



# THE HAWTHORNS PRIMARY SCHOOL



***FOR WEEK COMMENCING 15 SEPTEMBER***

***ASPIRATIONAL QUALITY: KINDNESS***

***THEME: KINDNESS***

***AIM: TO CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING KIND AND THE DIFFERENCE THAT KINDNESS CAN MAKE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES.***

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all our returning and new families as we begin a fresh school year. I trust you all had a wonderful summer, filled with time for rest and enjoyment with loved ones. The children have returned full of energy, looking smart and ready to embrace the year ahead, making for a strong and promising start.

This summer, despite the absence of a Site Manager, we accomplished a great deal in terms of school improvements and maintenance. Our new MUGA is now up and running, and the children are already making great use of this fantastic facility. We've also revitalized the school garden, with seven new raised beds for each year group to plant their own fruits and vegetables. A huge thank you to the PTA for their generous funding of the garden and for supplying many of the new resources our children will enjoy. These achievements wouldn't have been possible without the unwavering dedication of our staff, who have gone above and beyond to improve our school environment.

I'm thrilled to announce that we've earned the 'Good' level **Modeshift STARS** accreditation for promoting healthy travel options to school. A huge thank you to Mrs. Graham for her tireless efforts in supporting active travel initiatives.

In addition, we are proud to have achieved the **School Games Silver Mark Award** for the 2024/25 academic year, thanks to the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Collins. This award reflects our commitment to promoting physical activity and sport throughout the school, and we're excited to continue building on this success.

I am pleased to bring back the traditional whole school photo, which we last had done in 2022. This is scheduled to take place on 26th September and will be available for you to purchase if you so wish.

Thank you to all the families who attended our *Meet the Teacher* sessions this week. I hope you found the presentations informative and that any questions were addressed by our devoted teachers. If you were unable to attend, the presentations are now available on Google Classroom. We will also be sending out our Teaching and Learning News, which provides more detailed information on the curriculum for each year group this term.

One key message I want to reinforce, which was echoed by all year groups, is the importance of our open-door policy. We want to work in partnership with you and encourage you to reach out at any time with questions or concerns, not just at parents' evenings. Your child's progress and well-being are our top priority and we're here to help.

Finally, fostering kindness, respect and a sense of belonging within our school and wider community is something I deeply value. Together, let's support the growth of these qualities in all our children.

I'm looking forward to another fantastic school year ahead and all the exciting opportunities it will bring.

Warmest wishes,

Ms Razeghi



With the busy pace of life these days and the demands on our time it is easy to miss pieces of information and news of what's happening in the school.

The weekly bulletin is the school's regular form of communication and a good way to keep up-to-date with all that goes on at school. It is emailed out to you as well as being available on the school website and only takes a few minutes to read.

Our Facebook page is also updated regularly with important information.



This year, our Monday whole school assemblies will focus on events in the news and how these relate to our British Values. Each week we will discuss a 'big' question based on a recent story from the news to encourage debate and discussion. The chosen topics are carefully selected to ensure they are age appropriate and sensitively explored with our children. Our aim is to encourage reflection and to think how the British Values link to our school Aspirational Qualities and our own lives. Discussions continue in the children's class assemblies later in the week to deepen thinking and encourage further reflection.

This week's theme has been 'How are buildings special?' with a focus on the British Value of Mutual Respect and Tolerance. The children have reflected on special buildings in our local area and how we care and respect these special places.

Each week on Google Classroom, a Take Home news bulletin will be posted to provide further opportunities for your child/children to share our school discussions with you. Please look out for this.



Hopefully everyone has now managed to create their account and login to the Parentpay app to order your child/ren's lunches.

PLEASE NOTE: Cut off time to order lunches in the morning, for that day, is 8:00am.

Thank you

# REMINDERS



## Appointment



## Reminders

Please ensure that children are in school every day and on time.

Try to make any medical appointments outside of school hours, but where this is not possible, PLEASE email or phone the office, even if you have informed the teacher.

We require to see the email, message or appointment card for the medical appointment in order to authorise the absence.

## TURNING CIRCLE & PARKING

As we start the new term, we would ask all parents to be considerate when parking near the school and to respect the access areas and property of local residents.

No parking is allowed on the ZIG-ZAG area or in front of the Emergency access gates.

Please also remember that traffic using the school's 'turning circle' should keep flowing at all times with **no stopping** to drop off/pick up children. For the safety of everyone on site, your support is most appreciated.

The Turning Circle is provided to enable you to safely turn around without having to make a three-point turn in Northway or other local roads.

Three point turns, **especially on Northway**, are an incredibly dangerous manoeuvre, putting pedestrians at risk and we hope you will all take this message on board.



# Arbor

Please update Arbor with any changes to contact details, including details of those who collect your child/children from school on a regular basis.

Please can we remind all parents and carers that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We would be grateful if you could avoid placing any nut products in packed lunches.



Please can we ask parents to **not supply KIWI** fruit to their child/children as we have a child who is highly allergic.



## GRAPES

If you are providing your child with grapes (or any small fruit) for a snack during school time, PLEASE can you ensure these are cut longways for Health and Safety purposes!

## MEDICATION CHANGE

If there has been any changes to your child/children's medication, please can you update the office as soon as possible to ensure our records are up to date. Thank you

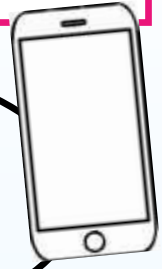


Please be aware that dogs are not allowed in the Front or Back play-grounds.

(Puppies in arms are excluded from this, provided they are not causing distress to anyone)

Also, please be mindful when standing at the gates that some children & adults are nervous around dogs, please keep them on a tight leash

All children bringing a mobile phone to school should hand it in to their teacher at the start of the day and collect again at the end.



THANK YOU!



This is a reminder about our year group email addresses; these email addresses can be accessed by all the teachers belonging to that year group.

EYFS: [eyfs@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk)

Year 1: [year1@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:year1@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk)

Year 2: [year2@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:year2@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk)

Year 3: [year3@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:year3@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk)

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Year 5: [year5@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:year5@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk)

Year 6: [year6@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:year6@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk)

### PLEASE NOTE:

- The year group email address is for contacting any teachers in the year group about concerns, questions and information about your child/class.
- Do not use these email addresses for emergencies or to report absences/appointments.
- The emails are not monitored during school hours. Teachers will endeavour to respond within 48 hours.

# Yay Team!

Well done Hawthorns!

We have achieved a gold Modeshift Star accreditation for our active travelling to school last year. Not only do we keep fit and improve our mental health when walking, scooting or cycling to school, we also reduce our carbon emissions!



Let's keep up the good work throughout September, when we will be conducting our annual active travel survey. And why not make October a *Walktober*?

Just remember to dress more brightly as the mornings and evenings begin to get darker!



# AGM

Annual General Meeting

**TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER**

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

## Hawthorns PTA Committee 2024/25



Keith Brindley



George Petre



Jessica Prout



Maria Dymock



Tabitha Rigden



Maxine



Sarah Walker



Helen Eastwood

# SAVE THE DATE!

## SEPTEMBER 2025

- Thursday 25th      Great Hollands Cross Country (selected pupils)  
Friday 26th      Whole School Photo  
Tuesday 30th      PTA AGM (evening time TBC) - school hall

## OCTOBER 2025

- Wednesday 1st      PINS Parent Forum Meeting at 08:50  
Monday 6th      Dr Bike visiting Y6  
Wednesday 8th      Phonics Showcase for EYFS & Y1 at 09:00  
Monday 13th to Friday 24th Y6 Bikeability  
Tuesday 21st      Parents Evening (16:00-19:00)  
Thursday 23rd      Parents Evening (16:00-19:00)  
Monday 27th to Friday 31st      HALF TERM

## NOVEMBER 2025

- Monday 3rd      INSET DAY  
Thursday 6th      Prospective Parents Open Morning  
Thursday 6th      Cantley Cross Country (selected pupils)  
Monday 10th      School Flu Immunisations  
Wednesday 12th      Prospective Parents Open Afternoon  
Friday 14th      Individual Photos  
Thursday 20th      Parent Forum

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or: Email: [Myshellartstudio22@gmail.com](mailto:Myshellartstudio22@gmail.com)



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# Life is expensive. We can help.



## First Days Mobile Support Hub

Please come along to one of our Mobile Support Hubs. Our van carries seasonal items and you can meet our Family Support Team who will be able to talk through how we can help you with other essentials.

## September to November 2025

<b>1st Tuesday</b> Priestwood Community Hall Kerith Centre Bracknell	09:30-10:30 10:45-12:00	<b>4th Monday (except Bank Holidays)</b> Skimfield School Green Centre	12:30-13:30
<b>2nd Wednesday</b> Woodley Precinct Highfield Park Wargrave Pennfields Twyford	10:00-12:00 12:30-13:15 13:30-14:00	<b>4th Wednesday</b> Woodley Precinct Rainbow Centre Winnersh	10:00-12:00 12:30-13:00
<b>3rd Wednesday</b> Kerith Centre Bracknell Great Hollands Community Centre	10:00-11:00 11:30-12:30		



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