



One School, Cherishing All



Welcome back to school!

A very warm welcome back to the Autumn term of the new school year. I hope you have all had a relaxing summer break and that you and your children are ready for the busy term ahead.

The Autumn term is the longest of the three terms, the school office has sent out helpful information on making a great start to school. A good start means a better chance of maintaining good attendance throughout the year, please be sure to read this information.

As many of you will have seen, the extension to the LCC is now complete which means that from the start of this term we have thirteen classes at Hampton Dene. We are really pleased with the way this project has been completed and know that it will be a great resource for children and staff. We are also grateful to the council for installing new boilers in the main building, these are now up and running ready for the change in weather.

I am looking forward to working with you all in the weeks and months ahead.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Kearns





Diary Dates - September

Week beginning 14th – Extra- Curricular Clubs start, Swimming lessons start (Yr5)

Wednesday 16th PTFA Meeting 7pm
school hall

Thursday 17th – PTFA coffee afternoon for new/Reception parents

Tuesday 22nd – SEND cricket day
(selected pupils)

Tuesday 29th – Chestnut class trip

October

Friday 9th – Tempest Individual and sibling photos

Tuesday 13th – Blubell Class trip

Thursday 15th – Harvest Festival

Monday 19th – Owl Class trip

Tuesday 20th – Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 22nd – NSPCC workshops

Friday 23rd – Staff INSET day – school closed to pupils

Monday 26th – Friday 30th HALF TERM

Meet the Teacher

This week and next all teachers from Year1 – Year 6 will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' session for parents. These sessions are an easy way of getting to know who your child's teacher is, what the expectations are this year and the important role you have in supporting your child in school. Please make every effort to come along. In October you will receive a settling-in report from your child's teacher and a formal parents' evening will take place in February 2027. This early chance to meet the teacher is an opportunity not to be missed!

Date/Time	Teacher	Class name
Thursday 3 rd 3:15pm	Miss L Jones	Chestnut
Thursday 3 rd 3:30pm	Mrs Drew	Owl
Friday 4 th 3:30pm	Mr Swaine	Ash
Monday 7 th 3:30pm	Mr Legdon	Oak
Tuesday 8 th 3:30pm	Mr Davies	Kingfisher
	Miss Bloore	Fox
Thursday 10 th 3:30pm	Mrs Price	Butterfly
	Mrs Davey	Snowdrop
Friday 11 th 3:30pm	Mr Swaine	Ash
	Miss Jones	Bluebell

Contact Details

If your contact details have changed over the summer holidays, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Mobile Phones in School

We appreciate that mobile phones are part of our way of life and for many an essential and necessary means of communication. Increasingly evidence shows that exposure to and overuse of mobile phones can have a negative impact on children's development. We are a no mobile phone school, so I politely ask that when entering the school grounds all parents, staff and children put their mobile phones away and out of sight.

Staff will have designated no children's areas where they can use their phones if needed during the day.

Pupils who bring phones to school as they walk or cycle independently will be asked to hand their phones in as they enter the school building. Parents collecting or dropping off please put phones in pockets or bags in order to assist your child with transition. If entering school for meetings or celebrations the use of mobile phones will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. This will be explained at each event.

Visitors to school will be asked not to use mobile phones when on school grounds.

Healthy Eating

There are new Food Standards guidelines for schools. Please could you support school's healthy eating policy. Lunch boxes should not contain chocolate bars or fizzy drinks and should be a balance of all food groups. KS1 and reception children are provided with a piece of fruit at morning snack time. KS2 children are welcome to bring with them a piece of fruit or dried fruit to eat at break. Please can all children have a water bottle with them each day. Squash is harmful to their teeth so water only please. The school is a **NUT and SESAME FREE** school. We have children with allergies in school so please support this.

Whilst we are very pleased to be back in school, we are also all very saddened to share the news that our friend and colleague Mrs Sally Lloyd passed away at the beginning of the holidays. Mrs Lloyd, TA within the LCC, is very much missed by us all. If you wish to speak with your child about this but need support, please speak to your child's teacher.

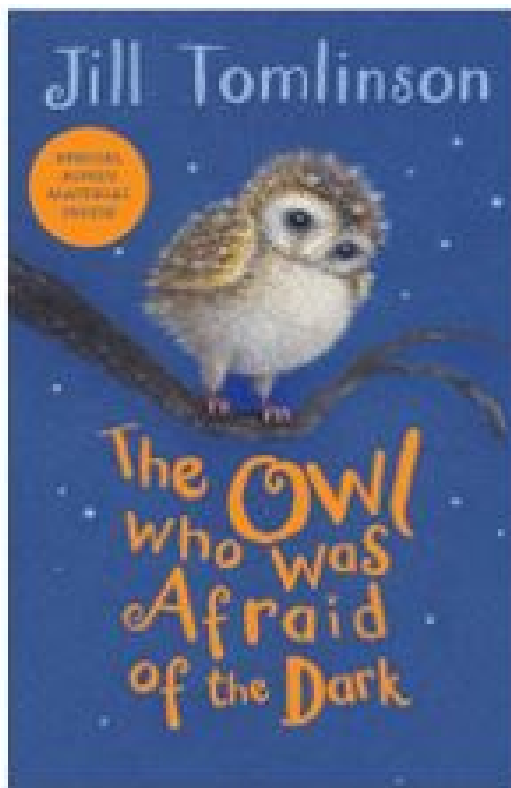
Music Tuition

If you would like your child to learn to play a musical instrument, we may be able to organize this for you in school please email Mrs Phillips with your request:

sphilips@hamptondene.hereford.sch.uk

National Year of Reading 2026

Each month we hear from different staff about their favourite books and why they love reading them.



At home, my son and I are having a second read through with the wonderful books by Jill Tomlinson. We are currently reading *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*.

We recently visited an owl sanctuary, which made the story come alive in a completely different way. My son was able to make connections between the owls we saw and the owl in the story, as well as beginning to understand the story's deeper moral message — that sometimes the things we fear are simply things we don't yet understand.

It was lovely to see him making those connections between the real world and the story, and it reminded me how powerful these books can be when shared together.

Summer Term Reading Awards

- Ladybirds - Grace Major
- Caterpillars - Edward Skinner
- Butterflies - Charlotte Watkins
- Owls - Isabella Bullock
- Hawks - Millie Jones
- Kites - Hattie Taylor
- Eagles - Noah Jones
- Bees - Levi Arnold
- Kestrels - Aurora Turner
- Ospreys - Alfie McIntosh

The Summer holidays offered the perfect opportunity to relax, refresh and get lost in a new story. Here are some of the book's staff read during the holidays:

Mr Davies - 6 Books including autobiographies of 'Kevin Sinfield and Rob Burrows' and The Great Cricketer.

Mr Lloyd - Ben Fogle 'The story of the car that conquered the world.'

We are looking forward to sharing lots of new texts with our classes. Bluebells have started to read 'Let's Stick Together' and are enjoying filling in the blanks, as well as echo repeat reading. Bluebells are also focusing on a different author in their book corner each term, the first is Julia Donaldson. Owls class have started the story of 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark' and made predictions about what will happen to the owl, 'Plop.' Ladybirds will get to vote between two books daily and read the winner.

Challenge Time!

Imagine if Charlie and the Chocolate Factory changed into making the world's most delicious cupcakes, what crazy flavours would you sell?

Have a go at writing a different version of a familiar story. You could even create an alternative ending!