

NEWSLETTER

1st December 2025
Hampton Dene Primary School
One School Cherishing All

Dear Parents and Carers,

December is such an exciting time in school, and we have plenty going on to keep us busy while we wait for Christmas to arrive. It all starts this week with the Reception and Key Stage One performance of 'Everybody Loves a Baby' this will be performed twice: Tuesday 2nd at 2pm and Wednesday 3rd at 5.30pm. The week after Key Stage 2 will perform on: Tuesday 9th at 6pm and Wednesday 10th at 1:45pm and again at 6pm.

For all concerts every member of the audience will need a ticket (including all children who are not performing) Siblings who attend Hampton Dene will get the opportunity to watch this during the dress rehearsal, we look forward to seeing you there.

During December we also have:

Friday 5th – Hawks Café 1

Tuesday 9th – Courtyard visit (Ladybirds, Kestrels and Ospreys)

Wednesday 10th – Courtyard visit (Butterflies and Caterpillars)

Thursday 11th – Bees Class Christmas Stay and Play

Friday 12th – Hawks Café 2

Monday 15th – Hawks Ice Skating Trip

Wednesday 17th – Key Stage 2 Pantomime visit (am), Osprey & Kestrels Trip, Christmas lunch day

Thursday 18th – Last day of term for pupils (Friday 19th, Teachers only)

From everyone at Hampton Dene we wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas,

Mrs E Kearns

Communication with parents

In order to further safeguard our pupils and families, we have decided to no longer have a school Facebook page - we continue to use the following tools to maintain communication within our school community.

Seesaw – used to share class information, what has been happening in class as well as the tool of messaging between parents and school privately.

School website – used to send out emails to families, newsletters, parents' evening booking system as well as upcoming events.

Email – all staff have an email address which can be used to contact a member of staff directly.

Mrs Napolitano

Keeping our school community safe

I am writing to you for support in the coming weeks with keeping our school community healthy and safe.

We currently have a child whose auto-immune system is significantly impaired and therefore is at an increased risk of infection.

As a school there are many things we can do to lower the risks.

We have and will continue to: instruct, encourage, and facilitate good hygiene practices (e.g. handwashing after toileting and before meals, not sharing cups or utensils, good ventilation, distance kept if others have everyday coughs and colds)

Please could I ask that all parents of children in any class notify the school if your child has a confirmed or suspected case of chicken pox, measles, vomiting and diarrhoea so that we can take necessary action.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support.

Mrs E Kearns

What a Friday night treat for Kites and Eagles classes! Our pupils travelled all the way to Cardiff Ice Rink to watch the Cardiff Devils face off against the Belfast Giants. After a quick stop at McDonald's for an early dinner, we arrived just in time for the puck to drop. We were treated to an absolute thriller, packed with goals, excitement and plenty of drama, with Cardiff eventually coming out on top with a 5-3 win. The children had a fantastic time and were superb ambassadors for our school throughout the evening, representing us brilliantly in a busy public arena. Mr M Swaine



Kestrels Class

We have been to Morrisons to do some shopping, practise handling money and paying for items, followed by a snack in the cafe with friends. We have also enjoyed park visits where we have worked to develop our play and social interaction skills. Miss Reynolds



Butterflies Class have visited Forst School this half term

Children have thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School sessions this half-term. The children have been busy building dens, hunting for bugs, and spotting different birds around the site. One of the highlights was gathering around the fire to toast marshmallows, which they happily enjoyed with a cup of hot chocolate. Mrs Wilson



Buzzards Class visit
the History Store

On Thursday 13th November Buzzards' Class attended two history workshops at The History Store in Hereford. In the first workshop the children discovered what it was like to be a World War II evacuee and in the second workshop 'What is history?', the children were detectives and used their skills to uncover clues about the past. Miss L Jones



Owls class have invited parents to the life skills cafe over the past two weeks. The children visited Morrisons to shop for their ingredients and then order at the cafe for market research. Miss B Jones



Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended making the café a huge success. We will use the profits for a treat for the whole class later in the school year.

Term dates 2025 -2026

Thurs 18 December 25 - Last day of term
Mon 5 January 26 - First day of Spring term
Half term – Mon 16 February – Fri 20 February 26
 Fri 27 March 26 - Last day of term
Easter break – Mon 30 March – Fri 10 April 26
 Mon 13 April – First day of Summer term
Whitsun Half Term – Mon 25 May – Fri 29 May 26
 Fri 17 July – Last day of term

Inset days – Fri 19 Dec 25
 Mon 26 July 26

Term dates 2026-2027

Tues 1 September 26 – First day of Autumn term
Half term – Mon 26 October – Fri 30 October
 Fri 18 December 26 – Last day of term
Mon 4 January 27 – First day of Spring term
Half term – Mon 15 February – Fri 19 February
 Thurs 25 March 27 – Last day of term
Easter break – Mon 29 March – Fri 9 April 27
 Mon 12 April – First day of Summer term
Whitsun Half Term – Mon 31 May – Fri 4 June
 Wed 21 July – Last day of term

REMINDER

Christmas lunch day Wednesday
 17th December – Please book by
 Tuesday 9th December.

Diary Dates

January 2026

Monday 5th – First day of the Spring term for staff and pupils

Wednesday 7th – Yr2 Butterflies swimming lessons for 6 weeks

Thursday 15th – NCMP YrR and Yr6

February 2026

Monday 2nd – Butterflies class trip

Thursday 5th - Yr5/6 Selected mixed football match HFA.