

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers and Families,



The last fortnight has been a busy one in school, with trips, visitors, competitions, playground projects and plenty going on in classrooms alongside the usual day-to-day learning. It has also been nice to finally have a bit of sunshine and some lighter mornings and afternoons, which always seem to lift everyone's mood slightly.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are very lucky to have such a positive and supportive school community around us.

Well Done Year 6

A huge well done to our Year 6 children, who completed their SATs this week with maturity, resilience and an impressively calm attitude. Staff were incredibly proud of the way the children approached the week, supporting one another and trying their very best throughout. SATs are only one small part of their journey through primary school, but the children should feel proud of the effort they have put in over many months. Now they can look forward to enjoying their final half term at Hurst Green, including their enterprise project and the many exciting activities still to come.



Parent Communication and WhatsApp Groups

A reminder to families that if you have concerns, worries or questions relating to school, we would always encourage you to speak directly with us rather than relying on playground conversations or WhatsApp discussions. Unfortunately, misunderstandings and speculation can quickly grow online and can sometimes create unnecessary upset for staff, children and families. We would also encourage parents to revisit our [Parent Code of Conduct](#), which is available on the school website. We are very fortunate to have a supportive school community, and maintaining respectful communication helps us to continue working positively together.

Trip Permissions

A reminder that parents/carers must complete trip consent forms before the day of the visit, whether this is positive or negative consent. This week, staff in one year group were still trying to secure a large number of permissions on the morning of a trip, whilst also managing all of the organisation and preparations needed to safely take children off-site. We appreciate that life is busy, but completing permissions promptly makes a significant difference and helps trips run smoothly and safely for everyone involved.



Miss Sermon

After half term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Sermon from our Orchard provision. Miss Sermon has been a real asset to the school and has brought enormous care, expertise and skill to her work with our children. She will be leaving us to continue pursuing her long-term goal of becoming an Educational Psychologist, having secured a role as an Assistant Educational Psychologist. Whilst we will be very sorry to see her go, we are incredibly proud of her and wish her every success in the next stage of her career.

Before and After School Safety



A reminder that parents remain responsible for supervising children before and after school whilst on the playground. Children should not be using the outdoor equipment in the Key Stage 1 or Jack in the Box playgrounds, including the trim trail and adventure equipment, outside of the school day as this is not safely supervised during these times. We also ask that children do not ride scooters or bicycles on school footpaths for health and safety reasons.

We have also noticed increasingly large groups remaining on the playground after school. Once children have been collected, we ask families to leave the site promptly. This allows us to safely secure the site for after-school clubs, wraparound care and Jack in the Box provision, all of which continue operating after the end of the school day.

Glasses

Many of our children wear glasses to support their learning, concentration, and confidence in school. Please ensure that your child brings their glasses to school every day if they have been prescribed them. Glasses can make a huge difference to children's ability to access reading, writing, board work, and classroom activities, as well as helping to reduce eye strain and tiredness throughout the day.

If it would help, school is happy to keep a spare pair of glasses in school (often a previous prescription pair works well for this). This can be especially useful if glasses are forgotten regularly or become misplaced during the school day.

We understand that remembering glasses can sometimes be tricky for children. If your child struggles to remember to bring them in or take them home, please speak to the class teacher. We can create a simple visual reminder or symbol system to help support them with building this routine if keeping a spare pair in school is not possible.



Lateness to School

We have noticed an increase in repeated lateness for a number of children. We completely understand that the occasional difficult morning happens for all families. However, regular lateness can be disruptive for children and means they miss important routines, instructions and opportunities to settle calmly into the school day alongside their classmates. Arriving on time helps children feel organised, confident and ready to learn from the very start of the day.

Gate Closure Reminder


Following the recent email sent to families, we would like to remind parents that school gates are locked at 8:55am. Any child arriving at 8:55am or later must enter through the front office so that they can be signed in correctly for safeguarding purposes. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain safe procedures at the start of the school day.

Eid-al-Adha

During the half-term holiday, many of our families will be celebrating Eid al-Adha, which is expected to begin around 27th May, depending on the sighting of the moon. We would like to wish all families celebrating a joyful and peaceful Eid.

Orchard Outdoor Development

We are very excited that over the half-term break work will begin on a new outdoor extension to our Orchard provision, including a continuous provision area, canopy and sensory garden. This will be a wonderful addition to the school environment and will provide valuable opportunities for outdoor learning and sensory support. We know the children are going to love seeing it take shape. Once completed, we do ask families to remember that this area is for supervised school use only and should not be accessed before or after school.



Emergency Services Visits

Reception have been very lucky to have visits from our amazing emergency services this half term, as part of their topic on "People Who Help Us".

A police officer came to talk to the children about the different ways in which the police service can help us. They learnt about the special equipment he uses and were even allowed to try on some police uniform! They also got to sit inside his police van - in the front and in the back.

As we shared in our last newsletter, a paramedic came to school too. She brought an ambulance for the children to look at and even step inside. The paramedic kindly demonstrated the sirens, which excited the children and sparked lots of curiosity.

The fire service will be visiting school this week as well! Thank you to all of our special visitors who have helped us to understand more about the important work these services do.



Online Safety Update – Omoggle



We have been made aware of a website and online trend called Omoggle, which is currently gaining popularity on platforms such as TikTok and Twitch. The site anonymously pairs users on video chat and encourages appearance-based comparisons and ratings using AI-generated scoring. This is concerning from a safeguarding perspective. Anonymous platforms can expose young people to unmoderated conversations, inappropriate language and harmful interactions. The wider “mogging” trend linked to the site can also negatively affect self-esteem, body image and confidence, particularly amongst younger users.

We encourage parents to remain aware of the apps, websites and trends children may be accessing online, even where these initially appear harmless or humorous on social media. Open conversations, device supervision and regular checks of privacy settings and browsing activity remain extremely important.

Year 2 Mosque Visit

On Wednesday, Year 2 had the pleasure of visiting the Baitul Ghafoor Mosque in our local area. The children loved learning about what it means to be Muslim. They were fascinated by the rules and routines that are observed in the Mosque and learnt about the building itself and why it looks the way it does. We also got to engage in some fantastic arts and crafts activities to finish off our session. They really enjoyed it!



Reception Trip to Birmingham Wildlife Park

Reception had such a wonderful time on their trip to Birmingham Wildlife Park! The children were fantastic throughout the day and made all of the adults incredibly proud.

They showed excellent listening skills, beautiful manners, and were a credit to our school from start to finish. The staff at the park even commented on how well behaved the children were and said that we were the best school group they had seen in a long time!

It was lovely to see the children so engaged, excited, and confident as they explored and enjoyed the different activities.



















CLPE Poetry Awards 2026

The shortlist for this year's Centre for Literacy in Primary Education Poetry Award was recently announced. This is the UK's leading prize for poetry for children and highlights outstanding new collections for children to enjoy. Past winners include Carol Ann Duffy, Michael Rosen and Jackie Kay. This year's shortlist includes something for everyone: there are irresistible new finger rhymes for young poetry fans, imaginative and informative poems about bugs, a playful debut inspired by video games and a fantastic anthology by black poets. We would love to encourage children to access poetry as well as other types of text. If you can check out these beautiful books! We have also entered a competition for a chance to win a set of the five shortlisted books for our school library, wish us luck!

Have a wonderful half term holiday!
Miss Wilson



Attendance Summer 1

 Apple - 93.41%	 Cedar - 97.31%	 Hawthorn - 93.43%	 Pine - 95.22%
 Apricot - 93.3%	 Cherry - 93.68%	 Hazel - 94.31%	 Poplar - 95.22%
 Beech - 97.54%	 Elder - 94.68%	 Larch - 95.96%	 
 Birch - 94.5%	 Elm - 97.25%	 Lime - 94.11%	

House Points



15843



14329



15369



15133

Special Mentions

Apple - Jacob
 Apricot - Sophia
 Beech - Poppy
 Birch - Rudy
 Cedar - Lily
 Cherry - Walter
 Elder - Jianna
 Elm - Gracie
 Hawthorn - Waania
 Hazel - Ava
 Larch - Huey
 Lime - Will
 Pine - Amber
 Poplar - Harvey

HURST GREEN PTA



MAY '26

MAY HALF-TERM FAMILY PLAYDATES SFC

We had some very positive feedback from all the families that attended the meet-ups during the Easter break.

So we have arranged some more for the May half-term. Everyone is warmly invited to come along & spend time playing with friends!

**TUES
26TH**

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK - 2PM
HURST GREEN SCHOOL TO HURST GREEN PARK

**THURS
28TH**

FAMILY FUN DAY - 10:30AM
LEASOWES HIGH SCHOOL, KENT RD.

**FRI
29TH**

BRITANNIA PARK - 2PM
ROWLEY REGIS, B65-9HH

**WE NEED MORE
VOLUNTEERS!**



IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE HURST GREEN PTA THEN PLEASE LET US KNOW! WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

**JOIN
US!**



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