



May 2026

Hungerford Primary School Newsletter



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

Ofsted March 2025

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

As we come to the end of a fantastic Summer 1 half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy and rewarding few weeks across the school. I am incredibly

proud of all our pupils, who continue to show our values of responsibility, respect and resilience in everything they do (even on those slightly sleepier mornings!).

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils, who approached their SATs with maturity, determination and a really positive attitude. They supported one another, rose to the challenge, and showed just how ready they are for the next step – we couldn't be prouder of them (and I'm sure a few of them are now enjoying a well-earned breather!).

Looking ahead, Summer 2 promises to be just as exciting. With Sports Day on the horizon, along with a range of enrichment activities and our much-anticipated leavers' celebrations, it's always one of the most memorable times of the year. We're looking forward to celebrating all that our children have achieved and creating lasting memories together – fingers crossed the weather gets the memo for Sports Day!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Year 6 treat



Year 6 swapped SATs papers for pizza slices this week! A well-deserved treat after all their effort – we think they've more than earned it.

Return to school

Just a quick reminder that we start back on Tuesday 2nd June.

Diary dates

01.06.26

INSET school closed

02.06.26

School opens

02.06.26 – 12.06.26

2.06.26 and 3.06.26

Year 6 Bikeability

2.06.26

Year 3 Trip

2.06.26

Reception 2026 New Intake 2026 5pm

Year 4 Multiplication check

4.04.26

Pre School new intake 2026 5pm

05.06.26

Cheshire Police online safety in school workshops

08.06.26 – 12.06.26

Year 1 Phonics check

08.06.26

Sports Day KS2 9:15am

Sports Day KS1 2pm

09.06.26

EYFS Sports Day 9:15am (Reception and Pre School)

15.06.26

Junior Town Sports Field event 5pm

17.06.26

Junior Town Sports Track event 5pm

19.06.26

Cheshire police online safety workshops

26.06.26

Last day for clubs

July

03.07.26

9am Cheshire Police online safety event Parent drop in at school.

All day in school workshops

03.07.26

Summer fair

06.07.26

Reception Class Assembly 2:45pm

06.07.26

KS1 and Reception Disco 3:15pm - 4:45pm

07.07.26

KS2 Disco 4:15pm to 5:45pm

07.07.26

Move up afternoon

08.07.26

Year 6 Primary College Trip

08.07.26

Move up morning

10.07.26

School reports home

13.07.26

Rocksteady Concert 9:15am

13.07.26

Year 6

summer production 6pm

14.07.26

summer production 2pm

15.07.26

Year 6 Gala 5:30pm - 7:30pm

17.07.26

Year 6 Leavers assembly for Parents 2:30pm

School closes



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Preschool & Reception places now available

15 and 30 hour free childcare spaces available for September preschool. Options available to top up 15 hour funded spaces.

Reception spaces available.

Contact the school for more details and to arrange a tour

"Pupils feel safe and happy at this warm and nurturing school"
- Ofsted 2023

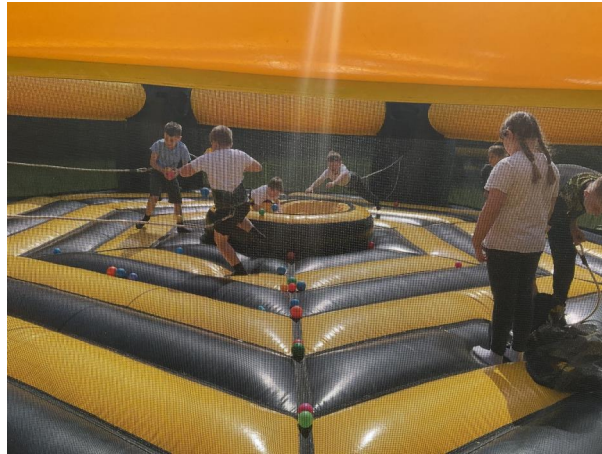
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Trust Enrichment

Earlier this half term the children were treated by the Trust. Bee Active delivered their final enrichment activity 'Mega Bounce' day. Each class was given a 40 minute slot to enjoy themselves on the inflatables outside on the field which included different activities such as obstacle courses and slides. The event was enjoyed by all.





Outdoor education

Our children have worked so hard improving our school outdoor areas. Well done to year 4 for their hard work weeding and planting - what a difference you have made!





NSPCC

Year 5 and Year 6 recently took part in workshops led by the NSPCC, focusing on keeping themselves safe and understanding who they can turn to for support. The children showed real maturity throughout, engaging thoughtfully in discussions and asking sensible, respectful questions. The NSPCC staff were full of praise for our pupils, commenting on how confidently they contributed and how seriously they took the messages being shared. We were incredibly proud of the way they represented our school and the positive attitudes they demonstrated throughout the session.



WOW – Walk to School Challenge



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Thank you for the continued support for the WOW – Walk to School Challenge. We're looking forward to keeping the momentum going next term and seeing how many active journeys we can achieve together as a school.



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.

Ordering Meals



There are still a number of school meals not being pre ordered - please remember to use ParentPay to book your child's meals - even if you do not pay for them. If you have any problems please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Uniform

Uniform Reminder

Please can we ask for your support in ensuring all pupils come to school dressed according to our uniform policy. Our uniform helps promote pride, equality and a calm, focused environment.

Key expectations include:

- **Black shoes/plain black trainers**
- **Navy sweatshirt/cardigan (logo or plain)**
- **Sky blue polo shirt (logo or plain)**

- Dark grey trousers/skirts/pinafores
- No hoodies or branded sweatshirts

PE Kit: white/sky blue t-shirt, navy/black shorts, pumps indoors, trainers outdoors.

We understand that occasional issues happen—just let your child’s class teacher know. If you are experiencing difficulty sourcing uniform, please contact us; we have good-quality, nearly-new items available.

Thank you for helping us maintain high standards for all children.

Warm weather

As we are finally starting to see some warmer weather, we have begun reminding children about the importance of staying safe in the sun. Pupils are encouraged to bring water bottles into school, wear hats where possible, and apply sun cream before the day begins. Staff are also making sure children have access to shade during outdoor learning and playtimes.

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

Penalty Notices may be issued for:

Term time Leave: Penalty Notice fines may be issued for term time leave of 5 or more days (10 sessions) in a 10-week period.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

However, school retain the discretion to request a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents/carers are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold.

Per Parent/Per Child:

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent/carer per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent/carer receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent/carer for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued.

The Local Authority may place the matter before the court. The Magistrates may impose a fine up to £2500.

The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.

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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