HENHURST RIDGE NEWS

WC 7th SEPT 2026

Mrs Hopkins

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year. It has been wonderful to see how amazingly our new Reception children have settled into school life. They have shown such confidence, enthusiasm and positivity during their first few days, and we are incredibly proud of them. We would also like to extend a huge welcome to the 13 other new children who have joined us across the school this term, along with their families. We hope you all feel very much at home as part of our school community.

We are delighted to welcome several new members of staff to our team: Mr Roper in Year 5, Miss Hulland in Year 2 and Miss Coyle in Reception. We know they will be a fantastic addition to our school and are already settling in well.

It has certainly been a challenging start to the year as we have introduced both a new catering provider and a new childcare booking system. We recognise that there have been a number of issues, particularly regarding school meals, and we appreciate your patience and understanding while these are addressed. If you have any concerns or queries, please email the school office and we will ensure that they are passed on to the catering provider, who is keen to hear your feedback and views.

We are also continuing to develop our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision. If you have any resources that could be donated to support children's outdoor play, we would be extremely grateful to receive them.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to an exciting term ahead.



Spotlight Class: NURSERY

Little Harriers are off to a flying start this year! We are already settled in and starting to make new friends, learn new routines and adapt to life in the school environment.

Under our current theme of ‘Wonderful Me’ we are exploring families and our local environment, as well as thinking about just how special and unique we all are. In our small world play, we have created mini versions of ourselves and some of the sights we might see in the local area, including Morrisons and MacDonalds! We will also be creating puppets to represent people in our families. We have had lots of discussions about the differences between us, our families and our likes and dislikes. Apparently, we are not fans of carrots in Little Harriers- who knew!

The Little Harrier teaching team have all commented on how marvellous our first week back has been. We have very high hopes for the year ahead and thank all of our parents and families for the amazing support they have shown so far. We have a great journey ahead together

See below for our book recommendation which has really supported our children to settle and understand that their grown ups will be back soon, along with some of our self portraits!





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: Nathan, Lorenzo, Charlotte and Arjan



CERTIFICATE

From left to right: Charlotte, Bryx, Jamilla, Beatrice, Hannah, Holly, Dominik and Gabi

PE & HEALTHY LIVING



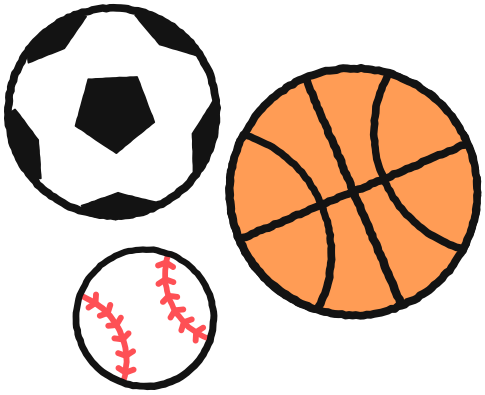
Sports Harrier: Mia, huge well done!

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



CLASS ATTENDANCE

Nursery - 97.5%
Attenborough - 95.93%
Thunberg - 92.72%
Irwin - 97.69%
Silva - 98.41%
Potter - 97.22%
Packham -96.76%
Kamkwamba - 94.98%
Goodall - 97.78%
Rezwan - 96.67%
Honnold - 98.61%
McCartney - 96.83%
MacArthur - 98.61%
Costeau - 96%

OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 96.75%





Above 97%	95.5-96.9%	94-95.4%	92.5-93.9%	Below 92.4%
328 pupils	0 pupils	0 pupils	11 pupils	36 pupils



EYFS/KS1 -Well done **Silva Class - 98.41%**

KS2 - Well done **Honnold and MacArthur Class 98.61%**
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		

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