# HERMITAGE HEADLINES

***TOGETHER WE THRIVE***

*9th October 2026*




Dear Hermitage Families,

This week we have held two sessions for perspective parents for next year's Reception class. We have two further sessions taking place next week too. I am always so proud to show off our wonderful school and introduce them to each class family and our team of staff. This year our school ambassadors, Sienna and Alex in Year 6, presented to parents on what makes Hermitage so special. They were incredible!

It was great to welcome the wider community into school today for our first Bridge the Gap morning and there were so many people which was just fantastic! Each class enjoyed performing the poem they had learnt as part of National Poetry Day. Our school parliament then enjoyed chatting to the community after the performances. The next Bridge the Gap event will be on November 6th for Remembrance.

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 rugby teams, who represented us at the local cluster tournament this week. We were so excited to participate and secure a second place (narrowly missing out in the final!) Congratulations to all the children involved!

Earlier in the week we welcomed Imran in to deliver workshops about Islam for Year 4 and 6 to support the children's learning in RE. We also welcomed 'Ziggy' the therapy dog in on Wednesday to work with some of our children across school.

Our new website is now live! The website is still a work in progress as we continue to build and develop each section, please do check for daily additions! If you require information that is not currently available on the website, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

I am excited for our first trips of the year to take place next week for our Year 2 and Year 3 classes. These experiences support children to develop their knowledge and of course have fun!

Enjoy the weekend!

Mr Young

## REMINDERS

Please sign your KS2 children up for the Harry Potter Extravaganza taking place on Wednesday evening next week. It promises to be a magical time!



# WEEKLY ATTENDANCE




**Reception: 96%**

**Year 1: 99%**

**Year 2: 100%**

**Year 3: 97%**

**Year 4: 99%**

**Year 5: 98%**

**Year 6: 97%**

**Whole School: 97%**



# AWARDS

## THRIVE AWARDS



Reception: Asa and Jack

Year 1: Thomas W and Jacob

Year 2: Fynn and Grace

Year 3: Ellie and Sophie W

Year 4: Jacob and Amelia

Year 5: George and Mia

Year 6: Sienna, Alex and Ruby-Rae

The Den: Amaya

## HOUSE POINTS



| House | Weekly Total | Running Total |
|---|---|---|
| ELM | 305 | 909 |
| BEECH | 319 | 1190 |
| CEDAR | 300 | 476 |
| HAWTHORN | 298 | 963 |

Congratulations to: BEECH

**Letters Sent:**

Pupil Premium

Mrs Robertson Retirement

Jewellery Club

SALT Coffee Morning

Run for Pudsey - Children in Need

NHS Reception Screening

## After School Play Equipment

We've noticed that more children are enjoying using the playground equipment at the end of the school day. While it is lovely to see families spending time together after school, this can make it difficult for our after school club and sports clubs to set up safely and get their sessions underway.

We are also mindful of children's safety once the school day has finished, particularly if a child were to have an accident and require first aid.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support in helping us keep everyone safe and allowing our after-school activities to get off to a smooth start.

# Parent Survey 2026

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent survey, and to our new Reception families who shared their experiences through the Reception transition survey.

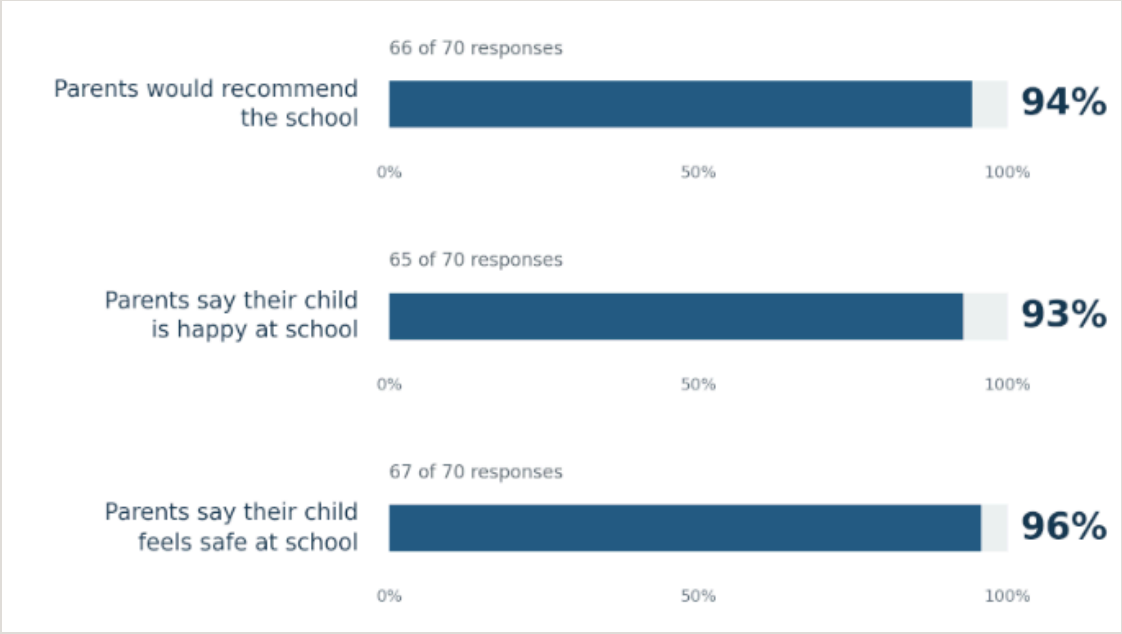
The parent survey gave us an opportunity to hear your views one year on from our previous survey, which took place when I became Headteacher.

Your views matter to us. All feedback has been shared with Governors and discussed to help us recognise what is working well and identify where we can improve.

I will also send out a parent survey in July, towards the end of this academic year, to hear your reflections on the year as a whole.

Below is a summary of your feedback and the priorities we will focus on together.






## *What we are doing well:*

· Helping children feel happy and safe
You praised the care, encouragement and support children receive.
· Building a warm, welcoming school community
You said staff are friendly, approachable and build positive relationships and that there is the community, family feel.
· Offering varied learning and enriching experiences
You feel that we offer a wide range of subjects for children. You also valued the clubs, workshops, visits and opportunities that broaden children's experiences at Hermitage.

## *What we could improve further:*

· More communication about learning and progress
You said you would like more information about your children's learning. We will provide more information about topics, homework and ways to help at home. We will also review how we keep working parents informed and consider evening events.
· Playtimes and lunchtimes
You said that children are well behaved but there are regular playground incidents and children mention unfair access to areas or equipment. We will review supervision and access to equipment and areas.
· After School Clubs for SEND children
You said there is not specific clubs for SEND children. We are always working to expand our broad range of extra-curricular clubs. We will be looking into providing SEND specific clubs.



# PTFA NEWS

## EVENTS

**14/10 Harry Potter Evening (See Poster in Newsletter)**

**23/10 Pop-up Drinks Stall**

**27/11 Rainbow Raffle Donation**

**27/11 Wreath Making**

**15/12 KS2 Carol Concert**

## REQUESTS

**Purchase your name labels from Sitkins - Fundraising Number: 9443**

**Sign up to Easy Fundraising**

**Sign up your child for our Harry Potter evening**



SCAN ME

# ATTENDANCE

***Every day in school counts – good attendance helps your child learn more, make friends, and build a brighter future.***

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring strong attendance across the school.

Regular attendance plays a vital in children's learning, wellbeing and friendships. While we understand that children will occasionally be unwell, we encourage attendance whenever possible, as many children who feel slightly under the weather often improve as the day progresses. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please contact us as early as possible so that we can work together to provide the appropriate support.

**Holidays in Term Time**

We would like to remind all parents and carers that holidays should not be taken during school time. Holidays are only authorised in extremely exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences will be reported to the local authority, and a fixed penalty notice may be issued.

# KEY DATES AND INFORMATION

## Autumn Diary Dates:

| Date | Event |
|---|---|
| Tuesday 22nd September | Year 2 Welcome Meeting – 9am |
| Wednesday 23rd September | Year 1 Welcome Meeting – 9am |
| Thursday 24th September | Reception Welcome Meeting – 9am |
| Friday 25th September | Invasion Games Cluster Sports Festival |
| Wednesday 30th September | Year 5/6 Cluster Football Tournament |
| Thursday 1st October | 'Free School Meal for All' Day |
| Friday 2nd October | Reception/Year 6 Coffee Morning |
| Monday 5th October | Reception 2027 Open Morning |
| Wednesday 7th October | Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament |
| Friday 9th October | Bridge the Gap – National Poetry Day Performances |
| Monday 12th October | Reception 2027 Open Morning |
| Wednesday 14th October | PTFA KS2 Harry Potter Evening; Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament |
| Thursday 15th October | Year 2 Potteries Museum Trip |
| Friday 16th October | Year 3 Tatton Park Stone Age Trip |
| Tuesday 20th October | Parents Evening 1 |
| Thursday 22nd October | Parents Evening 2 |
| Friday 23rd October | Break up for Autumn Half Term |
| Monday 2nd November | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 4th November | SEND Coffee Morning |
| Thursday 5th November | Flu Spray |
| Friday 6th November | Bridge the Gap – Year 5 Remembrance |
| Monday 9th November | Year 6 Learn with Me |
| Tuesday 10th November | Year 5 Learn with Me |
| Wednesday 11th November | Year 4 Learn with Me; Year 1/2 Dance Festival |
| Thursday 12th November | Year 3 Learn with Me; Reception Library Trip |
| Monday 16th November | Odd Socks Day; Anti-Bullying Week; Reception Learn with Me |
| Tuesday 17th November | Year 2 Learn with Me |
| Wednesday 18th November | Year 3/4 Dance Festival |
| Thursday 19th November | Year 1 Learn with Me |
| Friday 20th November | Children in Need |
| Wednesday 25th November | Railway Safety Workshops; Year 5/6 Dance |
| Friday 27th November | PTFA Wreath Making |
| Monday 30th November | Rocksteady Concert – 2:15pm |
| Friday 4th December | Bridge the Gap |
| Tuesday 8th December | Infant Nativity – 4pm |
| Wednesday 9th December | Infant Nativity – 6pm |
| Tuesday 15th December | KS2 Carol Concert |
| Friday 18th December | Break up for Christmas |

# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE USE OF OUR FACE PARENT COURSES!

FACE

## October Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

**Recordings available for 48 hours**

| | |
|---|---|
| Raising Self-Esteem | 5 Oct 10am |
| Supporting Healthy Sleep | 5 Oct 7pm |
| Decreasing Depression | 6 Oct 10am |
| Introduction to OCD | 6 Oct 7pm |
| Improving Family Communication | 12 Oct 10am |
| What is ACT? | 12 Oct 7pm |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour | 13 Oct 10am |
| Supporting a Child with ADHD | 13 Oct 7pm |
| Understanding Anger | 19 Oct 10am |
| Understanding the Teenage Brain | 19 Oct 7pm |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use | 20 Oct 10am |
| Autism: Improving Communication | 20 Oct 7pm |
| **FREE - ADHD and Homework** | 22 Oct 7-8pm |
| Facing Defiance | 26 Oct 10am |
| Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness | 26 Oct 7pm |
| School Anxiety | 27 Oct 10am |
| Anxiety Explained | 27 Oct 7pm |

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## RECEPTION 2027 OPEN DAY

**MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER & MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER**





*Come and visit us to meet our amazing children and team of staff in action. Discover our happy school where 'Together We Thrive'.*



'Pupils are proud of their school. The foundations for impeccable behaviour are laid in the Early Years.' OFSTED 2023

BOOK NOW

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## Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

**Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?** YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

| Should go in | Should go in (let the school know) | Seek treatment before returning to school | Keep them off (at first) |
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| **A cough, cold or sore throat**<br>Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. | **Cold sores**<br>Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. | **Impetigo**<br>They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. | **Ear infection**<br>If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. |
| **Threadworms**<br>Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment. | **Conjunctivitis**<br>Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. | **Ringworm**<br>See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. | **Measles**<br>They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. |
| | **Head lice & nits**<br>You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. | **Scarlet fever**<br>They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. | **Vomiting & diarrhoea**<br>Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours). |
| | **Hand, foot & mouth disease**<br>If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. | **Chickenpox**<br>Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared. | |
| | **Slapped cheek syndrome**<br>Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome. | | |

**Feeling worried or anxious:** It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

## Hermitage School of Witchcraft & Wizardry

The PTFA would like to invite all key stage 2 children to a spellbinding evening of magic, mystery and fun at our 'Harry Potter' event!

Dress as your favourite character and join us for an exciting evening of wand skills, potion making, spell writing, mythical creatures and a quiz.

Date: WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

Time: 6PM - 7.30PM

Tickets: £7 per child including a drink and sweets

Booking: Pre-payment in the PTFA postbox with child's name and class or via bank transfer. Deadline to buy tickets is Friday 2nd October

