



Value of the term: Kindness

Dear Parents and Carers,

Two and a half weeks in and the summer break has faded into a distant memory!

I wanted to start by saying how incredibly privileged I am to lead such an amazing provision. As I have popped in and out of classrooms, I am greeted with amazing learning behaviours and a real curiosity for learning. The children are so engrossed they didn't even notice I was there!



We have had a productive fortnight with children swiftly embedding into their new routines. We have spent a significant amount of time revisiting and modelling our 'Golden Expectations'. We are aiming for lots of 'Golden learners' by the end of the Autumn term.

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

It was lovely to welcome 'Rocksteady' back to Howe Dell. The children were immersed in music and I know how much they enjoyed the experience. We have weekly 'band' lessons with 'Rocksteady' on a Wednesday.



I'm sure you will be pleased to hear that both Miss Christmas and I have submitted our final NPQ assessments and we now await the outcomes which will be in December 2025.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding during our period of study.

This week Year 3 had their first session with Groundworks as part of their Science curriculum. The children have gained new learning about quarries and next week they get to see a 'quarry in action'.



I'd like to thank everyone who attended the 'meet the teacher' and the 'New to Google Classroom' sessions. I do hope you found them useful. The slide deck from these sessions will be circulated via Google Classroom and will be available on the class pages on the website.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher via the year group emails. Please be mindful that teachers are with children from 8.35am to 3.15pm so if it is urgent, please contact the school office.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Tracy Prickett

TRAVEL PLAN

Following our return from the summer break, we have been awarded our 'Good level travel plan'. Lots of initiatives such as walking to swimming lessons, scooter lessons and walk to school week have supported with this achievement. We would love to achieve our 'Very good travel plan' this year but that is only possible if we can reduce some of our car travel.



If you are interested in signing up to our 'Park and Stride' scheme with Hatfield Galleria please contact admin@howedell.herts.sch.uk with your car registration details. Vehicles registered will be allowed to park for free between 8.00 - 9:30am & 2:45 - 4.15pm, Monday – Friday.

SCHOOL GAMES GOLD AWARD

We are delighted to announce that Howe Dell Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.



The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We have taken part in a number of sporting events across the school year and we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to all of the staff members who supported our children during the events as well as the parents who took pupils to the various places we needed to be! We look forward to applying once again in 2026!

PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

If you know anyone who would like to come and join one of our prospective parent tours please let them know they can book one of the below tours by calling us on 01707 263291.

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| Monday 20 th October | 9.30am | Monday 24 th November | 9.15am |
| Wednesday 12 th November | 9.15am | Monday 3 rd December | 9.15am |
| Friday 14 th November | 9.30am | Friday 12 th December | 9.30am |
| Tuesday 18 th November | 1.30pm | Wednesday 7 th January | 9.15am |
| Friday 21 st November | 9.30am | | |

JOB VACANCIES

We have the following job vacancies available. Applications can be made via the Teach in Herts website: <https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job.htm?keyword=howe%20dell>

Midday Supervisory Assistant

We are looking for a new MSA to join our hard working, supportive and friendly team. The hours will be between 12pm and 1.30pm Monday to Friday, term time only.

Closing Date: Friday 19th September at 5pm

Facilities Assistant

We are looking for someone who would like to be become a valued member of our Facilities Team, with guaranteed training to interest, inspire and enable further professional opportunities. The role would ideally suit someone with a range of skills with the ability to mend and fix a variety of items in school. Experience of working within an educational environment, or similar, would be an advantage. Hours : 37 hours per week (term time only + two weeks during the holidays)


Closing date: Monday 22nd September at 1pm

SEND COFFEE MORNING - SCHOOL FAMILY WORKER

On 28th November at 9.00am Howe Dell are hosting a SEND coffee morning led by a school family worker. Parents/Carers are invited to attend the session which will concentrate on how the team can support families with time to chat to the school family worker and ask questions.

Save the Date – We have been able to invite ADVANCE in for our SEND coffee morning on the 20th March 2026.

UPCOMING DATES FOR DIARIES



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| 22.09.25 | Little Wandle Reception parent workshop | 2.45pm |
| 24.09.25 | Little Wandle Reception parent workshop | 9.00am |
| | Year 3 trip to Hatfield Quarry | 9.00am |
| 26.09.25 | Author of the month assembly – parents invited | 8.55am |
| 29.09.25 | Sibling photos (parents to bring children in prior to school) | 8.00am – 8.30am |
| | Individual school photographs | |
| | Year 6 music festival – day 1 | |
| 30.09.25 | Parent update meeting – school improvement plan launch | 9.00am – 10.00am |
| | – all parents and governors invited | |
| | Year 3 Trip to Amwell Nature Reserve | 9.00am |
| 01.10.25 | Year 6 music festival – day 2 | |
| 06.10.25 | Year 6 music festival – day 3 | |
| | Little Wandle Year 1 parent workshop | 2.45pm |
| 07.10.25 | Year 3 Groundworks Workshop | 9.00am - 12.00pm |
| 08.10.25 | Year 6 music festival – day 4 | |
| | Little Wandle Year 1 parent workshop | 9.00am |
| 09.10.25 | Year 6 Hatfield House music concert - St. Etheldreda's | 10.30am - 3.15pm |

REMINDERS

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.

BEACON PUPILS

On the recommendation of the class teachers, we would like to celebrate our Beacon Pupils this week.

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| Year R1 | Teddy | For making a great start to Reception by showing fantastic behaviour and an excellent attitude to learning |
| Year R2 | Emily P | For being a wonderful role model to her peers and helpful in the classroom |
| Year 1.1 | Sebastian | For being a great role model and also putting lots of effort into his work |
| Year 1.2 | Clementine | For her participation in lessons and use of vocabulary during History |
| Year 2.1 | Aria | For always working hard, joining in and working well as a partner |
| Year 2.2 | Alex | For showing respect and giving everything 'a go' |
| Year 3.1 | Elikai | For having a positive learning attitude and striving for success |
| Year 3.2 | Taylen | For always trying his best and being a fantastic role model for his peers |
| Year 4.1 | Ollie | For always working hard, confidently answering questions and consistently showing great initiative |
| Year 4.2 | Tiana | For always following instructions and completing her work to the best of her ability |
| Year 5.1 | Olawale | For his thoughtful contributions to our PSHE lesson on friendship |
| Year 5.2 | Megan | For showing kindness to staff members and children in the school. She has had an excellent start to year 5 and is giving everything 'a go' |
| Year 6.1 | Ruby | For developing a growth mindset and giving everything 'a go' |
| Year 6.2 | Edom | For being a supportive learning partner |

FAB FRIDAY

Well done to the following children for being selected to sit at the Fab Friday lunch table:

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| R.1 | Noah | R.2 | Ireoluwa |
| 1.1 | Danish | 1.2 | Astrid |
| 2.1 | Ethan | 2.2 | Oliver |
| 3.1 | Aditi | 3.2 | Ashley |
| 4.1 | Zara | 4.2 | Millie |
| 5.1 | Sebastian | 5.2 | Amari |
| 6.1 | Alecia | 6.2 | Tanaka |

| ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK 8 th – 12 th September 2025 | WINNERS Year 3.1 |
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| Reception 1 | 98.6% |
| Reception 2 | 95.3% |
| Year 1 Class 1 | 98.6% |
| Year 1 Class 2 | 99.2% |
| Year 2 Class 1 | 95.9% |
| Year 2 Class 2 | 99.3% |
| Year 3 Class 1 | 100.0% |
| Year 3 Class 2 | 97.9% |
| Year 4 Class 1 | 97.3% |
| Year 4 Class 2 | 93.9% |
| Year 5 Class 1 | 94.0% |
| Year 5 Class 2 | 97.2% |
| Year 6 Class 1 | 96.2% |
| Year 6 Class 2 | 98.0% |
| Weekly Attendance | 97.2% |

Signs of the Week

Ireland

Scotland