to the five ways to wellbeing. Children had the opportunity to choose from a variety of activities, including parachute games, crafts, board games, yoga, and karaoke. The school was filled with laughter, music, and moments of mindfulness as students explored what helps them feel happy and relaxed. It was a wonderful way to support mental health, build friendships, and remind everyone of the importance of taking time to look after our wellbeing.







Remembrance

We are proud to share that our Year 6 pupils will be joined the Remembrance Parade in Crewe on Sunday. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to represent our school and pay their respects to those who have served. Thank you to families for supporting this important event.



School Trips

Year 4 had a busy day being Anglo-Saxons on their trip to Burwardsley this term. They learnt the skill of archery, made clay pots, visited a replica roundhouse and took part in an archaeological dig to discover more Anglo-Saxon artefacts! What a busy day!





Reception Bake Off: Wrights Pies

Wrights pies 'Compleat Food Company' kindly came to bake pies with us for our EYFS bake off competition! The children learnt how to knead the pastry and decorate their pies once they had been cooked. They have had such a lovely time!







Great news

It's lovely to share with our community the achievements of our children outside school. Congratulations to Marnie, who recently won *Dancer of the Year* and overall Dancing Champion at a dancing competition! We are so proud of her hard work and talent.



We love hearing about the amazing things our children achieve outside school. If your child has a special accomplishment—whether in sports, arts, music, or any other area—please let us know so we can celebrate it in our newsletter. It’s a wonderful way to share their hard work and talents with our school community!

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

November

17.11.25

Year 6 Class Assembly 2:45pm – parents invited

28.11.25

Last day for Clubs

December

05.12.25

Christmas Fair

09.12.25

Preschool and Reception Nativity at 2pm

10.12.25

Preschool and Reception Nativity at 9:30am

11.12.25

Year 6 swimming last session

10.12.25

KS1 Nativity at 2pm

11.12.25

KS1 Nativity at 9:30am

11.12.25

Save the children Christmas Jumper Day

12.12.25

Year 3 /4 Christmas service St Peters morning time tbc

12.12.225

Year 5 6 Christmas service St Peters afternoon time tbc

15.12.25

KS1 Christmas Disco

16.12.25

Christmas KS2 disco

18.12.26

Christmas dinner day - wear Christmas jumpers

18.12.25

End of term report to parents

19.12.25

School closes for Christmas Holiday

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, 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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