

Hardwick Primary School Weekly Newsletter

14th November 2025



This week at Hardwick...

It has been a wonderfully busy and exciting week of learning across the school! Here are just a few highlights to share with you:

Dragonflies have enjoyed starting their new writing topic, Twisted Traditional Tales, exploring playful alternative versions of familiar stories such as The Three Little Wolves and Little Rude Riding Hood. They are now excited to begin planning their own twisted tales! In Design & Technology, they learned about slider mechanisms and made simple prototypes, which they will later use when creating their very own moving picture.



Owls have created their own Creative / Free Writing books, giving them regular opportunities to write purely for enjoyment. With complete freedom over their themes, imagination is taking the lead! This week, they designed their front covers to help inspire their ideas in future sessions.

Kestrels have been fantastic geographers, confidently using atlases to locate countries in both the Eastern and Western Hemispheres. Their scientific skills have also been put to the test as they carried out investigations on different materials to discover which would be the best insulator for an ice cube; a brilliant combination of curiosity and teamwork!

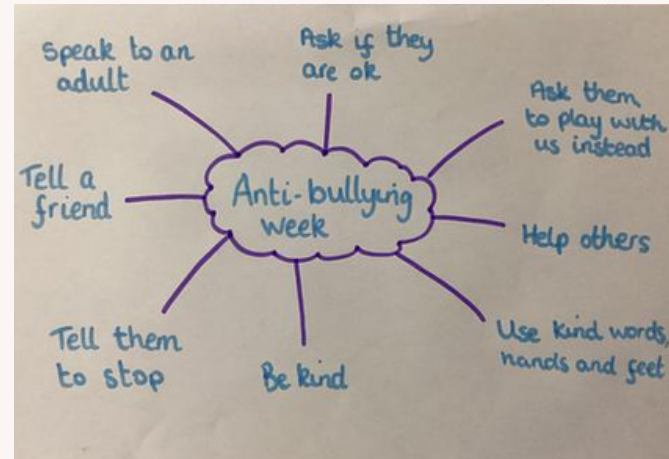


Beyond the Classroom

Year 5 and Year 6 had two fantastic opportunities this week to learn and shine outside of school. A group attended a Tag Rugby tournament at KEGS, where they showed brilliant teamwork, determination and passion on the pitch. Meanwhile, a group of Year 5 girls visited Old Buckenham Hall for an inspiring STEM Day (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), taking part in exciting hands-on activities designed to encourage girls in STEM subjects.

Anti Bullying Week

We began the week by proudly wearing odd socks to show that we are all unique and that our differences should be celebrated. In class, we talked about what bullying is and what we should do if we see it happening.



On Wednesday we came together for a whole school assembly where Mrs Clarke introduced this year's theme: Power for Good. We explored what power means, how it can be used negatively, and most importantly, how we can use our power in positive ways. The children shared fantastic ideas such as standing up if they see someone being unkind, speaking to an adult, helping others find their voice, including everyone and always choosing kindness.

Mrs Clarke shared the Anti Bullying Week challenge, which encouraged the children to use their power for something good every day that week. However, we all agreed that this should not just be during Anti Bullying Week but every single day, because in a world where you can be anything, be kind!



Remembrance Day

On Monday each class took part in an assembly where we talked with the children about the meaning and importance of Remembrance Day. Then on Tuesday the children proudly wore their poppies as we gathered together on the playground for a two minute silence, thinking of and paying respects to those who gave their tomorrow for our today.



Craft Club

This week in Craft Club, the children made festive suncatcher baubles, using silhouettes and plenty of sparkle!



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.

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.

Future Events



Coffee Morning – Friday 5 Dec @ 9am

Our next Coffee Morning will take place on **Friday 5 December at 9am**, straight after drop off. Please come to the school office to sign in. This is a lovely opportunity for parents and families to meet others in our community, share experiences, and discuss key issues that impact family life today.

This session will have a focus on online safety, with helpful guidance available to help keep our children safe, such as parental controls and settings for gaming and social media platforms.

What's on next week?



Monday:

- Rock Steady Music
- Rock Solid - lunch time club
- Guitars

Tuesday:

- Swimming - Year 5
- Chess Club - lunchtime
- Craft Club (Y4) - lunchtime
- Y4 Music with Mr Waters
- Gymnastics Club (Y1 - Y6) after school

Wednesday:

- Crafty Foxes - making Christmas cards with EYFS, Y1 & Y2
- Wednesday Gang (Y2)

Thursday

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

Friday

- FOHPS - Quiz Night @ 7pm

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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 18th Dec - Monday 5th January

Spring Term:

January:

Tuesday 6th January - First Day Back

February:

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

10th Feb - Safer Internet Day

Half Term - Monday 16th Feb - Friday 20th Feb

Key Dates

March:

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

9th - 13th March - Y6 SATS Mocks

12th March - STEM Share Day

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

17th March - Y6 SATS Parent Information Sessions @ 3.30pm

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

25th March - Parents' Evening

26th March - Parents' Evening

Bikeability Dates - TBC

Easter Holiday - Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

April:

Monday 13th April - First Day Back

May:

11th May - Y6 SATS Week

20th May - Y3 & Y4 - Afternoon Performance @ 2pm

21st May - Y3 & Y4 - Evening Performance @ 5pm

Half Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Key Dates

June:

1st June - Y4 Multiplication Check begins

8th June - Y1 Phonics Screening Begins

18th June - Sports Day (timings TBC)

29th June - 2nd July - Arts Week

July:

1st July - Transition Morning (Move up to next class)

3rd July - Art Gallery Open to grown ups @ 3.30 - 4.30pm

8th July - Y5 & Y6 Afternoon Performance @ 2pm

9th July - Y5 & Y6 Evening Performance @ 5pm

16th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly

17th July - Last Day

20th 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.