

Headteacher's Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers and Families,



Welcome back to the start of a new term! I hope you all had a restful break and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities ahead (accompanied hopefully by some lovely spring weather). This term promises to be a busy one, filled with engaging learning experiences, school events, and plenty of opportunities for our pupils to grow and thrive. As always, we appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to working together to make this a successful and enjoyable term for all.

My Happy Mind

We have already seen some wonderful results from our My Happy Mind programme. We have just started our new module for this half term, called 'Relate'. This module focuses on building positive relationships, developing empathy, and understanding the importance of connection for overall well-being. If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to support your child's learning and mental health by downloading the My Happy Mind parent app.

British Science Week

Next week we will be celebrating British Science Week in school. We have lots of exciting activities planned, including live online workshops, exciting experiments and visits. We look forward to sharing what we did in our next newsletter.



Value of the Term

Each half term, we focus in detail on one of our core school values. This term, we are thinking about '**Compassion.**' At Hurst Green Primary School, we believe that compassion is a vital value that helps our pupils grow both emotionally and socially. Compassion means showing kindness, understanding others' feelings, and offering support when someone is in need. It teaches our children the importance of empathy, respect, and treating others with care.

Through daily interactions, thoughtful discussions, and acts of kindness in the classroom and beyond, we encourage pupils to develop key skills such as active listening, patience, and a willingness to help others. These qualities not only strengthen relationships within our school but also prepare our children to contribute positively to the wider community.

By fostering a culture of compassion, we help children understand that true success is not just about personal achievement but also about making a difference in the lives of others.

Uniform Policy

Our uniform policy has now been ratified by our governors. [Please click here to view it.](#) You will notice that we have moved to black or grey school trousers/skirts, and black track suits for PE (it is still acceptable to wear the usual uniform jumper on a PE day). We will no longer have navy trousers/skirts or tracksuit bottoms, but please do not worry if you already have these items. Your child may still wear their navy items until you come to replace them naturally.

However, may I remind you that PE kits must be free of logos/brands, and that jewellery should not be worn, particularly dangling earrings and necklaces. Stud earrings are fine as long as they are removed for PE. Thank you for your support in this.

Website Class Pages

Our staff have been busy developing areas of the website. In the '[Class Pages](#)' area, under 'Teaching and Learning', you can find information about what children are learning this term, and what they have been up to in previous terms. We hope you find this information useful and informative.

World Book Day 2025



World Book Day 2025 was a fantastic celebration of reading across our school! The BBC Live Lesson brought excitement and learning to every classroom, while our wonderful Potato Parade showcased some incredibly creative book-themed designs. We also enjoyed a calm and relaxing atmosphere during our D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read) sessions, where students had the chance to immerse themselves in their favourite books. Book talk was buzzing throughout the school, with children sharing their favourite stories, author recommendations, and tips on where to spend their book vouchers. The feedback from both staff and children has been overwhelmingly positive, making World Book Day 2025 a fantastic celebration of reading across our school! Winners of the best potato design will be announced next Monday in my assembly.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, the School Council interviewed students about their creative potato characters. Here are some of their fantastic responses!

- Kieran from Year 4 added, "I've made Hagrid from Harry Potter. It was easy to make, and he is one of my favourite characters."
- Hollie from Year 2 stated, "I chose Cat Kid from Cat Kid Comics as my potato because it is my favourite book."
- Annie from Year 1 said, "My potato character is the Gruffalo because it has been my favourite book for a while, ever since I got it."
- Chloe from Year 3 said, "I like Paddington Bear, so I chose Paddington Bear as my character."
- April from Year 6 explained that Coco Chanel was her inspiration for her potato as Coco Chanel followed her dreams and never gave up.
- Harmony from Year 5 chose Dog Man because she really likes the books and thought she would enjoy making the character.



World Book Day in Pictures



Sponsored Reading Event



As yesterday was World Book Day, we launched our big fundraising event to raise money for our new library. Information about the event was sent out via email, and can be [found here](#). We know how much parents give to school, so please ask wider family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbours to sponsor. No amount is too small. For instance, if every child in school raised just £10 each for the whole event, we would raise over £4000.

Our current library is in a corridor and not fit for purpose in terms of the range of books available, and the space provided for children to browse for and enjoy books. The pictures here show are what we are aiming for. We hope that by providing an amazing reading environment, and interesting, enticing books, we will help children now and in the future to develop a love of reading.

Sponsorship money will be collected via ScoPay or Go Fund Me. Scan the QR code (right) or click the link below to make a donation.

Please also consider sharing our Go Fund Me Link on your socials. If you know any local businesses or your employer has a charitable/community sector, please consider sharing our link with them too!

<https://gofund.me/4ce65543>



Welcomes and Goodbyes

This week we say goodbye to Mr Howard, our Orchard TA, who is leaving us to get married. We wish him and his fiancée lots of happiness as they embark on their new lives together.

Last week, Mrs Begum, one of our middays and student TAs left to pursue a job as a teaching assistant. We wish her every success in her new role. Mrs Deeley has also secured a promotion, and will be leaving us during this term. We wish her lots of happiness and fulfilment in her new role. Thank you, to all of you for your hard work and contribution to the Hurst Green family!

We also welcome some new members of staff. Mrs Chote joins us full time as a Midday Assistant. Miss Fanthom and Miss Dawson have started in their new roles as Teaching Assistants, and later this term, we will welcome Miss Sermon too!

Maternity Leave

It has been the year for babies at Hurst Green and very soon we have two more on the way! Mrs Tinsley will be starting her maternity leave very soon. Mrs Spencer will be covering some of her days alongside Mr Tinsley.

Miss Bonness is also due to have her baby very soon and starts her maternity leave after today. We have appointed a TA to cover her maternity leave (see above).

Bug Hotel



A huge well done to Mrs Billingham's team - building group. The boys have spent weeks working so hard to design, and create, this wonderful bug hotel which will soon be placed into forest school for the rest of the school to enjoy. The boys have been collaborating so well and showing respect to each other throughout. Their enthusiasm has been a key driver in making the project a success. Mrs Billingham is very proud.

Pupil Leadership - School Council

In the last newsletter I told you about our Prefects. We are developing a range of pupil leaders in school, so each newsletter, I will tell you about a different role. This week, we are looking at the School Council.

The School Council is an important and inclusive platform where pupils' voices are heard, valued, and acted upon. It serves as a vital link between the pupils and school leadership, empowering pupils to actively participate in shaping their educational experience.

Comprising representatives from each year group, the council discusses key issues, shares ideas, and collaborates on projects that enhance school life. Through the School Council, students develop leadership, communication, and teamwork skills while promoting a culture of responsibility and respect.

Together, we ensure that every student has a say in making our school a better place for all.

Communication Survey

At Hurst Green, we are always looking for ways to improve how we communicate with our school community. We value your feedback and would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete this survey. Your responses will help us ensure that we are sharing important information in the best possible way.

Parent Communication Feedback



Early Years' Request

We would love to expand our collection of dressing-up clothes to better reflect the wonderful diversity of our school community. If you have any traditional or cultural clothing that you no longer need, we would be so grateful for your donations! These will help enrich our role-play areas and give children the opportunity to explore and celebrate different cultures.

If you have anything to donate, please pass it onto our reception team. Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Events

Thursday 13th March: 3:30pm - 4:30pm Year 3 and 4 PTA Disco

Due to the start straight after school, Year 3 and 4 children can bring clothes to change into. Children should be picked up promptly at the front entrance of the school.

Thursday 13th March: 4:45pm - 5:45pm Year 5 and 6 PTA Disco

Children should be dropped off and picked up at the front entrance of the school.

Tickets are available to purchase on ScoPay.

Monday 17th March: Lots of Socks Day for Down Syndrome Awareness

On Monday 17th March, World Down Syndrome week begins, so we would like to invite all children to wear their brightest mismatched socks on this day. In addition to this, Mr Sagar will be selling a range of merchandise each day to support **Up and Downs** - a local charity, which supports children with Down Syndrome and their families. There will be a variety of items available, including keyrings, stress balls, badges, pens and wristbands, all priced at £1.00 each. All money raised will go towards providing the children from the group with enrichment activities and experiences. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Tuesday 18th March at 9am: EYFS Maths Parent Workshop

Mrs. Yeomans and Mr. Rees warmly invite Reception parents to join them for a Maths Workshop on Tuesday 18th March at 9 am. This session will provide a friendly introduction to how we teach maths in Reception and across the school using the White Rose Programme. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thursday 20th March: 3.15pm - 5:00pm: EYFS and KS1 PTA Movie Night

Tickets will be available to purchase on ScoPay shortly.

Wednesday 26th March and 2nd April: 3.30pm - 6pm Spring Parents' Evenings

More information will follow.

Thursday 27th March: 9am - 9.30am Hawthorn Class Assembly

Tuesday 8th April: 9:00am OR 2:30pm - Parent Workshops: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Meeting in the school hall.

Upcoming Events - Continued

Wednesday 9th April : 3:30pm-5:30pm - PTA Easter Fair

More information to follow.

Thursday 10th April : 9:00am - 9:30am - Elm Class Assembly

Friday 11th April : INSET Day and last day of term.

School is closed for children today. School reopens on Monday 28th April

Website Calendar

Please remember that I do not always put dates in the newsletter so you need to subscribe to the school calendar on our website. You can do so by [clicking here](#) and clicking on 'subscribe'.

Amazon/Book Wishlist

As we are fundraising for our library, we thought it would be a good idea to set up a [book wish list](#), in case any of you would like to contribute. We know that children sometimes like to bring treats in to school on birthdays and such, but with allergies and dietary requirements, we try to discourage this. Donating a book to school might be a lovely alternative.












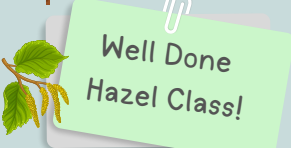



Holiday Requests

We would like to remind all parents that booking a holiday during term time is very unlikely to be authorised. If a pupil's attendance is recorded as unauthorised for more than 10 sessions (5 full days) within a 10-week period, we must be report this to the Local Authority, who may issue a fixed penalty notice of £80 per parent, per child. This fee rises if not paid within 21 days. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your child's regular attendance at school, as it is vital for their educational success. Thank you for your understanding!

Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Wilson



Fortnightly Class Attendance: 24.03.25 - 03.03.25

 Apple - 90.33%	 Cedar - 91.94%	 Hawthorn - 94.50%	 Pine - 91.41%
 Apricot - 92.33%	 Cherry - 91.38%	 Hazel - 99%	 Poplar - 97.74%
 Beech - 96.90%	 Elder - 97.76%	 Larch - 96.90%	
 Birch - 97.90%	 Elm - 95.47%	 Lime - 95.67%	

Fortnightly House Points: 24.02.25 - 03.03.25



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Mentions - Week One (24.2.25)

Apricot - Lucas
 Apple - Brodie
 Beech - Walter
 Birch - Mohammed
 Cedar - Charlie
 Cherry - Harry
 Elder - Olly
 Elm - Jake
 Hawthorn - George
 Hazel - Josh
 Larch - Joseph
 Lime - Aila
 Pine - Sophie
 Poplar - Ishika

Mentions - Week Two (3.03.25)

Apricot - Elsie
 Apple - Luca
 Beech - Olivia
 Birch - Asmitha
 Cedar - Imani
 Cherry - Lucy
 Elder - Avar
 Elm - Lucas
 Hawthorn - Shane
 Hazel - Caleb
 Larch - George
 Lime - Raghda
 Pine - Sean
 Poplar - Alexia

