



NEWSLETTER

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new term has started really well, and children are really establishing themselves in their new class environment. This positive start has meant that we are well on the way with the curriculum and staff are booking in trips and activities for your children to widen their experiences.

We want you to be part of your child's successful school career; thank you to all the parents who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. We have two further parent meetings this term. Phonics for our new Reception parents (Monday 6th October) and a Reading evening for KS2 parents (Thursday 6th November). Attendance at these events will increase the partnership between home and school with this very important skill which all children need in school.

On Tuesday 21st October you will all receive a 'Settling in' update from your child's teacher, this lets you know how well your child has started the academic year. Formal parents' evenings will take place in February.

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest with a festival in church this Friday. As this is the first event of the year we celebrate together with pupils and staff. Parents will be invited to our class assemblies, the first of which is Butterflies on Thursday 16th October at 2:30 pm. Parents of Butterflies children are encouraged to join us.

Our building work is now well underway, this month all classes will be planning what their contribution to the time capsule will be, this will be buried midway through the project.

With all good wishes, Mrs E Kearns

SEND Parent Meeting

Come and join us for coffee and a chat on Thursday 9th October at 2pm in the school dining hall. There will be representatives from the parent support groups - SENDIASS and Parent Carer Voice for you to talk to and ask questions as well as members of school staff. No need to book just come along.

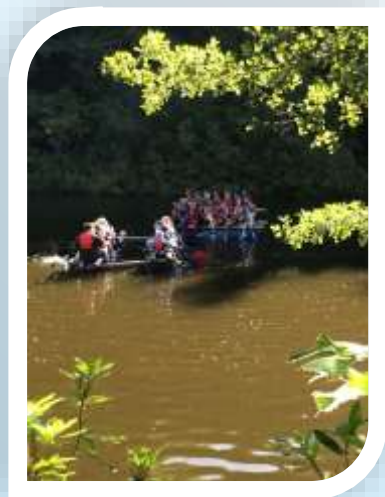
Hawks Class had a day of rafting at Oakerwood

“I was worried about
falling in, but luckily
didn’t!” Gabi

“We all jumped in at the
end it was freezing” Oscar



“Oakerwood’s Got Talent
was really fun, I can’t
wait for our residential
trip in May” Ethan



Reception children have been quick to settle in – well done everyone!

We have really enjoyed starting school! We have had a busy few weeks settling into routines, making new friends, and exploring our new classroom. We have even started attending assemblies and taking part in PE. Our highlights so far have been cooking cupcakes and playing with our amazing new mud kitchen which was kindly created and donated by a parent. We can't wait to get stuck into lots more activities over the next few weeks! Mrs Davies



Owls class trip to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

Owls went to Shropshire Hills Discovery centre and learned about life during the Stone Age. The children saw a woolly mammoth skeleton and were able to have a go at cave painting, starting a fire and spear throwing.

This is what the children had to say:

"I really liked the fire bow."

"I liked the big woolly mammoth skeleton."

"My favourite bit was making the fire."

"I liked throwing the spears."



ST PAUL'S CHILDCARE COFFEE MORNINGS

Each Wednesday morning St Paul's Childcare will be holding a drop in coffee morning. Once you have dropped your child at school you are welcome to join the group for a coffee and a natter. If you are unsure of the nursery location please ask a member of the admin team, it is just across the road from our main entrance.

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

Wed 1st – Whole school flu vaccination.

Fri 3rd – Harvest Festival

Mon 6th – Kestrels and Caterpillars – Ludlow Castle, Phonics evening reception class

Thurs 9th – Butterflies Class - Cotswold Wildlife Park

Fri 10th – Tempest Photography individual and siblings

Wed 15th – Hawks Class – Caerleon

Thurs 16th – Ospreys – Odeon Cinema, Butterflies Class assembly, PTFA Autumn Disco

Wed 22nd – Kites Class – "We the Curious" Bristol

Thurs 23rd – INSET DAY

Fri 24th – INSET DAY

MON 27th – Fri 31st HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

Thurs 6th - Yr3 Swimming lessons, Yr5/6 Girls Football Regional Qualifier, Yr3/4/5 - Parents reading evening.