

# Headteacher's Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

*Happy New Year! Welcome back to a brand new year at Hurst Green Primary School! As we step into 2025, I hope you've all had a restful and rejuvenating break, ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.*

*The start of a new year always brings with it a sense of renewal and possibility. It's a time for fresh beginnings, setting new goals, and rekindling our enthusiasm for learning and growth.*

*Our dedicated staff have been busy preparing engaging lessons and exciting activities to inspire and challenge our children. We're committed to nurturing their curiosity, creativity, and love for learning throughout the coming months.*

*Let's make 2025 a year of collaboration, progress, and celebration.*

**Congratulations!**

*It's been a very busy year for babies in school, and we are delighted to let you know that Mrs Jewkes' new baby girl, Alicia, has arrived safely. On behalf of the staff, I want to pass on our huge congratulations to the whole family!*



# Pupil Leadership



We are constantly developing our Pupil Leadership roles in the school. To find out about the roles children undertake in school, please look at the Pupil Leadership section of our website. Some of the roles we have include:

- School Council
- Eco Council
- House Captains
- Reading Champions
- Happiness Heroes
- Digital Leaders
- Subject Ambassadors
- Prefects

Senior Leadership Team met last week to decide this year's Prefects. With so many children consistently embodying our school values, it was a really difficult choice. We chose eight children who have been notified, and their parents will be invited to a special assembly to see them presented with their green 'prefect' jumper and their badges.



## Goodbye!

We were sad to say goodbye to our Reception teacher, Mrs Parveen, just before the holiday. Mrs Parveen was only with us for a year to cover a maternity leave, but quickly became an invaluable member of the team. She not only leaves us, but is very soon to have a baby too. We wish her every success and hope we see her again at Hurst Green in the future.

## Website/Calendar

We hope you have had a chance to look at our new website! We are building new content all of the time so please keep checking back and let us know your thoughts on what you would like to see.

The website calendar is the main place for you to find out about upcoming dates, so please subscribe to this (by clicking the subscribe button on the 'Upcoming Events' page so that you don't miss out! on important dates.

# House Name Changes



To coincide with our new behaviour system, our **School Council** decided to change our house names from planet names to something more meaningful. We wanted our houses to reflect our school values so we named them after notable people who we think embody some or all of Hurst Green's School Values.

*Jupiter is now Pankhurst*

*Neptune is now Seacole*

*Saturn is now Hawking*

*Mercury is now Zephaniah*



## Library Visits

Reading for Pleasure is a whole school priority this year. To support this, we are about to introduce visits to the local library. Year 3 have started us off this week, and we will be rolling this out to other year groups across the spring term. We encourage parents to join the library with their children and make regular visits. It's free, and children who develop a love of reading, are shown to have happier, healthier and more successful lives.

## Reading Challenge

Well done to the children who completed the Christmas Holiday Reading Challenge.

We gave out lots of certificates and points out across the school.

## My Happy Mind

Our new module is called **APPRECIATE**, and is all about practising gratitude.

Please sign up to our **My Happy Mind Parent App** and support our work in school on improving mental health and wellbeing. To sign up, please click the following link, and use the code 103807



# Ronnie's Round Up



We love celebrating children's achievements in school, especially those which children achieve outside of school. Below is a roundup of Ronnie has been up to!

Ronnie had a great start to the season, coming 3rd in the Midlands region! Nationally he stormed through rounds across Great Britain competing against the best riders in the country, many older than he is as he is the youngest in his age category. Despite a few crashes along the way, he came 10th out of 60 riders. This means he has, again, qualified with British Cycling to represent Great Britain for the 3rd year running in the World Championships in Copenhagen next year!

This year he made a name for himself in USA, racing his heart out and coming 48th in the World out of 108 international riders. One of his races was so amazing- he was ruthless and almost won. Ronnie has the nickname "landshark" because he is also known for his swimming.

The Landshark has also raced in Europe this year and came 13th after battling with his ruthless European peers. This means he has qualified with British Cycling to represent Great Britain again in The European Cup in Belgium and European Championships in Latvia.

Next year is set to be an exciting one in the world of racing for Ronnie and he has also been invited to the Mayor's Chambers as she has heard of his success!

Well done, Ronnie - you make Hurst Green very proud!



# Upcoming Dates:

30th January - Hazel Class Assembly (please note the date change)

11th February - Reception Class (Apple and Apricot) End of Term Celebration Assembly - Fairy Tale Fun

10th February - Y5 trip to Symphony Hall

13th February - Elder Class Assembly

14th February - School breaks up today for half term.

Please remember that I do not always share diary dates in my newsletter. The only way to make sure you get all of the dates is by using the [calendar on our school website](#). You can subscribe to this calendar by clicking the above link, and clicking 'Subscribe'.

## Request

If you have any children's games (fully working with all pieces) you would like to donate to school, please send in to the school office. We would particularly like games such as Uno or Dobble etc. Many thanks!

## Bikes/Scooters

Any bikes and scooters which you wish to leave at school can be left (at your own risk) on the bike racks by the Narrow Lane entrance on the outside of the internal gate. Please note the racks previously inside the gate have been removed as this area is now used as an outside learning space and play area.

## School Lunches

This term, the school dinner menu has changed so there are some new, exciting options to choose from. You can find information [here on our website](#). Please note, it is really important that all parents ensure their children's **School Grid** accounts are up to date with information on any allergies or dietary requirements.



# Parents' Meeting - Behaviour/ Conduct Policy

*We held a parents' meeting this week to launch our new Positive Conduct Policy. We were delighted to see so many of you there! Thank you to all who attended. If you were not able to make it on the day, you can find a copy of the presentation slides on our Parent Workshops section of the website, or by clicking [here](#).*

*We have already been so pleased with the impact of our new policy, and we are especially happy with how positively it has been received by parents. We will give it a few months to embed, and gather your feedback again, but thanks, as always for your support!*

## Request for Help

*We are hoping to get some of our school repainted during the Easter holidays. If you or your work offers community service schemes, and you would like to help out, please get in touch!*
















## STEM Week

*Later in Spring Term, we will be holding a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week in school. We are particularly interested in breaking down gender stereotypes within STEM industries. We are in the planning phase at the moment, but if you think you have some skills or experience you might be able to offer, please get in touch with Mr Rees, Mrs Cross or Mrs Woodhouse (via the info email address).*

Have a wonderful weekend!  
Miss Wilson



## Fortnightly Class Attendance: 7.1.25 - 17.1.25

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|--|---|---|--|
|  Apple - 94.07%   |  Cedar - 94.98%  |  Hawthorn - 95.56% |  Pine - 91.46%                |
|  Apricot - 94.26% |  Cherry - 93.87% |  Hazel - 94.81%    |  Poplar - 95.37%              |
|  Beech - 97.51%   |  Elder - 97.04%  |  Larch - 93.52%    | <br>Well Done<br>Beech Class! |
|  Birch - 96.32%   |  Elm - 94.79%    |  Lime - 96.11%     |  |

## Fortnightly House Points: 7.1.25 - 17.1.25



588



514



561



535

### Mentions - Week One (7.1.25)

No Mentions for the first week back!



### Mentions - Week Two (13.1.25)

Apricot - Grayson  
 Apple - Avea  
 Beech - Pavan  
 Birch - Tate  
 Cedar - Jiana  
 Cherry - Hamza  
 Elder - Ava  
 Elm - Callum  
 Hawthorn - Noah  
 Hazel - Harriett  
 Larch - Grace  
 Lime - Evie  
 Pine - Oliver  
 Poplar - George