

Hardwick Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

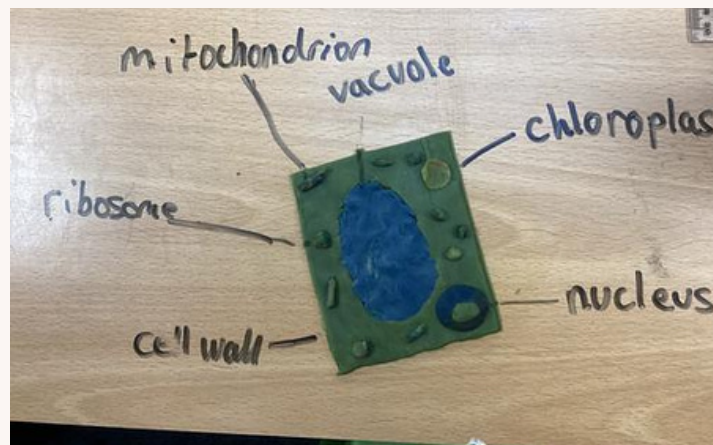
30th January 2026



This week at Hardwick...

It's been another busy and creative week across the school, with lots of exciting learning taking place in every class.

Eagle Class have been especially creative, producing beautiful sketches, using plasticine to create impressive 3D representations of scientific cells, and recording their own spooky audiobooks, which combined imagination with technical skill.



In Falcon Class, pupils have begun a new writing unit and will be focusing on poetry this half term. This week, they explored a range of literary devices and planned how to incorporate them into their own poems. We can't wait to read the finished results. Fox Class have continued developing their watercolour techniques and created striking illuminated letters, showing great attention to detail and creativity.



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Meanwhile, Kestrel Class have been learning about air resistance. They designed and tested parachutes of different sizes to investigate how quickly they fell to the ground, making thoughtful observations throughout. Outdoor learning has been a highlight for Rabbit Class, who enjoyed exploring their outdoor area and working together as a team to build dens, developing both their collaboration skills and imagination.



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Monitoring Visit from All Saints Schools Trust

This week, we welcomed the Trust's Directors of Education into school for a monitoring visit focused on writing. It was a very positive visit, with the Directors commenting on the calm, purposeful atmosphere across the school and the children's positive behaviour.

They visited all classes to observe teaching and learning, looked through pupils' books, and spoke to children about writing at Hardwick. The Directors were extremely impressed with the high quality of teaching and the excellent standards in writing seen across the school, as well as the positive way children talked about their learning.

This follows an equally positive phonics monitoring visit in the Autumn term.

Thank you to all staff for their hard work, and well done to all the children.

Congratulations!

We are delighted to share some more wonderful news with our school community.

Mrs Gayer and Mrs Titheridge are both expecting their first child and are both due in the summer holidays.

We send them our huge congratulations and very best wishes as they prepare for this exciting new chapter.



SENDCo Update

I am delighted to share that Miss Hinton will be our new SENDCo, starting from the summer term. Miss Hinton is passionate about supporting children with special educational needs and is very much looking forward to taking on this role.

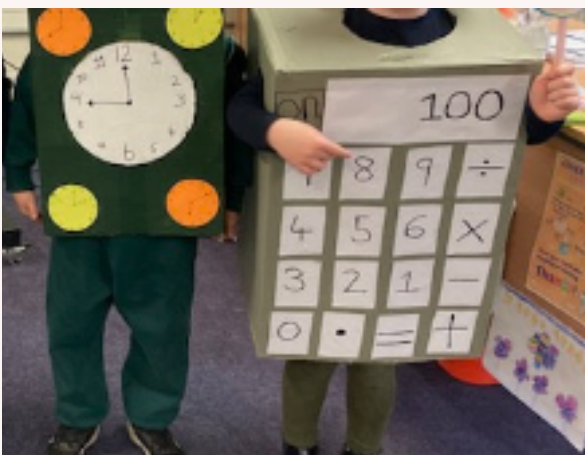
This term, Miss Hinton and I will be working closely together to ensure a smooth handover and transition.

NSPCC Number Day - Friday

On Friday, we will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day, a fun day focused on all things number. Children are invited to come to school dressed up or wearing something number-related to help us mark the occasion and enjoy a day of maths-themed activities.

This could include wearing something that already has a number on it, such as a football shirt, or decorating a plain white T-shirt with maths-related designs, numbers, or patterns.

Below are some ideas and inspiration.



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OPAL Bingo



Hardwick Primary School

Invites you to play
OPAL BINGO!

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| Chalk | Toy cars | Action figures | Toy teddies | Plastic trucks |
| Subwoofers | Video tape | Pushchair | Hula Hoops | Clay |
| Wipe cleaners | Plastic bins | Egg containers | Drum tape | Flax |
| Alps | Bulk | Small toys | Cardboard | S |
| Guttering | Art supplies | Making tools | Ladders | Shov |

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| Laboury flower | Subwoofers | Wooden spoons | Action figures | Plastic crates |
| Dress up items | Cars | Chairs | Pots | Plastic bins |
| Shoppers | Drill bits | Washers | Plastic tubs | Terracotta |
| Beach spades | Buckets | Trucks | Skateboard | Cardboard tubes |
| Guttering | Wrenches/picks | Flippers | Aprons | Chop |

Each class will be given a Bingo board.

Work as a class to win prizes.

Donate items to cross off squares.

The OPAL team has launched a whole-school OPAL Bingo Challenge! Each class has a bingo sheet with items that would make fantastic additions to our outdoor play provision, and families are kindly invited to donate any items they can from home. Donations will be marked off on each class's bingo card.

The first class to complete a row will win extra break time, and the first class to achieve a full house will earn a class-only non-school uniform day.

Donations can be brought into school until Friday 13th February.

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What's on next week?



Monday:

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

Tuesday:

- Swimming - Year 5
- Chess Club - lunchtime
- Gymnastics Club (Y1 - Y6) after school

Wednesday:

- Wednesday Gang Club - lunchtime
- Y6 - Visit from Suffolk Police

Thursday

- Musical Theatre Club (KS2) - lunch time club
- School Nurse to see children in reception

Friday

- NSPCC Number Day - Dress up day

Please note that additional dates have been added to the diary dates below. These include Easter bingol, Movie Mania, May Fun Day and Wonka Bars!

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Key Dates

Spring Term:

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

March:

2nd & 3rd March - FOHPS selling Wonka Bars after school

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

26th March - Non uniform day in exchange for an easter egg donation

27th March - FOHPS - Easter Bingo @ 3.30pm

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

Key Dates

Summer Term:

April:

Monday 13th April - First Day Back

13th & 14th April - FOHPS selling Move Mania tickets

Thurs 16th April - Movie Mania - Years 1 - 3 @ 3.30pm

Fri 17th April - Movie Mania - Year 4 - 6 @ 3.30pm

14th - 17th April - Bikeability - Year 5

May:

4th May (Bank Holiday) Southgate Community Fun Day

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

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.