

# Hardwick Primary School Weekly Newsletter

7th November 2025

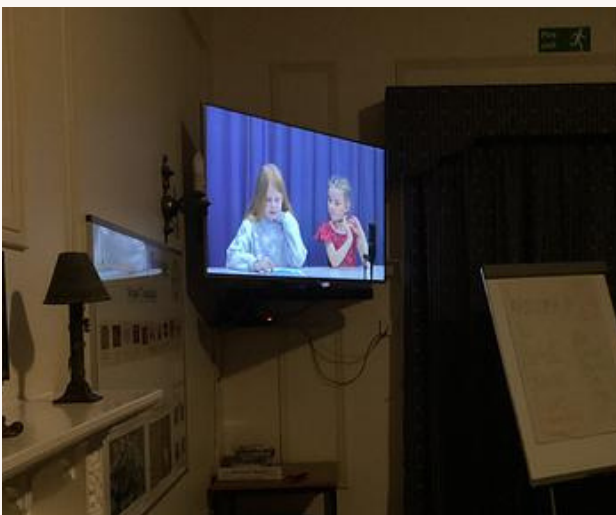


## *This week at Hardwick...*

What a Great First Week Back!

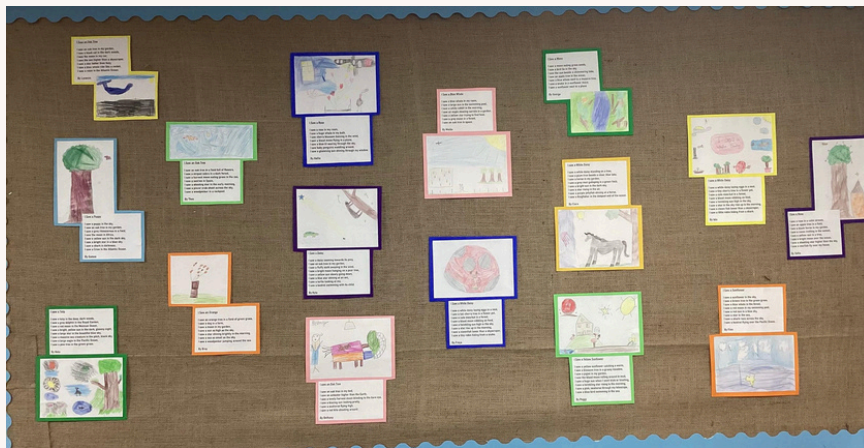
What a fantastic start to the new half term! It's been wonderful to see the children return full of energy and enthusiasm for learning.

Owl Class had an incredible time on their residential trip to Burwell House. The children took part in a range of exciting activities, including team-building games, den building, orienteering, and even creating their very own production by performing, recording, and editing in a real studio!





Meanwhile, Falcons have been busy planning their own information texts, linking their writing to their current science topic on the human body. Kestrels have been exploring the world of poetry, reading and writing their own beautifully illustrated poems. Their finished pieces are now proudly displayed in the classroom.



Fox Class have made a great start to their new writing topic, using their imaginations to plan the settings for their stories. It's been wonderful to see their ideas come to life as they build exciting worlds for their characters to explore.



## Craft Club

This week in Craft Club, the children made beautiful poppies for Remembrance Day. They showed great care and creativity, and the finished poppies look wonderful.



## Remembrance Day

This week we will be marking Remembrance Day with a special assembly on Monday, where the children will learn about the importance of remembrance and why we take time to reflect. This will take place ahead of the two-minute silence, which we will observe together as a whole school community at 11am the following day.



# Walking Bus

The Walking Bus starts from Banks Walk at 8.30am and follows the route along Caie Walk to the school playground, with the following pick up points:

Banks Walk at 8.30am

Pemberton Walk at 8.35am

Samuel Street Walk at 8.40am

After school, the bus will leave the school grounds at 3.20pm, stopping at:

Samuel Street Walk at 3.25pm

Pemberton Walk at 3.30pm

Banks Walk at 3.35pm

Please make sure you are there to meet your child at their stop.

Consent forms are available from the school office and must be completed before your child can take part.

The Walking Bus is a valuable service for our school community, but for it to continue running we need more volunteers, even if you can only help on one or two days. Please speak to Jayne Castle, details below, if you can help.

Parents are also welcome to use the bus on an ad hoc basis, as and when needed.

If you have any questions, please contact Jayne Castle on 01284 704703 or 07816 199207.

# School Attendance and Illness

Excellent school attendance is essential to ensure your child doesn't miss out on key learning. With the cold and flu season upon us, we thought it would be helpful to share some key information.

## When is my child too ill for school?

The NHS website provides clear guidance on when your child is too ill for school and when they are well enough to attend:

[Is my child too ill for school? – NHS](#)

## Which service to use?

It can also be difficult to know which service to use if your child is unwell. The link below explains when to contact 111, your GP, or a pharmacist. With it becoming more challenging to get a doctor's appointment, it's worth checking if a pharmacist can help first:

[Which service should I use? – Suffolk and North East Essex ICB](#)

## Reporting Absence

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please **contact the school office by 9.15am** to let us know.

If your child is not registered that morning and we have not heard from you by 9.30am, we have a safeguarding duty of care to contact you and the other individuals listed on your child's profile.

In cases where we are unable to reach anyone, we are required to carry out a welfare check to ensure your child's safety and wellbeing.

# Anti Bullying Week



This week we are marking Anti-Bullying Week. We began the week by coming into school wearing odd socks to celebrate that everyone is different and unique.

On Wednesday, Mrs Clarke will lead a whole school assembly to introduce this year's theme — "Power for Good." The focus will be on helping children understand the importance of using power and influence responsibly. We will be teaching that bullying involves a power imbalance, where one person uses their power to harm or control another, and that we all have a choice to use our power positively — to show kindness, respect, support, and to stand up for others.

Children will explore this theme further in their class assemblies on Thursday and through a range of discussions and activities throughout the week, helping them to deepen their understanding and reflect on how they can use their own "power for good."



# Future Events



**FoHPS**

# QUIZ NIGHT

**FRI 21 NOV  
7PM START**

**SCHOOL HALL**

HAVE A GREAT NIGHT FILLED WITH FUN,  
CHALLENGE AND A BIT OF SILLINESS AT OUR  
ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

**CASH PRIZE FOR THE WINNING TEAM!**  
BRING YOUR FAVOURITE DRINK AND HAVE FUN WITH  
YOUR FRIENDS (MAX OF 8 PER TEAM)

**£3 PER PERSON  
ADULTS ONLY**



TO REGISTER YOUR  
TEAM, SCAN THE  
QR CODE OR SEND  
AN EMAIL TO:

[fohps.org.uk@gmail.com](mailto:fohps.org.uk@gmail.com)

# What's on next week?



## Anti Bullying Week

### Monday:

- Odd Socks Day
- Rock Steady Music
- Rock Solid - lunch time club
- Guitars

### Tuesday:

- Remembrance Day - 11am 2 minute Silence
- Swimming - Year 5
- Chess Club - lunchtime
- Craft Club (Y4) - lunchtime
- Y4 Music with Mr Waters
- Gymnastics Club (Y1 - Y6) after school

### Wednesday:

- Wednesday Gang (Y2)

### Thursday

- Musical Theatre Club (KS2) - lunch time club
- Netball Club (Y4, 5 & 6) after school

### Friday

- Children in Need - No dressing up or donations required.

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# Key Dates

## Autumn Term:

### December:

9th Dec - EYFS & KS1 Nativity Afternoon Performance @2.30pm

10th Dec @ - EYFS & KS1 Nativity Evening Performance @ 5pm

11th Dec @ KS2 Christmas Concert @ 2pm

12th Dec @ KS2 Christmas Concert @ 2pm

15th Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

17th Dec - Whole School Trip to Theatre Royal - Pantomime

18th Dec - Last Day

19th Dec & 5th Jan - PD Days for staff

**Christmas Holiday - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

## Spring Term:

### January:

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - First Day Back**

### February:

6<sup>th</sup> Feb - Number Day - Dress up as something number / maths related

10<sup>th</sup> Feb - Safer Internet Day

**Half Term - Monday 16th Feb - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb**

# Key Dates

## **March:**

5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day (No dressing up, wooden spoons sent home to decorate)

9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March - Y6 SATS Mocks

12<sup>th</sup> March - STEM Share Day

(Grown ups invited: KS2 - morning & EYFS & KS1 -afternoon)

17<sup>th</sup> March - Y6 SATS Parent Information Sessions @ 3.30pm

20<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day (Children to wear something red / red accessories including the red nose day merchandise)

25<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening

26<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening

Bikeability Dates - TBC

**Easter Holiday - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

## **April:**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - First Day Back**

## **May:**

11<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 SATS Week

20<sup>th</sup> May - Y3 & Y4 - Afternoon Performance @ 2pm

21<sup>st</sup> May - Y3 & Y4 - Evening Performance @ 5pm

**Half Term - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

# Key Dates

## June:

1<sup>st</sup> June - Y4 Multiplication Check begins

8<sup>th</sup> June - Y1 Phonics Screening Begins

18<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day (timings TBC)

29<sup>th</sup> June - 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Arts Week

## July:

1<sup>st</sup> July - Transition Morning (Move up to next class)

3<sup>rd</sup> July - Art Gallery Open to grown ups @ 3.30 - 4.30pm

8<sup>th</sup> July - Y5 & Y6 Afternoon Performance @ 2pm

9<sup>th</sup> July - Y5 & Y6 Evening Performance @ 5pm

16<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Leavers Assembly

17<sup>th</sup> July - Last Day

20<sup>th</sup> July - PD Day

**Please note that more dates may be added as events are planned throughout the year.**

**If any dates change or are added we will aim to give as much notice as possible.**