

HAMSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER

Edition 3

Headteacher Update:

2026 has started positively in school! This newsletter outlines some of the activities that have been taking place where the children have been working hard across all year groups.

Thank you to all of the parents who responded to the recent Parent Survey. It is so valuable to have feedback on different aspects of school and, as ever, this will help us to review our practices in order to continue to work together to drive school forward. I will be sending out a letter after half-term in respond to the feedback!

Please remember that if you have any concerns or queries, contact your child's class teacher in the first instance in order to discuss this. If the matter has not been resolved, then your child's Phase Lead will be in contact.

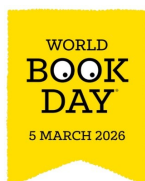
PLAS GWYNANT

Year 6 and Year 5 children have recently enjoyed an amazing residential visit to Plas Gwynant in Wales. During the week, the group were challenged to push themselves outside of their 'comfort-zone' to develop resilience while taking part in a whole range of activities such as: mountains walks, abseiling, climbing gorges, canoeing and exploring the beach. All of the activities allowed them to work independently and as part of a group in order to support each other when tackling a range of challenges in a new environment. Throughout the week the group demonstrated our school values of Honesty, Perseverance and Success.

They represented the school so well and we are proud of their achievements. We are sure that they will have some memories that will stay with them for many years to come!

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will celebrate World Book Day on 5th March. Mrs Anderson is organising some activities for the children to complete. As part of the day, we are challenging the children to dress as a 'word' for the day. **More details will be posted on Class Dojo!**



PARENTS EVENING!

We will be offering Parents Evening in March. This will provide you with an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their current attainment and progress. These will be supported by a mid-year report identifying some target areas to focus on. **Please book up a slot with your child's teacher when the bookings go live in March!**

POLITE REMINDER: Please inform the office of any changes to any personal details for you or your child — this includes new addresses, contact phone numbers or email addresses. This allows us to have the most up-to-date details on record.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

After some bouts of illnesses in the build up to Christmas, thank you for supporting us in making a positive start to 2026! School attendance for this half term has been 94.1% - with whole school attendance for the year being 94%. Please continue to support us and we aim to move to 95%+.

Spring Term Top 3

1st Place Class: 3PL (97.3%)

2nd Place Class: 1DB (95.3%)

3rd Place Class: 3SW and 4JB (94.9%)

HEALTH 4 LIFE!

We are working with a charity Health 4 Life to run a programme across school to encourage our children in developing healthy lifestyle choices. We have received some funding to support us to develop physical activity, growing and cooking opportunities. As a result, we aim to support the children to build new skills to support them to consider ways to lead healthier lives! Look out for some cooking across the year groups!



MUSIC MARK



We are delighted to be recognised for our work in supporting music in school by receiving the Music Mark. This shows our commitment to providing a music curriculum and the wider opportunities that we provide for our children. We hope that we can inspire some musicians of the future!

SPORTS CLUBS

This half-term, we have had 53 children attend Year 5 Tennis, Year 4 Basketball or Year 3 Archery. It is great to see such a high turn-out of children and we hope they have enjoyed themselves and learned new skills.

If your child is in Year 1, 2 or 6, please book a place on next half-term's clubs!

SAFETY TALKS

We have had separate visits from the local Fire Service and DECCA teams to support our children. Year 4 had a 'SPARKS' Fire Safety Talk to explore the dangers around fire. Years 1 to 6 also had a visit from the DECCA team to talk about a variety of age-appropriate health dangers around tobacco, medicines and alcohol and cannabis. We hope that they may have shared some of their new learning with you!

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY:

School opens

KS2 Author Visit
Book Fair

Year 1 Phonics Workshop
World Book Day
Parents Meetings 1
Parents Meetings 2
Year 1 Mothers' Day Assembly (9.15am)
Red Nose Day
EYFS Easter Bonnet (9.00am/2.00pm)
KS1 Easter Bonnet (9.10am/2.30pm)
School Closes for Easter holiday

Monday 23rd February

Friday 27th February
Friday 27th February—
Wednesday 4th March
Wednesday 4th March
Thursday 5th March
Thursday 12th March
Tuesday 17th March
Thursday 12th March
Friday 20th March
Tuesday 24th March
Wednesday 25th March
Friday 27th March