HERMITAGE HEADLINES

TOGETHER WE THRIVE

6th November 2026





Dear Hermitage Families,

Welcome back for the second half of the autumn term. It's always a busy one, with Christmas fast approaching! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half-term break and managed to stay out of the storms at the start of the week.

This week, our assemblies introduced our new Jigsaw PSHE unit for the half term: Celebrating Difference. In our values assembly, we learned about Sagal Abdil Wali, the first refugee MP, and discussed how she has shown our school values of resilience and helpfulness, and how British values have supported her to thrive.

We've enjoyed a range of exciting events and opportunities this week. At our SEND coffee morning, Alison Lindop from Cheshire East shared advice, tips and information about speech and language support services. Today, we hosted our second Bridge the Gap event, focusing on Remembrance: our Year 5 class enjoyed helping residents from Mount Pleasant and members of the local community create poppy crafts. Reception enjoyed their first Welly Walk. Each Friday, they'll take part in outdoor learning in our Forest area and outdoor classroom (the teepee), helping them learn about the natural world. Beech House children enjoyed their reward for earning the most merit points last half term. Merit points are awarded when children demonstrate our THRIVE values, and the children in Beech celebrated with hot chocolate and cookies this afternoon.

This week, we also took part in a voluntary Ofsted SEND research reform pilot, sharing our views. I'm very pleased that we had the opportunity to contribute to discussions about national reforms to support children and young people with SEND.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Learn with Me sessions. Teachers will teach spelling and phonics lessons to help you understand how these subjects are taught in school and give you the opportunity to learn alongside your child. We'll also be taking part in Children in Need on Friday, an event organised by our School Parliament. Thank you for your donations to this worthy cause.

Finally, after a rigorous recruitment process, Mrs Katie Goodliffe has secured the permanent teaching assistant position. As part of her role, she'll provide ELSA support for children who need help with their emotional wellbeing.

Mr Young

REMINDERS

Please remind children to bring (and wear) a coat and spare trainers each day.

School trainers/shoes must be black or navy.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Reception: 99%

Year 1: 97%

Year 2: 98%

Year 3: 99%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 99%

Year 6: 98%

Whole School: 98%

AWARDS

THRIVE AWARDS

Reception: Nell and George D

Year 1: Minnie and Lincoln

Year 2: Ivy and Oliver

Year 3: Rose and Eva

Year 4: Russell and Sylvia

Year 5: Alexa Rae and Ben

Year 6: Ibby and Ivy

The Den: Ayani

HOUSE POINTS

House	Weekly Total	Running Total
ELM	193	193
BEECH	185	185
CEDAR	163	165
HAWTHORN	181	185

The winners for this week are: ELM

Letters Sent:

R1 Nursery Rhyme Week

R1 Wellie Walk Fridays

R1 Library Visit

Children in Need -Pudsey Run

Mrs Pitts - SENCo

Year 3 Flu Spray



Run for Pudsey - Friday 13th November

Our School Parliament have been busy planning our Run for Pudsey event which will take place during afternoon in school on Friday 13th November. Children across the school will be taking part running laps of the field or playground to raise money for Children in Need!

Thanks to donations from friends and families, we've already raised over £1,000! There's still time to sign up and all children who raise will receive a medal after the event for taking part

Parents and carers can sign up at: https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/hermitage-primary-school and enter the school's code F09E to set up a fundraising page for your child.

The day will be a non-uniform day. Children can come into school in sports wear ready to run. If you would like to, children can also wear a white t-shirt decorated at home with a Run for Pudsey/Children in Need design.

PTFA NEWS

EVENTS

27/11 Rainbow Raffle Donation

27/11 Wreath Making

15/12 KS2 Carol Concert



TEAM PTA

REQUESTS

Purchase your name labels from Sitkins - Fundraising Number: 9443

Sign up to Easy Fundraising



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:

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





FACE

November Timetable

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

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

Introduction to OCD	2 Nov 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	2 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	9 Nov 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 Nov 7pm
What is ACT?	10 Nov 10am
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	16 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 Nov 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 Nov 10am
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 7pm
FREE - Responding to Stress & Anxiety	19 Nov 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	23 Nov 10am
Facing Defiance	23 Nov 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
School Anxiety	24 Nov 7pm