



HERMITAGE HEADLINES

TOGETHER WE **THRIVE**

25th September 2026



Dear Hermitage Families,

Thank you for your attendance at the KS1 Welcome Meetings. We hope you found them useful in supporting your children at home and helping you to understand what is coming up in the year ahead.

This week, Mrs Cox launched the theme for National Poetry Week in assembly. Each class will perform a poem based on this year's theme of 'Wonder' and share their performances next week as part of our celebrations of poetry. Each class will also perform their poem during our first Bridge the Gap morning on Friday 9th October.

Well done to the children who took part in the sports festival at Goostrey today. They enjoyed playing alongside children from other local schools and took part in a range of sports, including tag rugby, ultimate frisbee and netball.

It was lovely to see – and hear – our Year 5 children begin their journey of learning to play a brass instrument with Mr Curtin this week. They will develop their skills over the next two years, with the exciting opportunity to perform at The Halle towards the end of Year 6. It was also fantastic to get our choir up and running this week. This year, our choir will have the opportunity to perform at Young Voices concert at the Coop Arena in January.

Next Friday, our new school website should be going live, which we are very excited to share with you. I really hope you feel that it captures the vibrant family feel of our school and our ambition moving forwards. Of course, it will take us a little while to get everything onto the site and for everyone to find their way around it.

I would be really grateful if you could all take the time to share your views by completing our annual school survey sent out today. Your feedback will be shared with governors at our next meeting and will help us to identify ways in which we can continue to improve our school for all our children and families.

Next week, we are looking forward to our older children competing in the Year 5/6 football tournament, our 'Eat for Free' lunch on Thursday, and our Reception and Year 6 Buddy Coffee Morning on Friday morning.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mr Young

REMINDERS

Please send your child in with a coat each day as we head into the colder months.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 97%

Year 1: 98%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 97%

Year 4: 98%

Year 5: 97%

Year 6: 94%

Whole School: 97%



AWARDS

THRIVE AWARDS



Reception: Toby and Emily C

Year 1: Oliver and Alice

Year 2: Seth and Isla J

Year 3: Ella and Josh T

Year 4: Oscar B and Sylvia

Year 5: Carter and Esme

Year 6: Freya and Alfie

The Den: Millie

HOUSE POINTS



House	Weekly Total	Running Total
ELM	210	748
BEECH	303	921
CEDAR	140	452
HAWTHORN	230	697

Congratulations to: BEECH

Letters Sent:

Y3 Tattenhall Residential Payment

Thurs 1st October – Kids Eat Free

Parents Evenings

Parent Survey

Reception Transition Survey

Buddy Coffee Morning!

We would like to invite our families in Reception and Year 6 to a coffee morning next Friday from 9:15am - 10am. This is a chance for families of buddies to meet each other and for our Year 6 families to support our Reception families and welcome them to our school. We will spend sometime outside (weather permitting) and provide refreshments including teas, coffee and biscuits. We look forward to welcoming you all and bringing you together.



EVENTS

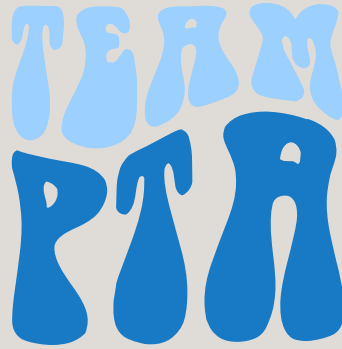
14/10 Harry Potter Evening
(See Poster in Newsletter)

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



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



September 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

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

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

Holmes Chapel and District CommuniCARE

Do YOU have any spare time during the School Day??

CommuniCARE drive residents, who have no transport, to medical appointments around the village and to local Hospitals.

At present we really do need more drivers to operate our service in and around Holmes Chapel and YOU could really make such a difference.

If you think you are able to help us, please ring Pat Macmaster to have a chat about our service to the Community on 01477 533992 or our dedicated phone number 07856 469508.

Thank you



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Is my child too ill for school?



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)
A cough, cold or sore throat 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 Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis 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.	Impetigo 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 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 Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease 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.	Ringworm 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. Scarlet fever 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.	Measles 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.
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

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**

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