



Value of the term: Kindness

Dear Parents and Carers,

Time certainly flies when you are having fun! I can't believe there is only one more week of this half term.

Productivity has remained high over the past two weeks commencing with the final rehearsals for the Year 6 children with Pete Letanka in preparation for their concert at St Etheldreda's Church. The children were performing with pupils from the Purcell music school and several local schools were in the audience. The children's performance was flawless and our Year 6 assembly leaders shared with us their journey and excerpts from the concert, including their creation - 'Can You Handel This?', a jazz version of the Hallelujah Chorus!



As we practised for our Harvest Festival, I could hear the impact the music project has had on the voices of our Year 6 children. I am so proud of their musical journey and I hope this will support a life-long love of music.

Mrs Joo and Mrs Micklewright had the pleasure of visiting Onslow to see how well our alumni are settling in. Onslow were full of news and it was lovely to see our children working hard and enjoying their learning.

I attended the annual Primary Head Teacher's conference and I have to say I really enjoyed the content this year. There was lots of 'food for thought' and I was really taken aback by Katriona O'Sullivan, author of 'Poor' and the difference education had on her life.

There were also some great exhibitors so watch this space for Drumba (coming January 2026) an athlete visit (May 2026) and a new multi-use games area! (MUGA).

On Thursday this week Year 4 led us in our annual Harvest Festival. The children provided a really informative assembly and we were delighted that Reverend Indira joined us and led us in celebration and reflection. One very powerful message was about the need for our kindness and generosity to the Food Bank all year round.

I would like to thank everyone who did donate something to our 'bumper crop' as your generosity will really make a difference.



Louise Alce, our Early Years adviser, visited Howe Dell this week. She was really enthusiastic about our Early Years provision and will be producing some 'next steps' to make it even better. The Early Years team have worked incredibly hard over the last few years to create what I can only describe as a fabulous provision.

It was lovely to see Reception 'out and about' this week as they were exploring houses in the local environment. Thank you so much to all the parents who supported Reception on their walk.



We have had the book fair here this week. Thank you so much for encouraging reading at home and supporting the school to purchase new books with funds raised.

Next week is really exciting as I will be accompanying our Year 6 students on their much-anticipated residential trip to Cuffly. The excitement among the children has been palpable, and I can't wait to see them thrive in this outdoor environment. The trip will not only be an adventure but also a fantastic opportunity for our learners to build confidence and create lasting memories. I look forward to watching them grow and enjoy all the activities that await.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Tracy Prickett

BASKETBALL COMPETITION

A huge well done to our year 5 and 6 children who attended a basketball event today at Onslow St Audrey's Secondary School. The children's consistency, team spirit and skills improved with each game. They won two of their games and have made it into the district qualifiers. Our team captain, Niko, deserves a shout out for his motivational skills and his never-ending support for all of his teammates. We cannot wait to see them all shine in the finals! Well done, Niko, Sayo, Andrew, Joel, Yasmine, Raya, Wale, Tamuda, Dahlia and Kaylee.



EARLY YEARS VALUE LEADERS

In EYFS we have been focusing on our school core values over the half term.

We have discussed each value and ways of showing it around school. Each class has elected children for each value who will be the value leader of the term modelling and supporting their peers with their value.

Nursery

Kindness - Huomachi
Growth - Romeo
Respect - Brody

R1

Kindness - Saffiyah and Beatrice
Growth - Pranavedith and Shivani
Respect - Halima and Ivaan

R2

Kindness - Jan and Poppy
Growth - Olivia and Phoenix
Respect - Aden and Emily P

RECYCLING

As part of the School's Climate Plan, in conjunction with new government legislation, we set ourselves the difficult task of recycling 75% of all waste produced at the school. Last week we managed to hit this significant target!

The Facilities Team would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their help and hard work in reaching this goal.



POPPY APPEAL

Year 5 will be leading a Poppy Appeal on behalf of the Royal British Legion by selling a collection of poppy merchandise **after school until 3.25pm from 20th October until 11th November.**

The appeal raises funds for veterans, the armed forces community and their families, whilst giving our community the opportunity to remember.

Please donate what you can, this will be a cash only sale.

Thank you in advance for your support.



ECO COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our new Eco Committee met for the very first time this week. The children were buzzing with enthusiasm as they proudly displayed the flag and plaque awarded to Howe Dell last summer. During our meeting, they dove into brainstorming ideas to achieve the Green Flag status once again this year.



We also took the time to update our eco code, ensuring we are committed to our environmental goals. As we move forward, we will begin planning various initiatives and activities that the students can run within the school to help us achieve these objectives.

HOWE DELL ECO CODE

1. Reduce, reuse, recycle.
2. Walk, cycle and scoot more. Drive less.
3. Turn off lights and computers (not in use).
4. Save energy.
5. Put rubbish in the correct bin, even if it's not yours.
6. Keep doors and windows shut when it is cold.
7. Don't waste paper.
8. Look after all animals and plants.
9. Turn off taps.
10. Help someone else to follow these rules!

REMEMBERING THE FALLEN IN 2025

This year marks the 81st anniversary of D-Day and 111 years since the outbreak of the First World War.

Year 5 will be holding the Remembrance Day Assembly on Tuesday 11th November at 9am. We would like to honour any relatives of the Howe Dell Community who have sadly been lost in any conflict throughout history up to the present day by sharing their information during our Remembrance Assembly and on the Lobby Screen on Remembrance Day. **This is open to all year groups, not just year 5.**

If you would like to participate in the slideshow, please email us a few details about any of your relatives that have served during any war across the world. Their name, rank, and where they served would be perfect. We ask that you then send the year 5 team this information and a photo if you have one by Friday 8th November. Please send these to year5@howedell.herts.sch.uk

PSA NEWS

We're excited to inform you that the Howe Dell Parent Staff Association will be holding a **Krispy Kreme 'end of half term' sale on Friday 24th October at 3.15pm!** You can treat yourself to delicious Original Ring Glazed Doughnuts for just **£1.00 each**, with both cash and card payments accepted.

To make things even sweeter, we have a special pre-order deal! You can order a box of 12 doughnuts for just £11.00 by visiting the link: <https://pta.events/7nyavok7>


****Pre-orders will close on Monday 20th October at 11.55pm.****

If you are a new parent and haven't registered on our PSA website yet, please do so before attempting to make a purchase. We highly recommend creating an account as our website will be the hub for all our exciting events throughout the year. You can register here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/howedellpsa>

We encourage pre-ordering to avoid disappointment on the day since our Krispy Kreme sales are always a hit!



UPCOMING DATES FOR DIARIES



20.10.25	Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)	9.30am
22.10.25 - 24.10.25	Year 6 Cuffley residential	
24.10.25	Author of the month assembly – parents invited PSA Krispy Kreme doughnut sale	8.55am 3.15pm
	27.10.25 - 31.10.25 - Half Term	
31.10.25	Deadline for secondary school applications	
03.11.25	INSET day	
04.11.25	Children return to school Flu vaccinations	
10.11.25	Into Film Festival cinema trip – Year 5&6	12.00pm – 1.45pm
11.11.25	Remembrance assembly – Year 5 parents invited Into Film Festival cinema trip – Year 4	8.55am 12.00pm – 2.10pm
12.11.25	Year 4 Live Learning – parents invited	9.00am – 10.00am
17.11.25	Year 5 & 6 parent coffee morning Into Film Festival cinema trip – Year 1	9.00am 12.00pm – 2.10pm
20.11.25	Nursery local sound walk	10.00am

REMINDERS



SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

The deadline for Year 6 parents to apply for Secondary Schools is Friday 31st October. Please note that listing one school will not increase your chance of receiving a placement at that school. If you still need to apply, follow the instructions on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-secondary-school-place>

OCTOBER HALF-TERM PLAYScheme

Our Autumn Playscheme will run from 27th – 31st October 2025, 8am-6pm. Open to both Howe Dell and Non-Howe Dell children (Reception - Year 6). New families always welcome. All the relevant forms and information can be found on our website or paper copies can be collected from the school office. <https://www.howedell.herts.sch.uk/playschemes/>

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

Orders placed by 20th October can be delivered to school at no extra cost. Orders placed after this date can be delivered to school or an address of your choosing but will incur a delivery charge. If you have misplaced your child's photo ticket, please contact the school office who can obtain a digital copy for you via Kittle.

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. Unless your child requires a Halal meal to due religious reasons, please do not select it. If you do select it and it is not for religious reasons your child will be given the vegetarian option.

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.

Nursery	Larissa	For demonstrating excellent mark making skills
Year R1	Beatrice	For being a fantastic role model to others and always following the Golden Expectations
Year R2	Kevin	For showing respect and kindness to his peers and to staff
Year 1.1	Annabelle	For fantastic independent writing and using her phonics knowledge confidently
Year 1.2	Kharliya	For being a role model to her peers and always following the Golden Expectations
Year 2.1	Malik	For confidently sharing his ideas more frequently in class
Year 2.2	Roshita	For Excellent effort in phonics
Year 3.1	Theo	For a positive change in his attitude for learning and giving everything 'a go'
Year 3.2	Ayo	For always being ready to learn and going above and beyond for any task given
Year 4.1	Imogen	For always trying her best in every lesson and showing kindness and respect to everyone around her
Year 4.2	Millie	For engaging in class discussions and giving everything 'a go'
Year 5.1	Everlyn	For the effort she put into her remembrance poetry this week
Year 5.2	Kiristi	For her growing confidence and her contributions to our class discussions and learning
Year 6.1	Tianna	For excellent perseverance with formal multiplication
Year 6.2	Yasmin	For her participation in lessons and her dedication to home learning

FAB FRIDAY

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

R.1	Summer	R.2	Jax
1.1	Elizabeth	1.2	Romil
2.1	Kristina	2.2	Razela
3.1	Dea	3.2	Chester
4.1	Zakary	4.2	Ayaan
5.1	Mukhil	5.2	Freddie
6.1	Ariella	6.2	Dilith


ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK 6 th – 10 th October 2025	WINNERS Year 5.2
Reception 1	94.7%
Reception 2	97.0%
Year 1 Class 1	91.0%
Year 1 Class 2	98.1%
Year 2 Class 1	97.2%
Year 2 Class 2	98.6%
Year 3 Class 1	91.1%
Year 3 Class 2	92.1%
Year 4 Class 1	95.0%
Year 4 Class 2	91.0%
Year 5 Class 1	98.3%
Year 5 Class 2	99.7%
Year 6 Class 1	98.3%
Year 6 Class 2	97.3%
Weekly Attendance	95.7%



Signs of the Week



Kenya



Bulgaria