



### Value of the term: Kindness

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. Those darker evenings are quickly drawing in especially when the clocks went back!

We had a busy week before our half term break. The prospective parent tours have commenced and I absolutely love taking prospective parents around Howe Dell as I proudly show them your amazing children who are fully engrossed in their learning. There are more tours happening for the remainder of this term so if you do know anyone who is looking to start school in Reception or Nursery for September 2026, please get them to give the office a call.

I had the privilege of being part of the SEND Ofsted local authority monitoring inspection. It is fair to say that Hertfordshire has come a long way since their previous inspection and are not complacent about the journey ahead. The report should be publicly available by December.

The final few days of the half term were the highly anticipated Year 6 residential to Cuffley Camp. This was a new location for us and we were all excited about the 'Pod' sleeping accommodation and the plethora of activities that we would be undertaking.

I thoroughly enjoy the growth that residential bring. We all saw children step out of their comfort zone and rise to new challenges. I have to say that the children were impeccably behaved and this was commented upon by the Cuffley team.

I would like to thank Mrs Joo, Miss Davis, Mr Ellis and Miss Christmas for their expert planning and time to enable this event to occur.



We had our INSET day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and there was a whole host of activities. The support staff team were undertaking their First Aid training qualification and teachers were reflecting upon our therapeutic practice and developing our teaching techniques through effective scaffolding.

Further personal development continues this week with Doug Harmer, our Maths Adviser, who will be working with our TAs on effective use of manipulatives.

It is really essential that all team members access high quality professional development as this enables us to provide the very best learning opportunities for all of our children.

I know that the children (and adults) are looking forward to next week as we participate in the Into Film Festival.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Kind Regards,

Tracy Prickett

### **CHILDREN IN NEED – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

This year, children will be taking part in 'Challenge 25' activities in their classes, to challenge themselves to do something 25 times. **Children will need to wear PE kits on this date** (Friday 14th November). You can support your child and Children in Need by making a donation here:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/primarysingle>



### **ECO-COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Next week, our Eco Committee will be launching a new challenge for the month of November. We challenge YOU to complete 6 fun activities with your family and friends to Cut Your Carbon!

You can view more information here:

<https://www.howedell.herts.sch.uk/newsletter-attachments/>



### **YEAR 4 TAG RUGBY**

Before half term, a group of children from year 4 took part in a mixed tag rugby event with Saracens at WGC Rugby Club.

Year 4 showed great teamwork and their skills and confidence improved with each game. It was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by all.

### YEAR 6 CUFFLEY CAMP RESIDENTIAL TRIP

On the 22nd of October, 48 children from Year 6 embarked on a 2-day residential trip to Cuffley Camp with the aim of developing independence, trying out new activities and learning new skills. During these days, the children took part in target sports with bow and arrow, hid in the forest during laser tag, trusted each other during the night line and challenged themselves on the climbing wall. Fuelled by generous amounts of delicious food and fun activities everyone had a great time. Big thank you to Miss Prickett, Miss Christmas, Miss Davis and Mr Ellis for being there and providing the children with an unforgettable experience. Mrs Joo



### OUR SMART SCHOOL COUNCIL TEAM 2025 - 2026

We have a brand-new team of School Council Leaders this year. They are really excited to lead some exciting projects and to share their views on how we can improve our school.

We met to discuss some ideas we would like to work on across the year and we will begin working in teams to work out how we can begin these projects.

### BOOK FAIR SUCCESS

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Travelling Book Fair before half term. Your purchases have earned us an incredible £525 in rewards to spend on books! This amazing amount will be put towards purchasing new titles for our school library so that we can continue to promote a love of reading and reading for pleasure across our school community.

### MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT (MSA) – Job Vacancies

We are looking for two new MSAs to join our hard working, supportive and friendly team. The hours will be between 11.30am - 1.30pm or 11.30am - 1pm, Monday to Friday, term time only.

For more information and to apply please visit the Teach in Herts website:

[https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant-msa\\_108100.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant-msa_108100.htm)

Closing date: 21st Nov 2025 9:00 AM



# Thank you



## Howe Dell Primary School

for supporting Hatfield foodbank during Harvest.

You generously gave 391.6kg of essentials.

Your donations make a **BIG** difference to local people in crisis.

Hatfield foodbank is part of the Trussell's foodbank network  
Registered Charity Number: 1174288 | Registered in England and Wales



### PSA NEWS - Christmas Card Fundraiser

We are delighted to be participating in the Christmas fundraiser with IQ Cards again this year. The funds that we raise through your purchases will be used to benefit the school.

Your child will bring home with them an order form for the amazing design they have created in class. IQ Cards can print this design onto high quality Stationery including Greeting Cards, Postcards &, Sticky Gift Labels. Also, some fun and affordable gifts: Notebooks, Fridge Magnets, Mugs, Coasters, Tea Towels, Cushion Covers & Keyrings. Your child's name and design will be printed onto all the products for that personal touch!

**The deadline for placing your orders is Wednesday 19th November 2025**

To order:

- Scan the QR code on the design form, this will take you to the online portal <http://www.iqcardsonline.co.uk>
- Register or Log-in (if you ordered last year your e-mail address and password will still work)
- Enter the School Reference and the Pupil Code printed on the design form (the pupil code is different for every child)



## UPCOMING DATES FOR DIARIES

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
14.11.25	Children in Need Challenge 25 – children to wear PE kit	
17.11.25	Year 5 & 6 parent coffee morning Into Film Festival cinema trip – Year 1	9.00am 12.00pm – 2.10pm
19.11.25	PSA Christmas Card order deadline PSA Annual General Meeting – parents invited	6.00pm – 7.00pm
20.11.25	Nursery local sound walk	10.00am
24.11.25 – 28.11.25	Nursery stay and play – parents invited	
24.11.25	Applications for September 2026 Nursery places open	
25.11.25	Spoken Word Festival	
26.11.25	Into Film Festival cinema trip – Year 2&3	11.30am – 1.10pm
28.11.25	PSA non-uniform day for a Rainbow Raffle donation Author of the month assembly – parents invited SEND parent coffee morning – school family worker	8.55am 9.00am – 10.30am
01.12.25	Flu vaccination catch up session	
02.12.25 & 03.12.25	Parent Teacher consultations	3.30pm – 6.30pm
03.12.25	Reception Screening – children born up to end of February	9.00am

## 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.

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.*

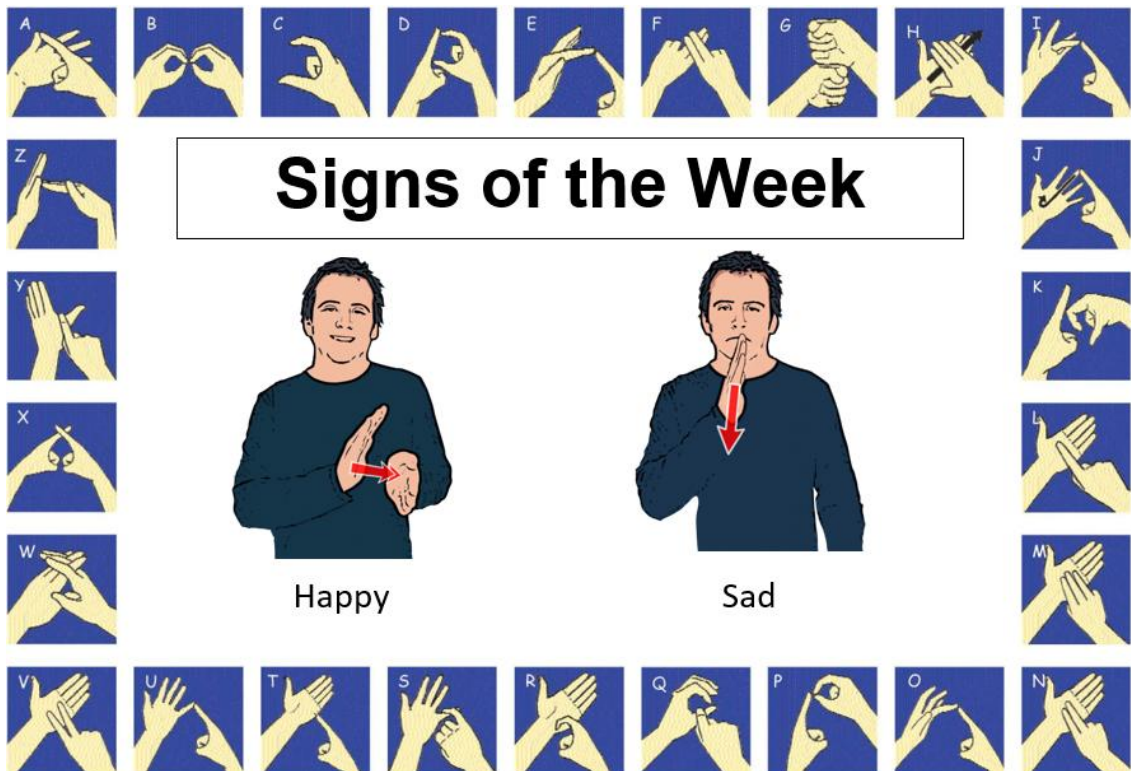
Nursery	Kareem	For excellent participation during phonics
Year R1	Margaux	For giving new challenges 'a go' with a positive attitude and showing pride in her success
Year R2	Jason	For working hard on his phonics skills and being a fantastic role model to his peers by keeping our classroom tidy
Year 1.1	Rahel	For his excellent participation in Reading Practice sessions and using his phonic knowledge to decode new words
Year 1.2	Rayan	For his progress and effort towards his reading
Year 2.1	Kristina	For giving her learning 'a go' and working with more independence
Year 2.2	Logan	For his effort and independence in English
Year 3.1	Bella	For her kindness and being a brilliant role model of the Golden Expectations
Year 3.2	Jeneru	For consistently being a fantastic friend and role model to his peers
Year 4.1	Adira	For consistently working hard and putting effort into everything she does
Year 4.2	Hachikaru	For coming back with a brand-new attitude and readiness to learn
Year 5.1	Everlyn	For showing greater independence in lessons and challenging herself across the curriculum
Year 5.2	Katie	For her growing confidence in all lessons and increased participation, particularly in guided reading
Year 6.1	Maddison	For demonstrating all of the Golden Expectations and becoming a more resilient learner
Year 6.2	Oliver	For showing dedication and resilience towards his learning

### FAB FRIDAY


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

R.1	Frankie	R.2	Maximilian
1.1	Anastasia	1.2	Ozioma
2.1	Malik	2.2	Ola
3.1	Atarah	3.2	Jingxiang
4.1	Miruna	4.2	Mayumi
5.1	Zain	5.2	Jake
6.1	Shashwat	6.2	Joel


<b>ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	<b>WINNERS</b> <b>Year 4.2</b>
Reception 1	98.6%
Reception 2	95.6%
Year 1 Class 1	94.8%
Year 1 Class 2	95.2%
Year 2 Class 1	92.8%
Year 2 Class 2	98.6%
Year 3 Class 1	97.8%
Year 3 Class 2	90.0%
Year 4 Class 1	94.7%
Year 4 Class 2	<b>99.0%</b>
Year 5 Class 1	98.7%
Year 5 Class 2	98.6%
Year 6 Class 1	97.7%
Year 6 Class 2	98.3%
<b>Weekly Attendance</b>	<b>96.5%</b>



## Signs of the Week



**Happy**



**Sad**