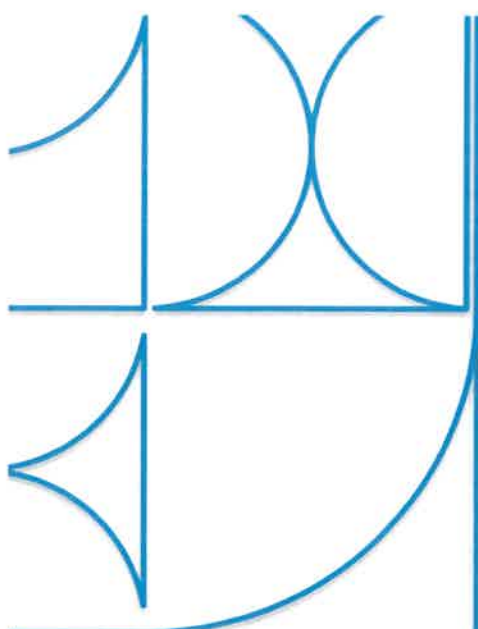




Hampton Dene Primary School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Autumn term is progressing well, and children are now settled into the routines of their new classrooms. Teachers are making plans for trips and visits in order to expand the children's knowledge and enhance the curriculum.

We are beginning to feel the chill of Autumn where children may now need an extra layer for playtime or a waterproof for their journey to and from school.

Harvest time is upon us, and we are once again asking for donations for Herefordshire food bank. We have talked a lot in school about what harvest means and the concept of sharing what we can spare. Any dried, tinned or packet items or toiletry items (no fresh produce) will be gratefully received over the next two weeks, we will make a display of donations in the main entrance.

Best Wishes
Mrs. E Kearns

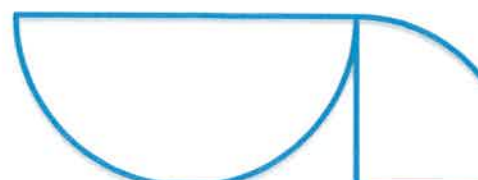
Parent Governor Elections

Nominations for Parent Governor close on 22nd October. If you are interested in this role, please ensure we receive your nomination before this date. For more information, please contact the main school office.

admin@hamptondene.hereford.sch.uk

October 2026

One School Cherishing All



Ladybird Class.

We focused our learning all about food last week! We talked about our favourite food, discussed which food is appropriate for various parts of the day and explored where food comes from. We then became 'little chefs' and worked in small groups to make tasty savoury cheese stars. It was a great work out for our gross motor skills, scooping and weighing the ingredients, mixing it all together and rolling out our individual pieces.



Fox and Snowdrops Class

We have been enjoying weekly cricket sessions at school, where we have been practising our batting, bowling, and fielding skills. We had the opportunity to visit Bartestree and Lugwardine Cricket Club to show off the skills we have been learning! We especially enjoy wearing cricket helmets and having a go in the nets. It was great fun developing our cricket skills and enjoying a new sport together.



Diary Dates - October

Monday 5th – 6pm Phonics evening for Reception parents

Thursday 8th – NSPCC Workshops (Butterfly, Ash, and Oak classes).
Ash Class assembly 9am,
Snowdrops and Fox classes visit St Paul's church.

Friday 9th – School Photos, smart uniform please!

Tuesday 13th – Bluebell class trip

Wednesday 14th – PTFA AGM meeting 6pm in school hall

Thursday 15th - Harvest Festival (staff and pupils only)

Friday 15th – Settling In reports to parents, (Yr1-6), PTFA evening event (more details to follow)

Monday 19th – Butterfly Class, History Workshop. Owl Class trip

Tuesday 20th – Nasal Flu Vaccinations

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

Chestnut Class enjoyed an informative crosscurricular visit to Morrisons Supermarket. Lead by the store's Community Champion, the children were shown around the different food departments, found out lots of information about local and international food, asked relevant questions and scanned and totalled items at the cash till.



Open the Book – Every Tuesday

Children in Years 1 to 6 are invited to join the **Open the Book Team** across at St Paul's Church each Tuesday.

The team creates a warm and engaging environment where children can enjoy and explore stories from the Bible. As the children reach Year 6, they often have the opportunity to become more involved and help with the delivery of the stories themselves. The assemblies are scripted and designed especially for nonchurch schools. It is an accessible way to learn about Bible stories and teachings. The children enjoy the vibrant costumes, catchy songs, and the visual way in which the stories are delivered.

We are very grateful to the committed team of volunteers who greet us and work so hard to make a positive contribution to our school day.





National Year of Reading 2026

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

October Miss B Jones – Bluebell Class

My love of books has only grown as I grew up. I enjoyed sharing books with my younger sisters. With one it was always football books but with my other I would read to her before she went to bed. One of the best books we shared was 'When life gives you mangoes' by Kereen Getten. It is a story with twists and turns, and both our jaws were on the floor! It explores friendships, family and life in a small town and it is one that we wanted to read again since we knew the big reveal near the end – there were so many clues we missed!

Within the classroom, there are many books that I have loved exploring with the children. One of my favourites is 'Tadpole's Promise.' Again, it has a great twist at the end! I also enjoyed 'The Secret of Black Rock.' Not only does it have beautiful, detailed illustrations but it explored the story of a small town's legend and the truth being uncovered.



There is a 'One Million Minutes of Reading' event in half term. Can you track how many minutes you read for?

In Oak Class, we have been reading *The Rooftoppers*. The children have been developing their reading skills by using retrieval and summarising techniques to find, select and organise information from the text. They have been practising locating key details, identifying the main ideas, and summarising important information in their own words.

Key stage 2 will be taking part in our next 'Go All in Together' event online. In partnership with Beano, pupils are invited to create the Never-ending Comic: a comic story so big that no single writer, illustrator, or classroom can finish alone! Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for snippets of this.

Hampton Dene School Uniform



We understand that school uniform can be expensive. These are the 3 badged items which we would like you to purchase, if possible.



School Jumper or
Cardigan



Polo T-Shirt



PE Top

*Colour dependent on school house

School uniform can be purchased from Club Sport, School Wear Direct or second hand from the PTFA

