HENHURST RIDGE NEWS

WC 2nd OCT 2026

Mrs Hopkins

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As we approach the halfway point of this half term, I would like to take a moment to thank our pupils, staff and families for their continued hard work and support. It has been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm for learning across the school, with classrooms buzzing with excitement and children embracing new challenges every day.

This week has been particularly busy, with our pupils representing the school superbly at football competitions held at Robert Sutton Academy. We are incredibly proud of the teamwork, determination and sportsmanship shown by all those who took part. Whether winning, drawing or losing, our children demonstrated the values we encourage every day at Henhurst Ridge and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

We have also enjoyed a fantastic start to our Books and Breakfast events. It has been wonderful to welcome our Reception and Year 1 families into school on Thursday and Friday morning to share stories, enjoy breakfast together and celebrate a love of reading. The atmosphere has been incredibly positive, and it has been lovely to see so many children excited to read with their families before the school day begins. We are looking forward to welcoming more families next week as the events continue across the school.

As always, attendance remains a key priority. Every day in school counts, and we thank parents and carers for helping ensure children arrive on time and ready to learn.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing many more of you at our Books and Breakfast sessions next week.





Spotlight Class: IRWIN

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year in Irwin Class. We have been so impressed with how well the children have transitioned from Reception into Year 1. They have had a brilliant attitude to learning and are soaking up everything we are teaching them! We are so proud!

We have been consolidating on our number and phonics skills in our daily choosing time, and have been learning how to be a good friend and helper to others.

This week in Maths we have been learning all about part-part-whole models and the children have been exploring different ways to make numbers to 10.
In writing, we have been learning all about Mr Bear, and have started to innovate our story map to write a biography all about ourselves.

We have already produced some beautiful artwork and we are so excited to continue exploring and learning together this year. Well done Irwin Class!

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: Mia, Saren, Robyn, Lena and Bambi



CERTIFICATE

From left to right: Oliver, Theo, Freddie, Harris, Jayke, Haydn, Abbie and Maisie

PE & HEALTHY LIVING

It has been a busy and exciting time for our footballers, with two football competitions held at Robert Sutton Academy over the past week.

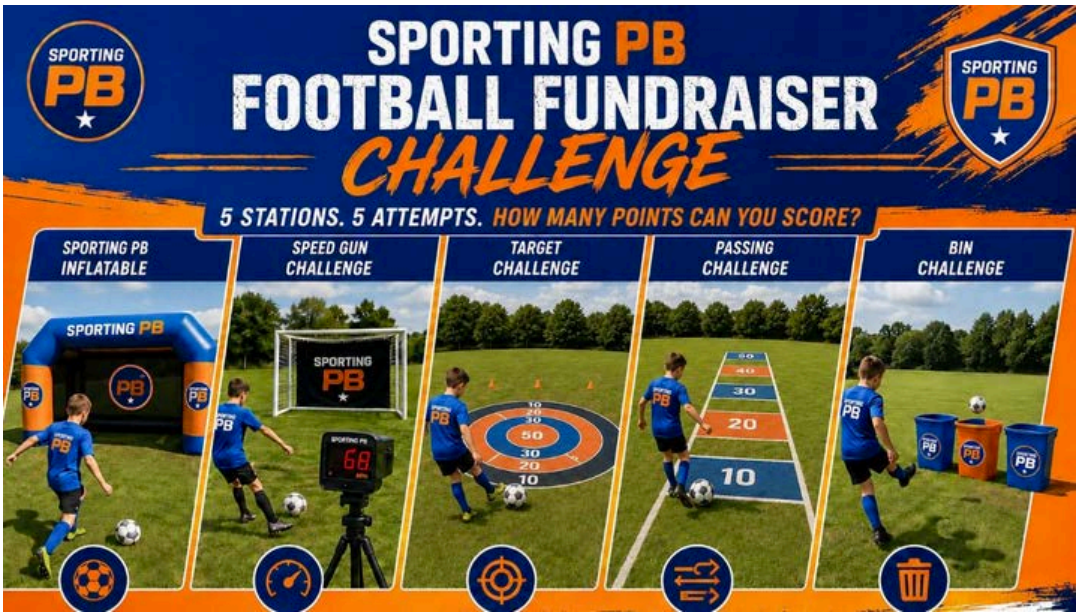
Our Year 3/4 team represented the school brilliantly, showing great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Every player gave their best effort and demonstrated fantastic attitudes both on and off the pitch.

We also took part in a Year 5/6 competition, where our older pupils showcased their growing football skills, resilience and team spirit. The children worked incredibly hard, supported one another and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

We are extremely proud of all the children who took part in both events. Competing against other local schools provides valuable opportunities to develop confidence, teamwork and sporting skills, and our pupils certainly rose to the challenge.

A huge well done to everyone involved and thank you to the staff who supported the teams. We look forward to more sporting events throughout the year! ⚽🏆

SPORTING PB FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER



HENHURST PRIMARY ACADEMY – ARE YOU READY?

The countdown is officially on! Henhurst Primary Academy will soon be taking part in the Sporting PB Schools Fundraising Football Challenge, and we want to make it an event to remember!

📅 Key Dates

- KS2 Challenge Day: Friday 16th October 2026
- KS1 Challenge Day: Friday 6th November 2026

Every child will have the opportunity to get involved, have fun and put their football skills to the test through a range of exciting challenges. Throughout the event, children will be encouraged to challenge themselves, improve on their previous scores and discover their own Personal Best (PB).

This challenge is not about being the best footballer. It is about having a go, showing determination, encouraging friends and celebrating individual achievements. Every child can succeed by giving their best effort and discovering what they are capable of achieving.

As parents and carers, your support can make a huge difference. We are asking you to help your child spread the word, share their challenge with family and friends, and collect sponsorship in the lead-up to the big day.

⚽ Sponsorship Challenge

We would love every child to secure sponsorship from family members, friends, neighbours and colleagues. Every contribution helps make a difference and supports opportunities for all our pupils.

🔗 Sponsorship Link:

https://gvwhl.com/ZOYGD

Please encourage your child to:

- Ask family and friends to sponsor them.
- Share what challenge they are taking part in and why they are raising money.
- Aim to raise as much sponsorship as possible to support our school community.

Every donation, no matter how big or small, will help raise valuable funds for Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy. These funds could support school improvements, new sports equipment, educational resources and other exciting opportunities for our children.

Let's get behind our pupils, create a real buzz around the school and see just how much we can achieve together. The challenge has been set, the countdown has begun, and now it's time for every child to find their Personal Best!

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery - 95.81%
Attenborough - 88.15%
Thunberg - 93.87%
Irwin - 94.23%
Silva - 93.65%
Potter - 95.37%
Packham -90.74%
Kamkwamba - 97.13%
Goodall - 96.55%
Rezwan - 90.74%
Honnold - 98.15%
McCartney - 96.97%
MacArthur - 88.89%
Cousteau - 97.78%

OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK: 94.03%





Above 97%	95.5-96.9%	94-95.4%	92.5-93.9%	Below 92.4%
251 pupils	pupils	40 pupils	17 pupils	67 pupils



EYFS/KS1 -Well done **Nursery Class - 95.81%**

KS2 - Well done **Honnold Class 98.15%**
Both classes received the class attendance award this week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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		
Sunday 8th November	Remembrance Day Parade in Branston	Details to follow - all children welcome
Tuesday 10th November	Parent Consultations	3:40-5:30pm More details on how to book an appointment nearer the time.
Thursday 12th November	Parent Consultations	4-6:30pm More details on how to book an appointment nearer the time.



PLEASE NOTE THAT HOLIDAYS TAKEN IN TERM TIME WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND COULD LEAD TO A FINE BEING ISSUED TO PARENTS/CARERS. PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE READ THE DATES CAREFULLY AND BOOK HOLIDAYS ACCORDING TO HOLIDAY DATES AND INSET DAYS ADVERTISED.
MANY THANKS

Class Trips will be scheduled and advertised throughout the term with advance notice to allow for parents to budget for them.

Other events will be added as the year progresses, please read the newsletter, text messages and emails for updates. The website will have the latest version of this document on there under the Parent/Carer tab: Academy Calendar.

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