



HERMITAGE HEADLINES

TOGETHER WE **THRIVE**

2nd October 2026



Dear Hermitage Families,

We are in October already!

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 football teams, who represented us at the local cluster tournament this week. We were so pleased to secure another victory! Congratulations to all the players involved. What a brilliant start to the sporting events calendar we have had at Hermitage!

It was lovely to welcome our Reception and Year 6 buddy parents into school this morning to meet one another and see the children playing together. This system supports both our youngest and oldest children to form strong bonds and live out our thrive values of teamwork and helpfulness.

Today, we had a wonderful celebration assembly of all thing's poetry! Each class performed a poem they have learnt as part of National Poetry Week, around the theme of 'Wonder'. The children displayed fantastic oracy and performance skills. Next week, they will have the opportunity to perform these poems for our Bridge the Gap!

Our new website has now gone live! We do hope you like the new look and feel. The website is still a work in progress as we continue to build and develop each section. If you require information that is not currently available on the website, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us, and keep checking back for regular updates. Thank you for your patience while we continue to develop the website.

A big thank you to all the parents who have already completed our parent survey. If you haven't completed it yet, please do so before Tuesday, so that we can share the feedback with our Governors at our first meeting of the year. This will help us identify what we are doing well and what could be further improved. I will also share some of the key headlines in next week's newsletter too.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mr Young

REMINDERS

Don't forget to get your orders in for your children's Christmas cards.

Please complete the parent survey by Tuesday!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Reception: 97%

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 100% *Exceptional!*

Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 100%

Whole School: 98%



AWARDS

THRIVE AWARDS



Reception: Lydia and Albie

Year 1: Alex and Jesse

Year 2: Matheus and Margot

Year 3: Isabella and Theo

Year 4: Freddie and Orla

Year 5: Gaby and Evie

Year 6: Thea S and Emily H

The Den: Eli

HOUSE POINTS



House	Weekly Total	Running Total
ELM	161	909
BEECH	269	1190
CEDAR	242	476
HAWTHORN	266	963

Congratulations to: BEECH

Letters Sent:

PTFA Christmas Card Orders

Year 2 Welcome PowerPoint

Reception Transition Survey

Pupil Premium - Reception

Online Safety Newsletter

Bridge the Gap

Next week marks our first Bridge the Gap of the year. Calling all grandparents or parents with children who are yet to start school to come along and join us!

Next week, our classes will be performing poetry as part of National Poetry Week which has been celebrated. We will also have our school parliament on hand to chat to residents from Mount Pleasant.

EVENTS

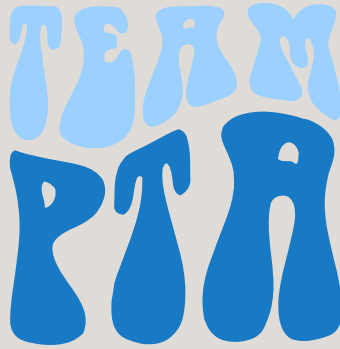
14/10 Harry Potter Evening
(See Poster in Newsletter)

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

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Hermitage
Primary School

**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?



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. 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. 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.	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. 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. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appear.	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. 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. 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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