



Value of the term: Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where have the last two weeks gone? Time has absolutely flown in the first half of the Summer Term and productivity is at an all-time high!

Our return from the Bank Holiday weekend launched our Deaf Awareness Week. We have been learning to sign at Howe Dell and it is lovely to watch children using this for communication.

It was lovely to welcome 4.2 parents to their class assembly. I was privileged to the pre-assembly rehearsals and the children sung with gusto!

Doug Harmer our Maths Advised joined us last week and he was really pleased to see the progress the school has made against the school's Maths improvement priority. Mrs Joo, our Maths subject leader, has played a significant part in ensuring all children make great progress in Maths.

On Thursday 8th May the Howe Dell community took a moment to remember, reflect and celebrate VE Day. Donning our 'red, white and blue' clothing we all looked the part. The children were part of a country-wide assembly and the discussions held subsequently were really thought provoking.



We also welcomed Electric Umbrella back to Howe Dell. The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed their 'shine a light' workshop. I know many of us tuned into 'Britain's Got Talent' with lots of fingers crossed. Electric Umbrella continue to 'shine a light' and in June, the Year 4 children will be working with Electric Umbrella and schools across Hertfordshire in a massed concert.



This week our attention has turned to our Year 6 cohort who have sat their SATs. We are all incredibly proud of our Year 6's who have worked their socks off! What has been significantly noticeable is how open the children are to feedback which shows their growth mindset. I would like to say a huge thank you to the Year 6 team and members across the school who have supported with 'Breakfast Club' and delivering the tests. We had a Local Authority monitoring visit and he was pleased to see our robust measures in place.

Well done Year 6; your work ethic, dedication and determination was second to none and this puts you in good stead for the next stage of your learning journey.

It was also a lovely surprise to receive some letters and cards in my in-tray as well as being the intended audience for some carefully structured letters citing children's rights. I have to say that these letters were incredibly persuasive containing a plethora of reasons on why we need to instil these basic rights across the world.

We have updated our central displays this half term and I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the work and seeing the progression from Nursery to Year 6.



This has been an incredibly busy fortnight and I know we are all looking forward to recharging our batteries before we return for the last week of this half term.

Do think of me as I brush up on my GCSE Chemistry and English Literature skills!

Wishing you all a lovely long weekend.

Kind Regards,

Tracy Prickett

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 19TH – 23RD MAY 2025

We are excited to be taking part in Walk to School Week this May.

We all know the health benefits of walking so please help us this week to reduce congestion by supporting children in being more active and help reduce lower carbon emissions during this Walk to School Week.

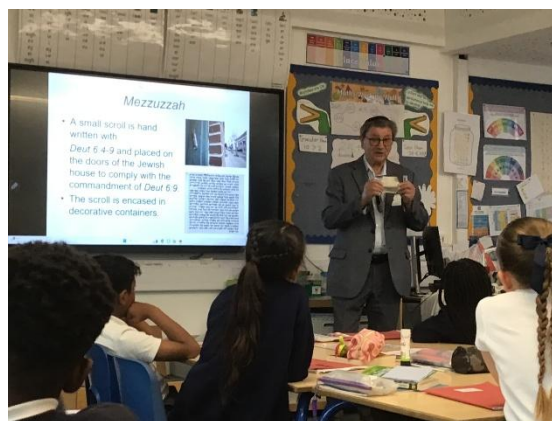
We would like to encourage all our pupils to try and walk, cycle or scoot to school during this week. If it's not possible to walk all the way, then it would be great if you could park 10 minutes away from school and walk or scoot the last part of your journey.

Each class will have a poster of featuring a map of Hertfordshire and aim take a 'virtual' walk around Hertfordshire. Every time a pupil travels sustainably, a dot can be coloured in.

Following on from Walk to School Week, we will be supporting Clean Air Day on Thursday 19th June 2025, more information closer to the date.

YEAR 4 JUDAISM VISIT

Mr Rosenberg visited Year 4 as part of our RE Curriculum. He shared with us some of the history, traditions and beliefs of Jewish people. He also brought in some artefacts and explained their significance. Some children got to wear a prayer shawl and a kippah (hat).



SCHOOL COUNCIL SPORTS SHOP

The members of our Student School Council really enjoyed themselves at our Sports Shop on 2nd May. It was great to see them confidently using their persuasive skills to encourage others to buy the items we were selling.

We managed to raise £313.50! This is a fantastic start to fundraising for new playground equipment. A huge thank you to anyone that bought something which contributed towards our total so far.

We do still have some stock left so watch this space for another Sport Shop soon...



CAN YOU HELP US MAKE THE SUMMER FETE A SUCCESS?

We're now on the final countdown to our annual **Summer Fete** on **Friday 13th June, 3.15pm–6pm** and we would *warmly* welcome you, your children, and your friends and family to come along and enjoy the fun!

Could You Spare a Bit of Time?

On the day of the fete, we'll be transforming the playground into a fantastic space for our children from **1.30pm–3.15pm**. Could you help us set up?

Alternatively, could you lend a hand for **1.5 hours during the fete**, or even stay for the full 3 hours to staff one of our stalls? We've got a variety of roles to fill, and the lovely PSA team will make sure you feel fully supported in two shifts – 3pm-4.30pm and 4.30pm-6pm.

Sign up here to volunteer: <https://volunteersignup.org/RTAAX>

The Summer Fete is one of the highlights of the school year, and with your help, we can make it a brilliant event for our children!

REMINDERS

CLASS GROUP PHOTOS – MONDAY 19TH MAY

On Monday children will be having their class group photos taken. Please can all children from Nursery - Year 6 arrive to school on Monday in full school uniform. Even if the weather is warm, please can all children bring their Howe Dell sweatshirts or cardigans. If Monday is your child's usual PE day, please can they come to school in uniform and **not** PE kit.

MAY HALF TERM PLAYScheme

We will be running a May Half-Term Playscheme from Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th May.

Booking forms now available on our website: <https://www.howedell.herts.sch.uk/playschemes/>

We look forward to welcoming both Howe Dell and Non Howe Dell children. New families welcome.

SPORTS DAY LUNCH ORDERS

The lunch options for 4th June have been changed to Cheese, Ham or Tuna roll for **all** years, Reception – Year 6. There will be no hot food option this day.

TEDDIES WANTED

The PSA are asking for donations towards their 'Teddy Tombola'. Please can you bring in and donate any unwanted soft cuddly toys in good condition by Friday 23rd May. There will be a crate situated just past the school foyer at drop off and pick up times.

EARLY YEARS READING

Every Tuesday morning (8.40am – 8.55am) Reception and Nursery classes would love parents/carers to join them in a shared reading session. For afternoon Nursery the session is 12.20pm – 12.40pm.

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.

UPCOMING DATES FOR DIARIES



W/C 19/05/2025	Nursery Stay & Plays	11.00am – 11.30am 2.30pm – 3.00pm
19/05/2025	Class Group Photos	All Day
20/05/2025	2.1 Class Assembly – Parents Invited	9.15am – 9.45am
21/05/2025	R2 Class Assembly – Parents Invited	9.15am – 9.45am
23/05/2025	Author of the Month Assembly – Parents Invited SEND Coffee Morning – HPCI PSA Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale	8.55am 9.00am – 10.00am 3.15pm – 3.30pm
	26/05/2025 – 30/05/2025 – May Half Term	
02/06/2025	INSET Day	
04/06/2025	Sports Day – Year 1 – 6 with family picnic	Times TBC
05/06/2025	Reception Screening – Children born after 1st March	9.30am
06/06/2025	HAND Parent Workshop – Information Coffee Morning	9.00am – 11am
10/06/2025	1.2 Class Assembly – Parents Invited	9.15am – 9.45am
11/06/2025	R1 Class Assembly – Parents Invited	9.15am – 9.45am
12/06/2025	Sports Day – Nursery & Reception	10.00am – 12.30pm
13/06/2025	PSA Non-Uniform for a Bottle/Cake Donation PSA Summer Fete	3.30pm – 6.00pm

PSA UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

MAY
06 - 23
BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL
*Teddy Tombola
Donations*
Closing Date for
donations
Friday 23rd May

MAY
23
AFTER SCHOOL
*Krispy Kreme
Doughnut Sale*
Closing Date for
Pre-orders
Friday 16th May

JUNE
04
ALL DAY
*Sports Day
Refreshments & Fete
Pre-Sales*

JUNE
13
ALL DAY
*Non-uniform for a
bottle (Yr1-6) or cake
(EYFS) donation*
PSA to collect from
8.30am

JUNE
13
3.15PM - 6PM
Summer Fete
Closing Date for online
Preorders (Wristbands &
Tokens)
Friday 6th June

JUNE
13
5PM - 6PM
Fete Raffle
Closing Date for online
payment
Tues 10th June
Tickets returned by
Wed 11th June

Playground pre-sales for Fete - Inflatables Wristbands & Spending Tokens:
Friday 6th June and Monday 9th June: 3.15pm - 3.30pm

LINKS AND ATTACHMENTS

(Can be found under Newsletter Attachments on our school website)

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



- ❖ WGCH Transition to Secondary School Online Sessions for parents/Carers
- ❖ Hatfield Bowls Club open day 2025

BEACON PUPILS

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

Nursery	Halima	For excellent creations during squiggle club
Year R1	Safyyah	For working with greater confidence and independence in phonics
Year R2	Ryan	For developing his confidence and sharing his ideas with the class
Year 1.1	Arlo	For having a fantastic week and listening to instructions
Year 1.2	Kacper	For always having a positive attitude towards his learning and his good use of vocabulary
Year 2.1	Taylen	For sharing his answers with detailed explanations and enthusiasm
Year 2.2	Sofia	For working hard and 'giving it a go' when writing during English lessons
Year 3.1	Joshua	For being very focused, eager and ready to learn
Year 3.2	Anika	For her improved attitude towards learning especially in Maths
Year 4.1	Tamuda	For making sensible choices and concentrating during lessons
Year 4.2	Tanaka	For showing incredible kindness and support when cheering up a classmate
Year 5.1	Rola	For showing such a positive attitude to her learning and treating others with respect
Year 5.2	Hamza	For growing in confidence and building new friendships with his peers
Year 6		The whole of Year 6 for their dedication and hard work during SATs

FAB FRIDAY

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


R.1	Harley	R.2	Isobel
1.1	Filip	1.2	Charles
2.1	Ashley	2.2	Lexi
3.1	Erik F	3.2	Henry
4.1	Marvelous	4.2	Thomas
5.1	Milly L	5.2	Hamza
6.1	Jeremy	6.2	Jake E

ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK 6 th – 9 th May 2025	WINNERS Year 5.2
Reception 1	95.5%
Reception 2	92.6%
Year 1 Class 1	95.4%
Year 1 Class 2	90.8%
Year 2 Class 1	97.5%
Year 2 Class 2	98.3%
Year 3 Class 1	94.8%
Year 3 Class 2	95.4%
Year 4 Class 1	98.8%
Year 4 Class 2	92.1%
Year 5 Class 1	96.6%
Year 5 Class 2	99.2%
Year 6 Class 1	94.8%
Year 6 Class 2	94.6%
Weekly Attendance	95.4%


MERITS

Well done to the following children for achieving their merit certificate this week:


Posi	1.2	Rachel	5.2
Eryn	1.2	Laiken-Jules	5.2
Angelo	2.2	Tiffany	5.2
Advika	2.2	Anshu	5.2
Tanaka	4.2	Kyla	5.2
Eiliyah	4.2	Rheon	5.2
Mufaro	5.1	Jakub	5.2
Milly L	5.1	Joel	5.2
Maddison	5.1	William	6.1
Sebastian	5.2	Sienna	6.1



Signs of the Week



Donkey



Horse

The signs of the week are Donkey and Horse. The Donkey sign is made by holding both hands up to the eyes with palms facing forward. The Horse sign is made by holding both hands in front of the chest with palms facing each other and fingers pointing down, with a red double-headed arrow indicating the hand movement.