



Hughenden Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome to the spring term – we hope you had a restful Christmas break with family and friends. The colder weather has been a shock to the system, and of course, the anticipated snow which never arrived! As we progress through January and February, if we have any unexpected snow days, the information will be communicated via Class Dojo, and a snow themed home learning pack will also be sent.

It has been welcoming to see all the pupils settle in so quickly to the start of term, and ready for their various learning activities. Class teachers have shared the curriculum letters and knowledge organisers via Class Dojo, and these will also be available on the school website. These documents provide full details of the learning activities for this coming half term.

We welcomed two new families to the Hughenden community and the pupils have settled in so, so well. We also welcomed a new LSA, Miss Salmon, to the staff team – she is going to be working in Year 2 and Year 3. She is a keen musician and rugby player and she can't wait to showcase her many skills and talents! We said goodbye to Mrs Catlin today and we wish her well with her new school; she has assured us that she will visit soon. Miss Jackson will be jetting off to Australia soon and her last day will be Friday 23rd January. Mrs Giorgetti will sadly be leaving next Friday; we will truly miss her and we wish her well with her new school. We have recently appointed two new members of staff and once their paperwork is finalised, they will be joining the team.

Finally, Mrs Brinkworth has returned home following her operation. We continue to keep in touch with her and wish her a speedy recovery.

Thank you for your continued support, and if you have any questions, or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me by speaking to me, or messaging me via email or Class Dojo.

Warmest regards,
Katherine Mann – Headteacher

Spotlight on SEND: Dyslexia

It is thought that around 1 in 10 children are Dyslexic. This is a specific learning difficulty primarily affecting the ability to learn to read and spell. Despite these challenges, there are many strengths associated with Dyslexia, including creativity, innovation, and strong problem-solving skills.

For more information, please see:

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/> or <https://www.nessy.com/en-gb/dyslexia-explained/understanding-dyslexia/>.

Although formal diagnostic assessments are usually carried out after the age of 7, there may be early indicators such as difficulties with speech and language or pre-literacy skills. We carry out Language Link and Phonological Awareness assessments with all Foundation children so that we can put early support in place, when needed.

For more information about these, please see:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/znrk8hv> and
<https://speechandlanguage.link/parent-portal/>.

In classrooms, we put into place a range of supportive strategies, including task-boards, assistive technology and dyslexic dictionaries as well as running targeted interventions for specific children. We are looking forward to trialling the use of reading pens this term. These are clever devices that scan text and read it aloud. Children have also recently started to be able to access thousands of audiobooks through Calibre Audio, to help with reading comprehension. This can be either for learning or for pleasure!

Over the next 18 months, I will be training to become a specialist teacher and assessor of Dyslexia and look forward to developing our provision further.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do speak to your child's teacher or contact me via the office.

Mrs Bendall
Inclusion Manager

EYFS Spotlight!

Welcome Back, and Happy New Year to all!

We are really looking forward to having the children back and ready for learning.

Hoppers will be learning all about 'The Arctic and Winter' this term. We will be exploring cold climates and where they are in the world, including the animals that live within them. The recent cold weather will really support this learning! This term, foundation children will be learning all about 'People Who Help Us.' Exploring the important role these jobs have and learning about what they do and how they do it!

If you work within a role in the community services, such as, Police, Vets, Doctor or Dentist, Postal Service etc we would really appreciate you sparing some time to come and talk to the children about what you do. If you are able to volunteer some time, then please contact Mrs Mills via Dojo or the school office.

Clubs at Hughenden Primary School

We are pleased to offer a wide array of clubs. These clubs include both lunch time clubs led by Staff, as well as after school clubs led by sports/outside providers. The fantastic range of clubs on offer are designed to inspire, engage, and excite everyone, no matter their interests. From sports, to the arts, music, and academic enrichment, our clubs provide something for every passion and personality. Whether the children are looking to stay active, explore their creativity, build and learn new skills, or simply connect with others who share similar interests, our diverse selection ensures there is always an opportunity to get involved. This wide variety not only encourages personal growth and confidence but also creates a vibrant, inclusive community where everyone can discover something they truly enjoy. We would welcome and encourage increased participation, and invite more of you to attend and experience these clubs throughout this term and in the future.

Lunch time clubs

- Monday- Art club- led by Ms Shabbir open to groups of children in KS1 and KS2- 12:00-1:00
- Tuesday- Board games club- led by Mrs Fourie open to KS2 (Yr3+4 then Year 5-6) alternate weeks- 12:00-12:30
- Wednesday- Choir- led by Mrs Sumner open to KS1 and KS2
- Thursday- Chess club- led by Mr Wyatt open to KS2 – 12:00-1:00
- Friday- Football club- led by Mr Wyatt open to Year 5 and 6- 12:15-1:00

After school clubs (contact the office for booking information)

- Friends at Play - Wrap Around Care- All days of the week
- Monday- Netball club- led by Premier Sports
- Tuesday- No clubs
- Wednesday- Strumming club- led by Mrs Sumner
- Thursday- Kickboxing club- led by Outside provider – Samari Fitness
- Friday- Football club- led by Premier Sports

If you have any questions relating to the club offering then please do reach out to a member of the staff team.

FOUNDATION NCMP (Height & Weight checks)

Important reminder to parents of Foundation pupils that this is booked for **19th January**. Details are on Class Dojo and were sent out in an e-Schools letter on **18th December**.

School Tours

♦ Do you know anyone who is looking for a school place? ♦

They can reach out to the school office to come and see what makes Hughenden Primary School so special!

📞 Book a tour: 01494 562501

✉️ Or email: office@hughendenprimary.co.uk

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Friends of Hughenden Primary School

The PTFA use Classlist to convey information to parents regarding our activities as well as assigning Class Reps to each year group to help navigate queries from parents.

Classlist is a virtual communication platform for the PTFA to reach all the parents, organise events, fundraise and recruit volunteers. Classlist is unique to your school and only accessible to approved users. It's completely free to use and data protection registered with the ICO, so you can trust that your parent details are safe and never passed to third parties.

You can find the PTA through www.classlist.com and searching for Hughenden Primary School or by following the link below:

<https://classlist.page.link/6a9zsSfx3Y16EjLT8>

Chore Challenge!

Sponsored Chore Challenge

10th Jan - 18th Jan

Busy Bee needs your help around the house. he has got so much to do! Complete daily chores around the house, and earn sponsorship money for each task you do!

PRIZES

Individual with most chores done per class = Hot chocolate and biscuits with Mrs Mann

Class with most chores done = Choose your own lessons for 1 day

Individual with most money raised = Special Prize!

Sponsorship payments by: Wed 21st Jan

Bank Details: NATWEST Friends of Hughenden Primary

Ref: CHORE & Name & Yr

A/C: 82758913

Sort: 60-11-01

friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com
See Classlist for more information

PREMIER SPORT

Please see above details of two extra-curricular clubs taking place this term – please book directly with the club referring to the Clubs Timetable below, or on the school website for more details.

Football Club:

FOOTBALL CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Venue: Hughenden Primary School

Dates: Friday 9th Jan - 13th Feb

Times: 15:15 - 16:15

Price: £36

Ages: Years 2 - 6



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Netball Club:

NETBALL CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Venue: Hughenden Primary School

Dates: Monday 12th Jan - 9th Feb

Times: 15:15 - 16:15

Price: £30

Ages: Year 2 - 6



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HIGH WYCOMBE RUGBY CLUB are offering a 4-week FREE trial under the guidance of our RFU qualified coaches.

Sessions take place every Sunday morning from 10am, and run through to **May**.

If any families are interested, they should register at <https://youth.hwrufc.com/child-registration-form-page> or simply just show up.

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join@hwrufc.com

<https://hwrufc.com/childrens-registration-form>



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2025-2026 Term Dates

Spring Term 2026

Pupils in School: Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

Half Term Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Pupils in School: Monday 23rd February 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026 (1:30pm finish)

School Holiday

Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

Pupils in School: Monday 13th April 2026 – Thursday 21st May 2026

Half Term Monday 22nd May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026

Pupils in School: Monday 1st June 2026 – Wednesday 22nd July 2026 (1:30pm finish)

INSET Days – School Closed for all pupils

- Friday 24th October 2025
- Friday 5th December 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Friday 10th July 2026

Term Dates for Academic Year 2026-2027
Autumn Term 2026

INSET days: Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September
Friday 23rd October
Friday 4th December

Children in school: Thursday 3rd September – Thursday 22nd October (3:15pm)

Half term: Friday 23rd October – Friday 30th October

Children in school: Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December (1:30pm)

Spring Term 2027

INSET day: Monday 4th January

Children in school: Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February (3:15pm)

Half term: Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

Children in school: Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March (1:30pm)

Summer Term 2027

INSET day: Friday 9th July

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May

Children in school: Monday 12th April – Thursday 28th May (3:15pm)

Half term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Children in school: Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July (1.30pm)

INSET Days

Recommended in-service training days for teachers (school is closed):

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Friday 4th December 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 9th July 2026

DIARY DATES 2026/2027

6 th January 2026	Children back in school
15 th January 2026	Primary School application deadline R5 for September 2026 cohort
8 th -16 th January 2026	PTFA Chore Challenge
7 th January to 25 th March 2026	Year 3 Swimming to Wycombe Leisure Centre (Wednesday PM)
29 th January 2026	PTFA Open Meeting
2 nd February 2026	Year 4 Young Voices @ Wembley Arena – further details to follow
11 th February 2026	PTFA Valentine Disco
13 th February 2026	PTFA FFT Donut sale
13 th February 2026	Children finish for half term 3.10/3.20pm
16 th – 20 th February 2026	Half term
23 rd February 2026	Children back in school
25 th -27 th February 2026	Year 5 Residential to Woodrow – refer to letter
28 th February - 9 th March 2026	PTFA Sponsored Read
5 th March 2026	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character
16 th -20 th March 2026	Year 6 Residential to Norfolk Lakes – refer to letter
24 th March 2026	Spring Term Parents Evening 3.40-6.30pm – book on eSchools Incorporating ILP Meetings with Mrs Bendall
25 th March 2026	Spring Term Parents Evening 3.40-7pm – book on eSchools Incorporating ILP Meetings with Mrs Bendall
26 th March – 13 th April 2026	PTFA Easter Egg Competition
27 th March 2026	PTFA FFT Cake sale
27 th March 2026	Children finish for Easter, 1.30pm finish
1 st – 10 th April 2026	Easter Holidays
13 th April 2026	Children back in school
24 th April-7 th May 2026	PTFA Movathon
30 th April 2026	PTFA Open Meeting
Summer Term	Class Assemblies, 2.30pm – dates to follow for each year group
w/c 11 th May 2026	SATS Week Year 6
15 th May 2026	PTFA FFT Icepop sale
19 th May 2026	Smiles at School – Class Photos/Year 6 Leavers Photos
21 st May 2026	Mufti Day for Eid and Multi-cultural celebration Children finish for half term 3.10/3.20pm
22 nd – 29 th May 2026	Half term
1 st June 2026	Children back in school
5 th June 2026	PTFA Cups distributed for Summer Fayre
17 th June 2026	PTFA Cups returned for Summer Fayre PTFA Carnival Disco – refer to Classlist for details
22 nd - 26 th June 2026	Travelling Book Fayre arrives for the week
24 th June 2026	ILP Meetings with Mrs Bendall – book on eSchools
25 th June 2026	ILP Meetings with Mrs Bendall – book on eSchools
1 st July 2026	PTFA FFT sale
3 rd July 2026	Sports Day KS1 AM 10-12pm 12-1pm – picnic lunch – all welcome

	KS2 PM 1-3pm
6 th July 2026	EYFS Sports Day, 2pm
7 th July 2026	Internal Transition Day National Transition Day
8 th July 2026	National Transition Day Summer Music Concert 2-3pm organised by Mrs Sumner PTFA Summer Fayre – to start directly after music concert
9 th July 2026	Sports Day – Reserve date School Reports out – whole school
10 th July 2026	Inset Day – school closed for pupils
w/c 13 th July 2026	Enrichment Week – (details of Enrichment trip to be confirmed still)
15 th July 2026	Music Recital – Orchestra organised by Mrs Sumner, 2.30pm Opportunity for parents to discuss school reports with Class Teachers
17 th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Performance to parents 9.30am Colour Run 2pm
21 st July 2026	PTFA Break the Rules Day – refer to Classlist for details
22 nd July 2026	Children finish for end of term – 1.30pm finish
23 rd July – 31 st August 2026	Summer holidays
1 st September 2026	Inset Day – school closed for pupils
2 nd September 2026	Inset Day – school closed for pupils
3 rd September 2026	Children back in school