

Hardwick Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

21st November 2025



This week at Hardwick...

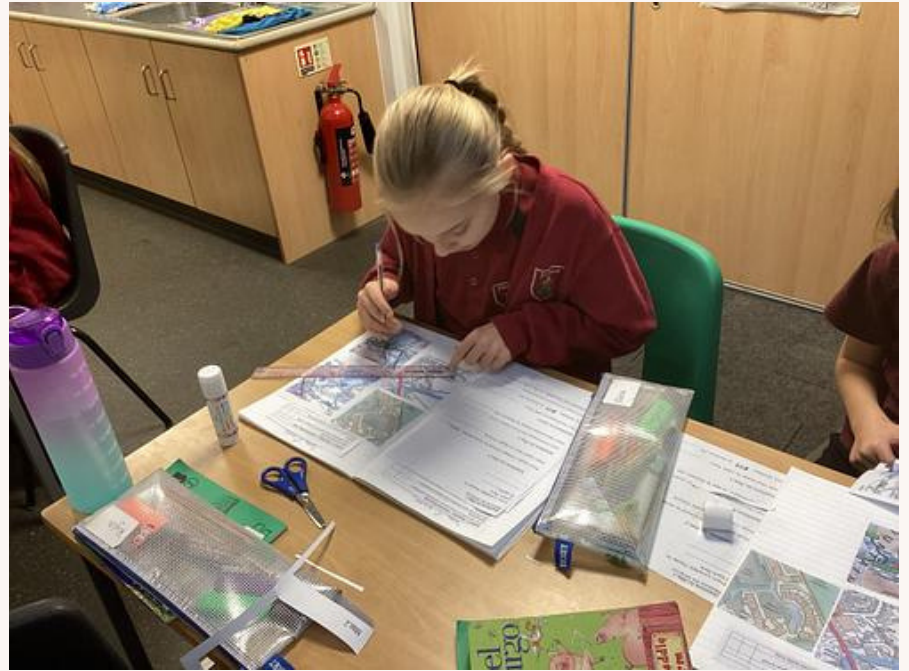
Last week was full of exciting learning across the school! Many classes were deep into their Design and Technology topics, with plenty of hands-on experiences, including some delicious taste testing. The children explored and evaluated a variety of foods, including items from the Mediterranean such as olives. Well done, Fox and Owl Class, for your enthusiastic tasting and thoughtful evaluations!

Rabbit Class have also been enjoying fantastic Design and Technology provision in their classroom. They've been busy creating wonderful models through junk modelling.

Falcons continue to thrive in PE. This term they have been developing their gymnastic skills, and there were some truly impressive routines and techniques on display.

Kestrels have been building on their geography knowledge, using atlases to explore scale. They have been learning how to measure distances accurately using rulers — excellent work in developing these key map skills.





Crafty Foxes Visit!

This week we were delighted to welcome members of the local Crafty Foxes community into school. They worked with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to create beautiful Christmas decorations, which will soon be displayed on Christmas trees around the town.

Keep an eye out for Hardwick Primary's festive creations when you're out and about!



Quiz Night - Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the FOHPS Quiz Night on Friday. Congratulations to St Edmund's Primary School for winning and for kindly donating their prize money back to FOHPS. What wonderful community spirit!

A special thank you to our fantastic FOHPS team and volunteers for organising such a great evening.



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.



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.

What's on next week?

Y6 - Hilltop Residential 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

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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.