

HAMPTONDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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April Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

British Summer time has arrived and with it an array of beautiful flowers, birds, and insects. The children are enjoying playtimes on the field and learning outdoors.

A fantastic range of trips have already taken place with more planned, including our residential trips to Oakerwood and London.

Some of you may have seen our advert for a Finance Manager - we are hoping to make a new appointment this week. This vacancy has come about as Mrs. Gatehouse (Our longest serving staff member) will be retiring on the 31st May 2025.

Mrs. Gatehouse began her role as school bursar in October 1997. During her time, she has supported three head teachers, managed a complex budget, seen a number of staff, children and parents come and go but remained a cheerful and secure presence throughout.

Over the next few months, we will be celebrating Mrs. Gatehouse's time with us and ensure that she gets the many thank you's she deserves. She will be very much missed by everyone here.

After the Easter holiday we invite children to wear our summer uniform.

Best wishes,
Mrs Kearns

LADYBIRDS AT QUEENSWOOD

Ladybirds had a super trip to Queenswood. We had brilliant weather and enjoyed following the Gruffalo trail. We spotted different characters along the way, taking part in a range of games at each stop; Hide and Seek was definitely a favorite in the trees! After lunch, we searched the Forest School area for minibeasts and made animal homes. We loved having a quick play in the park before heading back to school.



YEAR 6 - BIKEABILITY

Children of Year 6 completed a cycling course, run by Bikeability, across a two-week period. The focus of Bikeability is to ensure that children are safe on the roads: they were encouraged to use shoulder checks, signaling and general road awareness. Children started off by cycling up and down Hampton Dene Road, performing safe U - turns and avoiding parked and moving cars. They then progressed to Gorsty Lane, Winchester Avenue, and in some cases, Ledbury Road, putting into practice the things they had learnt on the quieter Hampton Dene Road. All children had a great time - I went out with a few groups and they were excellent representatives of the school.

Mr Davies

GIRLS REGIONAL FOOTBALL AT CASTLE VALE

- The Year 5 & 6 Girls Football team qualified for the regional football tournament again this year. This was held at Castle Vale, Birmingham, where they played schools from across the Midlands. The girls won all of their group games without conceding a goal. Unfortunately, they lost 1-0 in the semi finals and were extremely unlucky not to win. The girls were a credit to the school, demonstrated brilliant teamwork and played some great football throughout the day.



BUTTERFLIES - LIFESKILLS CAFE

Butterflies Class really enjoyed planning for and running two Life Skills Cafes. The children wrote and posted invites, created menus, walked to the shop for ingredients, followed recipes and took part in the running of the cafe with their parents invited as guests! They made a profit of £250 which will go towards paying for a whole class treat.



Swimming Gala -

Mrs Wilson and I took children from Ks2 to the 2025 swimming gala.

Great amounts of teamwork, supporting friends and cheering them on, having fun, and making Hampton Dene proud.

Finished 7th in the table.

SPORT UPDATE - MR NASH

Netball tournament @ HD -

We held a netball tournament at HD on Friday afternoon, inviting different schools to travel and participate.

Very good competition and a great afternoon in the sun! HD took the win!

County South Girls -

Mrs Davies and I took a group of girls from year 5/6 to participate in a football tournament.

Although it was only HD and one other school that arrived, it was still a great game!

The girls played extremely well and came away, winning 16-0. Through to the Edgar Street final we go!

County South Boys -

Mr Davies and I took a group of boys/girls from years 4/5/6 to participate in a football tournament.

Although we may not have won the tournament, all children worked their socks off and kept pushing on! With only conceding 1 goal in the whole tournament, we all came back feeling proud!

World Book Day

A huge thank you to everyone for their wonderful outfits for World Book Day. We were blown away with the creativity of costumes, including the range of adjectives and nouns on show across the school! Each child created a word label which will be displayed in school to boost our vocabulary. The children loved taking it in turns to go into the hall to explore a range of objects, props, and settings to aid their story creation. It was great to see how engaged children were throughout the day, the use of their imaginations shine through and their pride in their stories created. We enjoyed sharing these with our reading buddies the following day.

Mrs Davies



Objects

Reminders

- Extra-Curricular clubs for this Summer Term start the week. beginning 28th April and finish on Friday 23rd May 2025.
- Caterpillars Class swimming after Easter, please remember your kit. every Wednesday.
- Gates close for the start of the school. day at 8:40am, children arriving after this time will need to be signed in at the main Reception desk, thank you.

Dates for your diary

April

- Wednesday 2nd April – Owls Class trip to Cadbury World.
- Thursday 3rd April - Owls Class Assembly
- Friday 4th April – Ladybirds Class Superhero Day
- Tuesday 8th April – Buzzards Class life skills curriculum visit to Hereford City Centre
- Wednesday 9th April - Hawks Class Moving Targets @ The Courtyard
- **EASTER BREAK - Mon 14th April - Friday 25th April**
- **Summer Term starts Mon 28th April.**

May

- Thursday 1st May – Tempest Class Photos and Leavers
- Friday 2nd May -Kestrels Life Skills Cafe 2.15pm onwards - invites/info to follow.
- **May Day - School Closed**
- Wednesday 7th May - Friday 9th May - Oakerwood Year 4
- Thursday 8th May - 9am Kites Class Assembly
- Monday 12th May - SaT's Week
- Wednesday 21st May - 23rd May - Year 6 in London
- **Half Term Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May**