



Value of the term: Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term.

The lead up to half term was incredibly busy with a plethora of visits from our Secondary colleagues. They have really enjoyed meeting their new Year 7s and were highly complimentary of our year 6 learners and they are looking forward to them joining their schools in September 2025.

On Friday 23rd May, we held our Author of the Month assembly. It was lovely to be joined by parents and a former student who was one of the first cohorts in the 'new' school. She thoroughly enjoyed her visit to Howe Dell and was highly impressed by the standard of writing. She is currently studying for her Doctorate.

On Monday 2nd June we welcomed Colin Tapscott, Director of Every Day Leader to lead our professional development session for teachers and teaching assistants. Our focus was on resilience and how we all thrive in an ever-changing educational landscape. Lots of fun activities were included to help us understand how we best perform as a team. The 'sling slot' and 'hungry hippo' activities were a firm favourite.



On Wednesday we held our annual sports day for Year 1 to Year 6. The weather held and it was so lovely to have so many of you joining us for the 'family picnic'. I know this was a highlight of the day for many children and parents.

It was lovely watching the children model our values of Kindness, Growth and Respect. Children were cheering each other on and giving new events 'a go'.

I am delighted to announce the 'Laura Kenny Yellow Team' were the winners of the 2024 – 2025 Sports Day.



I would like to take the opportunity to thank Miss Lock and Mrs Payne for organising such a great day and the PSA team who ensured parents remained fully hydrated throughout the event!

This week our Year 4 children have commenced the Multiplication Test Checks. The children have been working incredibly hard over the year and their multiplication fluency has significantly improved with many children turning their heat map 'green'. I know that all the Year 4 children will give it 'a go' and do the very best they can.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, I shall be brushing up on Biology Paper 2 knowledge; wish me well!

Kind Regards,

Tracy Prickett

YEAR 6 CRICKET EVENT

On Tuesday 20th May, ten Year 6 girls attended Onslow St Audrey's Secondary School to take part in a cricket event with two other local Primary Schools. Howe Dell won both of their games which meant they finished first place overall. A huge well done to the girls for their fantastic teamwork and effort in both of their games.



On Friday 23rd May, it was the boys turn. This was a new sport for many and they applied their batting, bowling and fielding skills to face strong opposition. The boys should be incredibly proud of their hard work, team work and determination which reflected in their runners-up outcome.

REMINDERS

CLASS GROUP PHOTOS – ORDER BY 9th JUNE

You have until the 9th June to order your child's class group photos from kittleorders.com with free delivery to school. After this date you can still order and pay a delivery fee to an address of your choice. Digital copies of class photo tickets were emailed to parents on 23rd May.

SCHOOL FETE

This year's fete is on Friday 13th June. Remember to return your raffle tickets by Wednesday 11th and that there is a non-uniform day on Friday 13th in return for a bottle/cake donation. More details in the PSA section below.

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

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
16/06/2025 to 19/06/2025	Travelling Book Fair	8.30am – 8.45am & 3.15pm each day
17/06/2025	1.1 Class Assembly – Parents Invited	9.15am – 9.45am
18/06/2025	Year 6 Go Construct Knex Challenge	
19/06/2025	Clean Air Day Year 6.1 Volcano & Earthquake Workshop	10.00am
24/06/2025	6.1 Class Assembly – Parents Invited Year 6.1 Evolution Workshop Year 4 Electric Umbrella Event at St Albans Abbey Year 6.2 Evolution Workshop	9.15am – 9.45am 11.00am 12.00pm – 3.30pm 1.30pm
25/06/2025	Year 5 Taster Morning at Stanborough School	8.50am – 12.15pm
27/06/2025	Author of the Month Assembly – Parents Invited Year 6.2 Volcano & Earthquake Workshop	8.55am 10.00am

PSA NEWS

Howe Dell School are offering a **Non-Uniform Day** on **Friday 13th June** (Fete Day) to anyone who makes a contribution to our bottle tombola (Years 1-6) or cake stall (Nursery & Reception)

- Years 1–6: Please bring an *unopened bottle* (e.g. soft drink, bubble bath, alcohol – in date, sealed, no refrigeration needed) for the bottle tombola
- Nursery & Reception: Please bring a *cake* (homemade or shop-bought, can be a whole cake or individual cupcakes/muffins or cookies) for the cake stall. If homemade, kindly email us at psa@howedell.herts.sch.uk so we can comply with Natasha’s Law by listing any allergens

Please note: no football kits or cropped tops, and children planning to use the inflatables should wear socks.

Members of the PSA will be collecting in your donations at school drop off time the morning of Friday 13th June.

As always, thank you for your support with our fundraising events.

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!

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

BEACON PUPILS

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

Nursery	Aaron	For becoming more engaged in his mark making
Year R1	Angela	For being a kind friend
Year R2	Oluwadamola	For working hard to show our Golden Expectations and following our routines well in Reception
Year 1.1	Adrienne-Judith	For fantastic team work during sports day
Year 1.2	Atenea	For her focus during lessons and participation during class discussions
Year 2.1	James	For his great attitude to learning and enthusiasm to make improvements
Year 2.2	Archie	For demonstrating resilience and 'giving it a go' in his learning, including Sports Day events
Year 3.1	Millie	For her growth in confidence and participation in lessons
Year 3.2	Etta	For her excellent participation in sports day
Year 4.1	Nnamdi	For working extremely hard to make good choices and positive contributions in lessons this week
Year 4.2	Eiliyah	For putting in lots of effort to learn her times tables
Year 5.1	Aaron	For showing an enthusiastic and determined attitude to learning, especially in our geography lesson this week
Year 5.2	Emilia	For her brilliant participation in Sports Day and positive attitude during the day
Year 6.1	Praise	For the effort and determination he has shown in his swimming lessons so far this term
Year 6.2	Madison	For her great work in lessons and her support during Sports Day

MERITS

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

Imaan	2.1	Nathan	6.2
Isaac	4.1	Devansh	6.2
Rylie	4.1	Max	6.2
Raya	5.1	Thadhi	6.2
Prince	5.1	Ben	6.2
Saim	6.2	Skyla	6.2
Esinu	6.2		

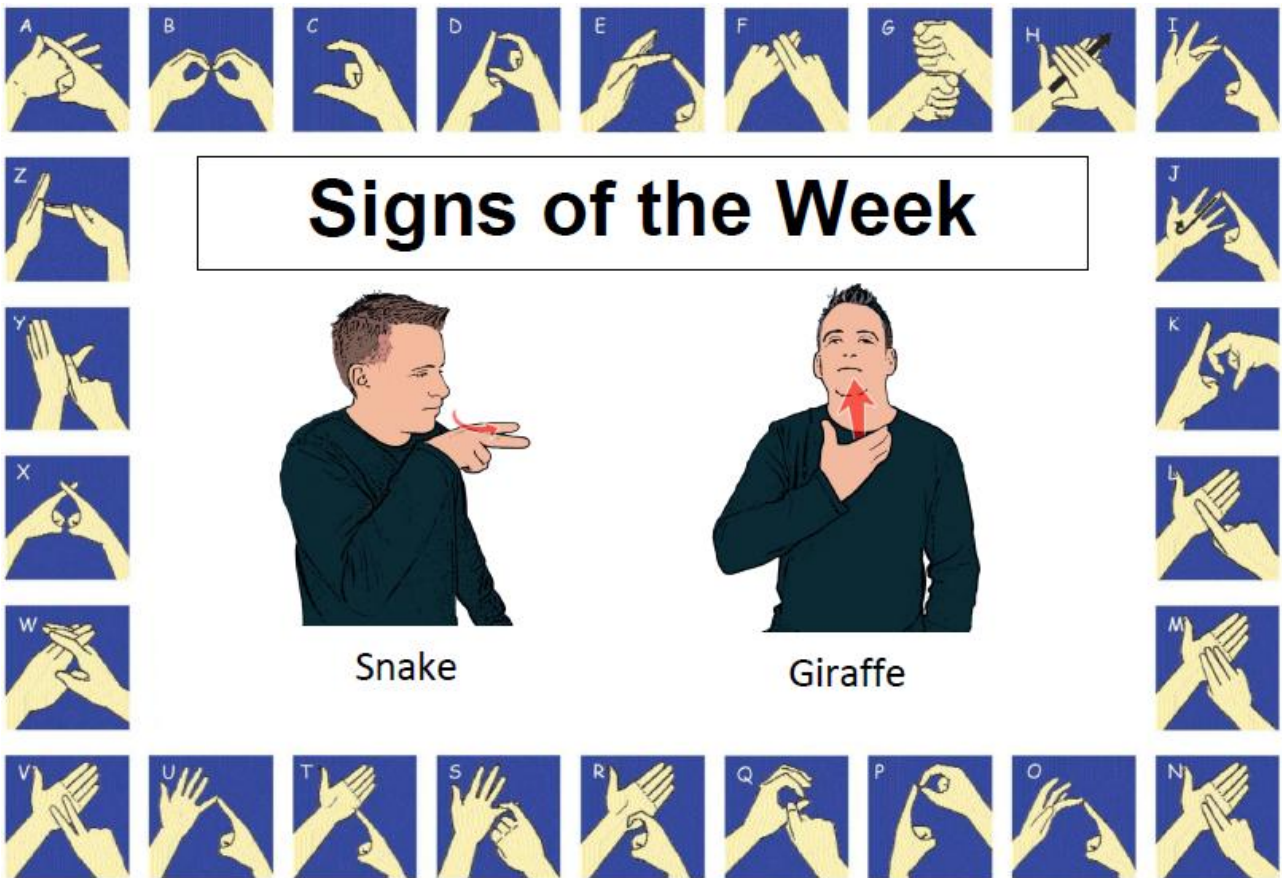


ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK 19 th – 23 rd May 2025	WINNERS Year R.1
Reception 1	98.9%
Reception 2	97.4%
Year 1 Class 1	96.0%
Year 1 Class 2	93.4%
Year 2 Class 1	92.0%
Year 2 Class 2	97.0%
Year 3 Class 1	97.1%
Year 3 Class 2	93.7%
Year 4 Class 1	94.7%
Year 4 Class 2	97.3%
Year 5 Class 1	97.7%
Year 5 Class 2	98.0%
Year 6 Class 1	98.6%
Year 6 Class 2	97.0%
Weekly Attendance	96.3%


FAB FRIDAY

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


R.1	Theo	R.2	Anastasia
1.1	Adrienne-Judith	1.2	Mahad
2.1	Kai	2.2	River
3.1	Amie	3.2	Kamari
4.1	Nnamdi	4.2	Dominic
5.1	Milly L	5.2	Emilia
6.1	Sienna	6.2	Nishka



Signs of the Week



Snake



Giraffe