

Hardwick Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

5th September 2025



This week at Hardwick...

Welcome to the Hardwick Community

We are delighted to welcome all our new children and families to Hardwick Primary School. A special welcome to our Reception children, who have settled in beautifully as they begin their exciting learning journey with us.

We also welcome new children and families who have joined us across the school. It is wonderful to have you as part of our community.

Finally, we are very pleased to introduce new staff members: Mrs Rebecca Morgans, our new Year 1 teacher, Miss Imogen White, our new Year 3 teacher, and Mrs Katie Kenyon, our new admin assistant. Mrs Kenyon is also a qualified teacher and will be a great asset to the school whenever cover is needed.



Settling Back into School

We have had a fantastic first few days back and it has been wonderful to see how well all the children have settled into their new classes. Already we are seeing some wonderful learning taking place across the school, and we look forward to sharing more about the exploring and discovering the children have been doing in the coming weeks.

OPAL Lunchtimes

We are delighted to have launched our OPAL lunchtimes. OPAL stands for Outdoor Play and Learning, and we currently have four zones set up: the field, the playground, the quiet areas and the MUGA. Each area offers a variety of equipment, activities and toys to explore. From Lego building and a writing station to science investigations, building blocks and even a dinosaur mound, there is something for everyone to enjoy.



A big thank you to Mrs Manning and Miss Burton, who have been very busy training on the OPAL approach. Over the summer holidays they worked hard to gather resources and set up the different areas ready for the children to enjoy.



It has been wonderful to see the children working together, using their imaginations and thriving during their lunchtimes. This is just the beginning of our OPAL journey, and we are excited to develop it further with new zones, equipment and opportunities for play. We look forward to keeping you updated as OPAL continues to grow.

PE & Swimming Days

Please see below the PE days for each class:

- Kingfishers – Thursday
- Dragonflies – Friday
- Foxes – Friday
- Owls – Monday
- Falcons – Thursday
- Kestrels – Wednesday
- Eagles – Monday

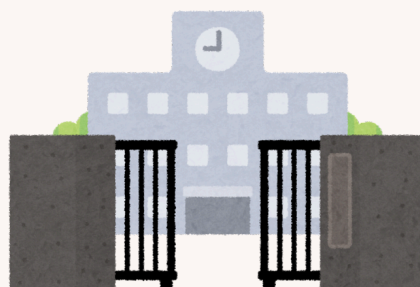


On these days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit, with long hair tied back.

Swimming will take place on Tuesdays. Parents will have received a letter with further details about swimming arrangements.

Gates and Collection

Thank you to our families for adapting to the changes in drop-off and collection arrangements. We recognise there have been some teething problems, and we really appreciate your patience and support as we establish the new routines. To help collection at the end of the school day run more smoothly, the green KS2 gate and the grey bike shed gate will now be open from 3.00 pm.



School Uniform

Over the summer, Waveney Metcalf from FoHPS has very kindly sorted and organised our school uniform. Clothes rails will be placed outside the front office for families to browse through.

We have plenty of uniform available, so please do come and take what you need. We simply ask for a small donation, and all money raised will be spent directly on the children.



What's on next week?



Tuesday:

- Swimming Starts
- School uniform available outside school office.

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