



Value of the term: Kindness

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an idyllic start to the Autumn term. It was lovely to greet you all on Wednesday morning all 'ready and raring' to learn. I have spent a lot of time 'out and about' over the past three days and I am overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour of the children.

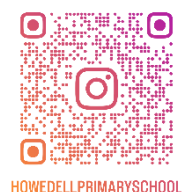
The Year 3 children joined my singing assembly on Thursday morning and you would have thought that they had been part of this for months; simply joyful!

As part of our 'getting to know you' start to the term, we have been sharing the 'Howe Dell way'. This is one of our key priorities for 2026 – 2027 and focuses on a consistent approach across the school to enable all children to successfully meet our expectations.

Teachers have been reminding the children of our 'Golden Expectations' over the past few days. Please could you spend a few minutes going through these with your child at home. Thank you

Our Golden Expectations

Show respect (to everyone and everything)	
Be kind and helpful	
Be honest	
Be gentle	
Give everything 'a go!'	



For 2026 – 2027 we are also safely developing our social media presence. I know some of you have already started following our Instagram and we would love for more of you to join us. We plan to have regular posts giving you all a little insight into 'life at Howe Dell'. You can find us on Instagram at:



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In our assembly on Friday, we celebrated some of our adults. I would like to start by congratulating Miss Burt who got married over the summer and is now Mrs Noakes; Congratulations to you both and we wish you both a happy and prosperous marriage.



We also celebrated the successful completion of the ECT induction period (two years) of Miss Davis and Miss Redwood. Both Miss Davis and Miss Redwood worked incredibly hard over the two years and their final reports were glowing; we are all really proud of you and the amazing teachers you are.

We are also incredibly proud of Mrs Ritchie who absolutely nailed her NPQH assessment. Mrs Ritchie worked incredibly hard and this is reflected in her outcome. Well done Mrs Ritchie, we are incredibly proud of you and your leadership growth.



Next week we start our 'Meet the teacher' sessions. This is an opportunity for you to put a face to a name and to receive a plethora of information. Sessions commence at 2.45pm. For any parents that are unable to attend, we shall be uploading the slide deck after the session.

07.09.26	Year 1 Meet the teacher - parents invited	2.45pm - 3.15pm
08.09.26	Year 2 Meet the teacher - parents invited	2.45pm - 3.15pm
09.09.26	Year 3 Meet the teacher - parents invited	2.45pm - 3.15pm
10.09.26	Year 4 Meet the teacher - parents invited	2.45pm - 3.15pm
14.09.26	Year 5 Meet the teacher - parents invited	2.45pm - 3.15pm
15.09.26	Year 6 Parent Meeting - Year 6 parents and children invited	5.00pm - 6.00pm

STAFFING UPDATE

We are really excited to welcome Mrs Adekanye (Year 5 teacher) and Mrs Probert (Year 2 teacher) to the team. They have settled really quickly into their new roles and I know you will all give them a very warm 'Howe Dell' welcome.

Also joining our Inclusion team are Mrs Sharmin and Ms Chung and our MSA team Mrs Cheung. It is lovely to watch them in their new roles and it is like they have been with us for ages!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 7th September. Main doors open from 8.30am.

Kind Regards

Tracy Prickett

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

A copy of the Autumn Term clubs list, along with flyers from our externally run clubs, can be found here on our website:

<https://www.howedell.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Clubs&pid=77>

We are excited to announce there will be brand-new choir and Romanian clubs for the Autumn Term. Romanian club is for children of all nationalities - the aim of the club is to help Romanian children better understand their heritage as well as teach others about the Romanian culture. **Bookings for choir and Romanian club will close on Arbor this Sunday 6th September.**

We are also really looking forward to welcoming back Mr Sritharan of 'Super Skills', who will be taking over our football club offering for boys and girls in Year 4-6 on Wednesdays and Year 1-3 on Thursdays. Please see the clubs list for booking details.

Autumn Term clubs will start week commencing 14th September.

UPCOMING DATES FOR DIARIES



Date	Event	Time
07.09.26	Year 1 Meet the teacher - parents invited	2.45pm - 3.15pm
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15.09.26	Year 3 Groundworks Workshop in school Year 6 Parent Meeting - Year 6 parents and children invited	5.00pm - 6.00pm
22.09.26	Year 3 trip to Amwell Nature Reserve	9.00am
25.09.26	Year 4 reading stories in class - Year 4 parents invited	10.00am – 10.30am
28.09.26	Sibling photos (parents to bring children in prior to school) Individual school photographs	8.00am - 8.25am
29.09.26	CUSP Money matters festival Year 3 Groundworks Workshop in school	
02.10.26	Year 1-3 parents invited to Wonder Play	11.30am – 12.00pm
12.10.26 - 15.10.26	Scholastic Book Fair	8.30am - 8.45am & 3.15pm - 3.30pm
20.10.26	Flu vaccinations	
22.10.26	Harvest festival celebrations led by Year 4 (Year 4 parents invited)	8.55am
	26.10.26 - 30.10.26 Half Term	
31.10.26	Deadline for secondary school applications	
02.11.26	INSET day	

REMINDERS



MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

Please be reminded that mobile phones should not be used whilst on the school premises. Parents/carers seen using their phones on site will be asked to put them away. Thank you for your support in this safeguarding matter.

LUNCH ORDERS

Please remember to order your child's lunch through school grid. If lunch has not been ordered, you will need to bring in a packed lunch which must not contain hot food.

UNIFORM & CLOTHING

Please ensure children's clothing and uniform is named. PE tops are available to order, please come to the school office to collect an order form. All children should have a pair of plimsolls kept in school for indoor use.

PARKING

Please ensure you are being considerate when parking and are not stopping on double yellow lines or by the front barrier. Spaces in our car park are very limited. We have no capacity for parents to use the school car park at drop off and pick up times.