HENHURST RIDGE NEWS

WC 14th SEPT 2026

Mrs Hopkins

What a fantastic week it has been at Henhurst!
As we move further into the autumn term, it has been wonderful to see the children continuing to settle into their classes, build friendships and embrace the exciting learning opportunities taking place across the school. The classrooms have been buzzing with enthusiasm, curiosity and hard work, and we are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes our children demonstrate every day.
A particular well done goes to our Year 6 pupils who have been preparing for their upcoming residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes. We know they are looking forward to an exciting adventure filled with teamwork, challenge and memorable experiences.
Attendance continues to be a real strength across the school, and we would like to thank all families for their support in ensuring children arrive on time and ready to learn. Every day in school really does make a difference.
As always, please take a moment to read emails and newsletters carefully as they contain important information regarding school events, trips, payments and key dates. Referring back to these communications can often answer questions and help ensure everyone stays informed.
Finally, thank you to our staff, pupils and families for making Henhurst such a positive and supportive school community. We are only a few weeks into the new academic year, but already there have been so many moments of success to celebrate. We look forward to sharing more of these with you in the coming weeks.
Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, ready for another great week of learning.

Spotlight Class: THUNBERG

Thunberg Class have had a wonderful start to their learning journey at Henhurst Ridge! It is hard to believe that we are only two weeks into the new school year, as the children have settled in brilliantly and are already finding their feet in 'big school'.

There have been lots of exciting firsts so far, including their first day, first register, first PE lesson and first lunchtime, with many more milestones still to come. Our topic, All About Me, has been the perfect way to begin the year as we get to know our new friends, teachers and school environment.

This week, our focus book is Super Duper You. The children have been thinking about what makes them special and unique, while developing their name recognition and writing skills. They have also enjoyed creating self-portraits and learning what it means to be a kind and thoughtful friend.

Well done, Thunberg Class! The teaching team are incredibly proud of you and we cannot wait to see all the wonderful things you will achieve this year.



HARRIERS OF THE WEEK



A massive well done for the children chosen for showing our value of **'Everyone working together'** this week.

From left to right: Sophie, Halo, Ava & Archie



CERTIFICATE

From left to right: Ada, Quinn, Olivia, Cleo, Zoe, Maham, Armin and Lij

PE & HEALTHY LIVING



Mr Furniss Multi Skills Club
Activity: Multi Skills
Day: Monday
Time: 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM
Year Groups: Key Stage 1
Booking: ParentPay

Louis Briscoe Football Academy
Activity: Football
Day: Wednesday
Time: 3:15 PM to 4:25 PM
Year Groups: Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
Booking: ParentPay

CookStars
Activity: Cooking
Day: Wednesday
Time : 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Year Groups: Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
Booking: Block book 3 weeks via link https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/5420

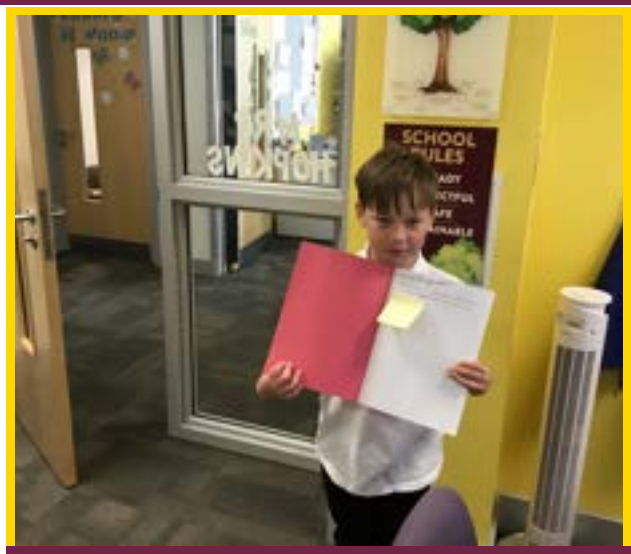
J&J Sports
Activity: Ultimate Frisbee
Day: Thursday
Time: 3:15 PM to 4:25 PM
Year Groups: Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
Booking: J&J Website https://j-j-sports.classforkids.io

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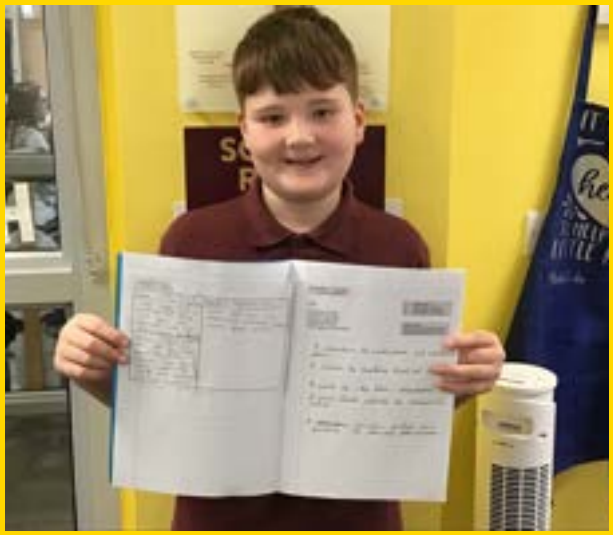
HCL
NOURISH · EDUCATE · INSPIRE

This is a friendly reminder if your child has an allergy, intolerance or cultural dietary requirement to please register this with HCL so that they can create a suitable menu tailored to your child's needs.
If you have not yet completed the registration, please do so as soon as possible using the link below:
Registration Link: Special Diet Application - HCL
Please note that until HCL has received and processed the required information, your child will only be able to receive a jacket potato option at lunchtime. This is to ensure that their dietary needs are catered for safely and appropriately.
To clarify if your child **does not** have any allergies, intolerances or cultural dietary requirements you do not need to register.
Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us provide the best possible meal service for your child.

CHILDREN'S WORK



Jayke has been working extemely hard in McCartney Class. Keep it up!



Amazing literacy work from Charlie. Brilliant!



Dan and Finley have been working well on their Mathematics! Excellent!



Lena has worked hard on her Mathematics too! Well done!

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

We are pleased to invite families with children in Reception through to Year 6 to take part in our School Walking Bus, which will take place every Thursday morning.

The walking bus will set off promptly at 8:00 am, with children meeting staff at the small car park at the bottom of King Road. This initiative is a fantastic way to promote healthy lifestyles, encourage independence and help reduce traffic around the school.

We are delighted to offer this as a free service for our families. Places can be booked via ParentPay.

Please note that there are only 11 spaces available each week, and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Bookings will close at 3:00 pm on the Wednesday before each Thursday walk, so we encourage families to book early to avoid disappointment.

Once you have secured a place, it is important that you carefully read and agree to the Parent and Passenger Promise, which outlines expectations to ensure the walking bus remains safe and enjoyable for everyone.

We look forward to welcoming lots of children to this exciting initiative and starting the day in a positive and active way.

Parent

I promise I have...

- Talked to my child about road safety on the walking bus
- Made sure that my child understands how the bus operates
- Made sure my child knows where the afternoon stop is
- Made sure that my child knows what is expected of him / her
- Made sure that my child knows what days they are travelling
- Discussed with my child what to do if things go wrong e.g. misses the bus or not met as expected
- Agreed to contact the bus co-ordinator if my details change

I am aware that I am responsible for...

- Ensuring that my child arrives at the walking bus stop on time
- Ensuring that my child gets to school if they miss the walking bus
- Ensuring that I, or a designated person, is waiting at the stop to collect my child after school.
- Informing the school / co-ordinator if my child will not be using the walking bus

Passenger

When I join the Walking Bus, I promise to...

- Always behave sensibly
- Obey the instructions given by the volunteer/s.
- Wear the fluorescent jacket I will be given
- Walk in a pair where possible
- Remember to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK when I am near roads
- Look after my own safety and not cause danger to others
- Always travel on the walking bus on the days I am expected to
- Arrive on time at the stop, before and after school

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery - 98.77%
Attenborough - 94.44%
Thunberg - 93.1%
Irwin - 97.7%
Silva - 96.03%
Potter - 98.15%
Packham -84.26%
Kamkwamba - 93.19%
Goodall - 98.08%
Rezwan - 96.67%
Honnold - 93.98%
McCartney - 94.71%
MacArthur - 98.22%
Costeau - 96%

OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK: 95.22%





Above 97%	95.5-96.9%	94-95.4%	92.5-93.9%	Below 92.4%
295 pupils	13 pupils	0 pupils	0 pupils	66 pupils



EYFS/KS1 -Well done **Nursery Class - 98.77%**

KS2 - Well done **MacArthur Class 98.22%**
Both classes received the class attendance award this week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Additional information
Wednesday 23rd September - Friday 25th September	Year 6 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes	
Thursday 24th September	Back to School Disco	See email from PTFA
Friday 25th September	Macmillan Coffee morning	From 8:30am in the school hall. Cake donations gladly received.
Thursday 1st October	Books & Breakfast Event for **Reception**	8:30-9am Join your child in the hall to have breakfast & share a book to include phonics workshop
Friday 2nd October	Books & Breakfast Event for **Year 1**	8:30-9am Join your child in the hall to have breakfast & share a book
Monday 5th October	Books & Breakfast Event for **Year 2**	8:30-9am Join your child in the hall to have breakfast & share a book
Tuesday 6th October	Books & Breakfast Event for **Year 3**	8:30-9am Join your child in the hall to have breakfast & share a book
Wednesday 7th October	Books & Breakfast Event for **Year 4**	8:30-9am Join your child in the hall to have breakfast & share a book
Thursday 8th October	Books & Breakfast Event for **Year 5**	8:30-9am Join your child in the hall to have breakfast & share a book
Friday 9th October	#Hello Yellow Day Mental Health Awareness Day	All children can wear something yellow and pay £1 for charity on ParentPay
	Books & Breakfast Event for **Year 6**	8:30-9am Join your child in the hall to have breakfast & share a book
Monday 12th October	Individual & sibling school photographs (Nursery & school age only)	If it is a PE day, children can come in uniform and change into kits for the PE lesson.
Friday 23rd October	PLPs out to parents of SEND children	More information to follow
Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half Term		

Free tables if anyone who like to collect





Polite Reminder to Parents

We would like to politely remind parents that important information regarding school events, trips, and other activities is regularly communicated via email and newsletters. We would be grateful if you could refer back to these communications when information is needed, as many questions can often be answered from the details already provided. Please also bear in mind that school emails are not always monitored immediately, and our response time can be up to 48 hours. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us ensure that communication runs smoothly for everyone.

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's newsletter. We appreciate your continued support and partnership in helping our pupils thrive.