HENHURST RIDGE NEWS

WC 12th OCT 2026

Mrs Hopkins

It is certainly feeling like Autumn now with the cooler mornings but still some lovely October sunshine. There's nothing lovelier than crunching through the fallen leaves and we have lots around our grounds. The children are busy trying to find conkers at the bottom of the field - some traditions are timeless! However, our cleaning staff find it very hard to keep on top of hoovering the leaves up as they blow into school!

So we have one last week before we finish for the October half term and sadly we have been struck down by many bugs which has affected our attendance. Hopefully, we will have lots of our staff and children back next week and then we can all enjoy the half term when it comes.

Today our Key Stage 2 children took part in the PB Challenge and absolutley LOVED it! Half an hour wasn't enough for most of them! Key Stage 1 will have their turn next month.

We won the Boccia tournament we attended on Tuesday afternoon and once again the children showed incredible sportsmanship as well as really supporting each other - it was wonderful to see!

As the weather begins to turn, please ensure your child has a coat with them as we like to be outside as much as possible. We will be sending wellies home next week so you can do a size check and send some more in for after half term if you would like to and if your child would like to access the field during the winter months. If you don't want the ones your child brings home, please donate them back to school for anyone that hasn't got some - thank you!

Parents' Evening will be upon us soon after half term so the appointment times will be released this week so you can book your slot.

Just a rmeinder, that if your child is coming to school on a scooter or bike, please ensure they are wearing a helmet to keep them safe.

Looking forward to seeing you next week for our final week of the half term.

Have a great weekend!

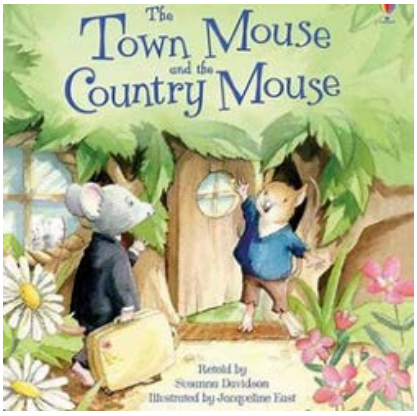




Spotlight Class: PACKHAM

Wow, we have really had a fun filled first half term in Packham Class!

We started the term by discovering that a little, brown country mouse had decided to make Packham Class his home. He even had his own little mouse hole! Coincidentally, our class text was 'The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse' so we were delighted to have him as a guest. Over the following weeks, we learned to retell the ending of the story and identify some of the author's key techniques for writing an effective ending, ready to write our very own. We can't wait to show them to you at parents' evening!



Packham Class has also blown the staff away with their fabulous Maths work this half term. The children have developed such a deep understanding of the place value of two-digit numbers that they have been able to explain their thinking in many different ways (see the example picture to the right).



On top of all that, the children have excelled in their wider curriculum subjects. They have worked scientifically to measure and observe growth in children throughout primary school (thanks to the other year groups for allowing us to measure an averaged heighted child!) and in Art they have developed their drawing skills by learning to add texture and tone to their sketches. Even with all that going on, we still managed to fit in a reenactment of the Battle of Hastings as part of our History lessons!

It has been an incredible half term! Well done Packham 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:
Paisley, Jonah, Arthur & Murad.





From left to right:
Liv, Leita, Daisy, Kylam, Inaaya, Hendrix, Matilda & Heaven

ABSENCES/MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Absences

A polite reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school, you must inform the school before 9.00am on the day of the absence.

You can do this by:

- Leaving a message on the school's absence line, or
- Emailing the school office.

When reporting an absence, please provide a specific reason for the absence. Messages stating simply that a child is "unwell" may not be sufficient and we may contact you for further information. Without an appropriate reason, the absence may be recorded as unauthorised.

If we have not received notification of your child's absence, school staff will follow up with a text message and/or telephone call to ensure your child's whereabouts are known and that they are safe.

Medical appointments

If your child has a medical appointment during school hours, please ensure that the school office is informed as soon as possible.

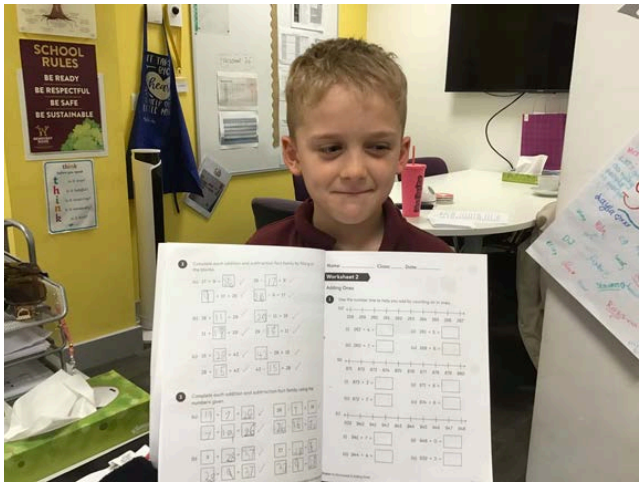
Wherever possible, medical appointments should be arranged outside of school hours to minimise disruption to your child's education.

To enable us to authorise the absence, we will require evidence of the appointment. This can be provided by:

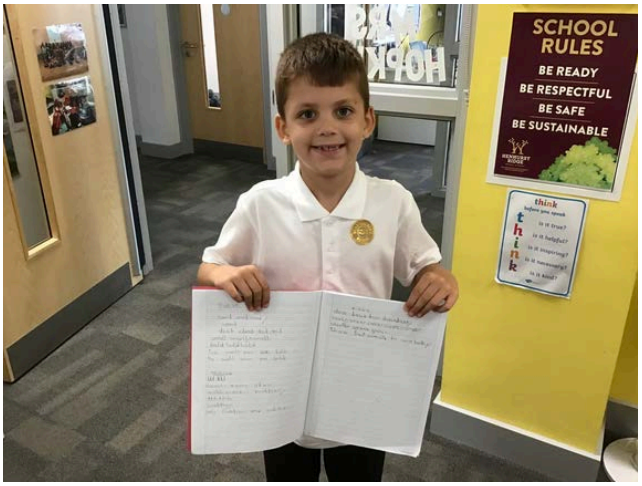
- Emailing a copy or screenshot of the appointment details to the school office.
- Showing the appointment confirmation at the school office.
- Bringing in the appointment letter so that we can take a copy for our records.

Please note that without evidence, the absence may not be authorised.

CHILDREN'S WORK



Oliver has been working very hard in Maths! Welll done



Dominik has worked really well in literacy! Great job





A huge congratulations to Daisy in McCartney Classt, who represented Tamworth AC at the West Midlands Young Athlete Cross Country League on Sunday 11th October.
Competing in the U12 Girls category, Daisy ran an impressive 2000m race in a fantastic time of 9 minutes 34 seconds, finishing 82nd out of 93 competitors. This was Daisy's very first cross-country competition, making her achievement even more remarkable.
Daisy has a further four races to compete in this season, and we wish her the very best of luck. Well done, Daisy! We look forward to hearing about your future successes. 🏃‍♀️🏅

Staffordshire County Council are now delivering HAF for October half term, and bookings are now live for families.

Just a reminder that food is included with any activity over two hours.

