

HAMSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

Edition 2



Headteacher Update:

In a blink of an eye, we have reached the end of the first term in school. We have had such a positive start to the school year and there has been so much learning, visits and enrichment taking place across school.

On Friday, we say goodbye to some staff. I would like to thank Miss Moyden, Miss Decombel and Miss Steward for their hard work and efforts in supporting the children at HPS. We all wish them the very best for their future adventures.

We look forward to new experiences and challenges in January and I am sure the children will continue to tackle these showing our school values of Honesty, Perseverance and Success.

Finally, everyone at HPS wishes all of our children and families every happiness over the festive period and send our best wishes for the New Year. See you all in 2026!

READING

Reading forms such an important part of your child's development. Your child should be bringing home a school reading book and a library book to enjoy. Please can you ensure that you listen to your child read throughout the week and sign their reading books. Staff monitor the records weekly to check that reading is being completed!



SPORTS CLUBS

Many children across Years 1, 2 and 6 have been having fun and being active at our after-school sports clubs. Nearly 50 children have attended our Year 1 Multi-skills Club, Year 2 Multi-skills and Year 6 Football .

Next term we have Year 5 Tennis, Year 4 Basketball and Year 3 Archery. If you have not already booked your place for next half term's clubs and you are interested, please contact the school office to check if there are any spaces!

CHARITY WORK

Thank you for all of your donations for Children in Need—we really enjoyed seeing all of the 'Crazy Hair' on display in November. Your support helped raise £179 which has been sent to CIN to support young children across the UK.



ROYAL HONOUR!

Our Governor and former SENDCo, Mrs Harding, recently attended Buckingham Palace to be presented with her MBE from Prince William. We all want to send our congratulations on such a well deserved honour for her contributions to education and SEND pupils!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

As we reach the end of the first half term our whole school attendance is 93.9% (Our target is 96%). Unfortunately, we have had some bouts of illnesses across school over the last few weeks, which has impacted on certain year groups. However, we now hope that we are over the worse. Please support us by sending your child to school every day.

Autumn Term Top 3

1st Place: 4KM (97.6%)

2nd Place Class: 3SW (96.5%)

3rd Place Class: 4JB (95.3%)

Over 95 children have received an Attendance Badge for their high attendance this term (over 97%) with a further 90 children receiving a 100% Attendance Reward for the term!

HPS LITTER WATCH!

Our School Council have been out with Mr Froome along with their litter-pickers. They are supporting the school by keeping areas around free from litter. This is all part of the school's work on sustainability and looking after the environment. A big thank you from all of us!

ENRICHMENT VISITS

Different year groups have had some visits across the half-term. Year 1 visited St Bernard's Church where the children had fun making their own Christingles and learning about the significance of each part. They listened to Rev Siobhan talk about the importance of advent and learnt a song about Christingles. Year 4 have visited the Sandwell Valley to study the River Tames and enjoyed a nature walk. Finally, Year 5 have had an amazing visit from Professor McGinty where they applied all of their learning from their Ancient Greeks topic!

SHOWTIME—PARENTS IN SCHOOL!

It is always fantastic to have you join us in school for different events. We have had so many events take place this half-term and we appreciate you all joining us. We hope you enjoyed any of the following: Year 6 Remembrance Assembly; Year 5 Children in Need Assembly, Year 4 Ukulele Concert and Year 6 RockBand concerts. Many of you were also able to join us for the various Christmas Plays, in the last couple of weeks, where the children have showcased their acting and singing skills!

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.

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY:

School opens

Year 6 Plas Gwynant Residential Visit

5CP Swimming sessions start

Year 4 MTC Parent Workshop

Nursery Outdoor Parent Workshop

School Closes for half-term

Monday 5th January

Monday 5th – 9th January

Monday 12th January

Wednesday 14th January

Tuesday 3rd February

Friday 13th February