

17<sup>th</sup> April 2026



Histon & Impington  
Brook Primary School

# HIBPS Newsletter



## Headteacher update

Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope Easter Breaks were enjoyed by all and I know we are certainly grateful for some sunshine!

Earlier this week, a communication was sent out confirming that our Sports Day will be taking place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. If weather conditions mean we need to postpone, the reserve date is Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Our thanks to the PTA for organising the KS2 discos this evening. I'm sure they will be enjoyed by all!

A huge well done to our Year 6 Dance Group who won their 'Wonderland Adventures' dance competition in spectacular fashion. Also, well done to our Year 6 Netballers who performed brilliantly in the netball tournament earlier this week. Mrs Inman and Mrs Norman have put together a write-up of both events with pictures below.

Just before Easter, we met with Cambridgeshire Local Authority and a group of parent/resident volunteers to continue the work on our 'school street's project' - this is designed to provide safer access to families and residents during drop-off and collection times. This is progressing well and we should have some further updates soon.

Thank you,  
Richard Bakker  
Headteacher



Meridian  
Trust



## School News - Netball Competition

On Wednesday 15th April, a group of Year 6 students travelled to Impington Village College to take part in the B Team Netball Finals. The team qualified following their excellent performances in the initial school rounds, earning enough points to compete against the winners of other B Team competitions across the area.

We began in a group with Willingham, Meridian and Linton Heights, winning all of our games comfortably, which meant we qualified for Division 1 alongside the other pool winners.

In Division 1, we faced Swavesey, Pendragon and Histon Park. These matches were much tougher and incredibly competitive, making them brilliant to watch. The passing was quick and accurate, and the interceptions were outstanding. Our matches against Pendragon and Histon Park both ended 1-1. The game against Swavesey was equally close; we battled right to the end but narrowly lost 2-1.

Overall, this meant we finished joint 3rd with Histon Park out of the 16 primary schools attending. I could not be more proud of the children for their stamina, determination, and the positivity they showed throughout the tournament.

Thank you to all of the children for representing the school so brilliantly, and to our parents and carers for their continued support.





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# School News – Year 6 Dance Competition Winners!

## 'WONDERLAND adventures Dance Competition'

On Friday 27th March 2026, a group of Year 6 children proudly represented our school in the School Games "Wonderland Adventures" Dance Competition.

This exciting event invited groups of 3–30 dancers to perform a piece inspired by a magical theme. Performances were judged on four key areas:

- Link to the theme
- Performance of skills
- Creativity and originality
- Staging, formations, and use of space

The theme, Wonderland Adventure, encouraged pupils to dive down the rabbit hole into imaginative worlds—whether stepping into snowy landscapes of glistening icicles and frosty trees, or exploring golden, magical places inspired by Wonka's factory. It was a celebration of creativity, imagination and fun.

### Brook Primary – Dancing Through Wonderland

Our performance, Dancing Through Wonderland, took the audience on a magical journey through a series of imaginative worlds and well-loved stories. Each section represented a different place filled with wonder, adventure and creativity.

The dance was choreographed by Maya, Ada and Tess, former pupils now in Year 9, who returned to support the group as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The children worked incredibly hard to refine and improve the routine, even dedicating their breaktimes and lunchtimes to rehearsals. Their final performance was a true reflection of their teamwork, creativity and enthusiasm.

### Sequence of the dance:

- 🐇 Alice in Wonderland – The journey begins as Alice discovers a tea party before falling down the rabbit hole.
- ❄️ The Chronicles of Narnia – The dancers step into a magical world of snow and ice.
- ❄️ The Snowman – A gentle moment of winter wonder and imagination.
- 🎭 The Nutcracker – A lively and playful scene between ballerinas and soldiers.
- ✨ Harry Potter – The performance concludes with powerful magic and spellcasting.

We are incredibly proud to announce that, after months of dedication and hard work—much of it in their own time, Brook Primary were awarded first place in the competition.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and families who supported the children throughout this journey.

Most importantly, we want to celebrate our truly talented dancers. Their commitment, creativity, and positive spirit shone through every rehearsal and performance. They supported one another, rose to every challenge, and performed with confidence and joy.

They were an absolute pleasure to work with and represented our school with pride, determination and excellence, we could not be prouder of each and every one of them.



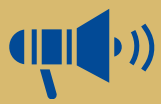
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School Sports Partnership

**TALENT**  
DANCE ACADEMY

# WINNERS!

Congratulations to  
**Histon and Impington Brook Primary School.**

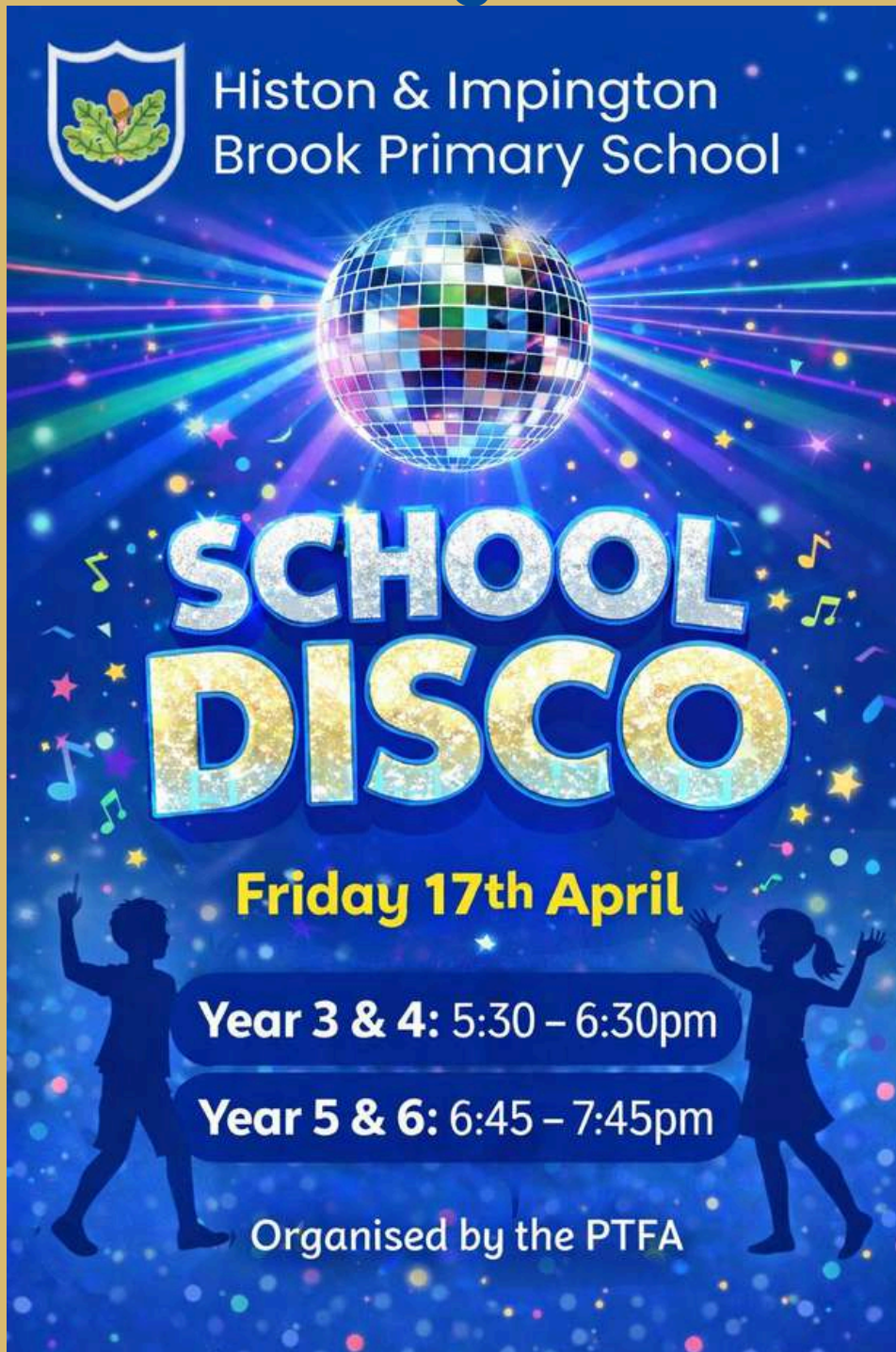
For being the winning dance group in the  
**WONDERLAND  
ADVENTURES  
DANCE SHOW  
2026**

## Well Done!

**HEALTHY • HAPPY • ACTIVE**



# KS2 Disco – Tonight!



**Year 3 & 4: 5:30 – 6:30pm**

**Year 5 & 6: 6:45 – 7:45pm**

This is always a fantastic event for the children,  
with music, dancing and lots of fun!

The ticket price includes a drink and a snack for each child.

**Please note that ticket sales are now closed.**

We look forward to seeing lots of children on the dance floor!

# SKIPPING WEEK 2026



**Histon and Impington Brook Primary School  
In collaboration with the Skipping Ninja!**

**Monday 20th April – Friday 24th April 2026**

We are excited to let you know that next week is Skipping Week at Histon and Impington Brook Primary School!

The aim of Skipping Week is to increase children's motivation and enjoyment of physical activity through daily jumping and skipping, while also embracing the Spirit of the Games values of determination and self belief.

Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of fun skipping challenges, including the Skipping Ninja Challenge, where they will challenge themselves to complete as many consecutive skips as possible and work towards earning different coloured Ninja headbands.

To ensure children can participate safely and effectively, please make sure they wear trainers to school each day next week.

We will provide skipping ropes for all children. However, if your child has their own rope and is happy to bring it into school each day, they are very welcome to do so. Please ensure that any personal skipping ropes are clearly named.

We are looking forward to an active, energetic and fun filled week!



Histon & Impington Brook Primary School PTFA  
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 **£20.26**   **CHALLENGE** 

HOW WILL YOU RAISE £20.26?

 **A PRIZE FOR THE  
WINNING CLASS!!**

**WHETHER IT'S A  
SPONSORED WALK, TOY SALE, READING CHALLENGE,  
OR ANYTHING ELSE.... IT'S UP TO YOU!**

**A PRIZE FOR  
MOST CREATIVE  
IDEA**



**MARCH 23RD TO APRIL 24TH**

## Raise £20.26 in 2026!



We are excited to launch our 'Raise £20.26 in 2026' fundraiser!

Last year the students raised an incredible £3,745 for new playground equipment which will be installed over the May holidays.

**2KP won the class challenge, raising £608 in 2025 - Can your class beat it this year?**

**Each child will have a goal of raising £20.26 between 23rd March to 24th April.**

All children can take part if they wish, but there is no pressure to meet this amount.

They will be contributing towards their class total, making it a collective effort!

### Why are we doing this?

- To engage children in fundraising, teamwork, creativity, and school spirit.
- Funds will go towards even more playground equipment for our school.

### How does it work?

- Students can come up with ideas to raise funds, on their own or with friends.
- The challenge is for outside school hours, especially over the Easter holidays.
- Some ideas to get them started... sponsored silence, 26 random acts of kindness, 26 helpful chores around the house, 26 swimming lengths, 26 miles cycle, Help a neighbour with an odd-job for a donation: wash a car, water flowers, weed the front lawn; mini-garage sale to clear out old toys & books, Easter cupcake sale
- Children keep their own record to see if they've met (or exceeded!) their £20.26 target, as only class totals will be shared.
- The class that raises the most will win a prize (per person average, to account for different class sizes).
- Children can tell their teacher what fundraising activity they did as there will be a prize for the most creative fundraising.

### How to donate?

All donations will be cashless. If children raise cash, please can a parent collect it and make the online donation to your virtual class pot [here](#) or via QR code.

You'll be asked to login or register for a PTA account - which is used for all PTA events. Please note, the donation figure is editable, and you will be asked to add your child's name and class when checking out.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hijs/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=115260>



Thank you for your support!

Histon & Impington Brook Primary School PTFA



# KS1 updates

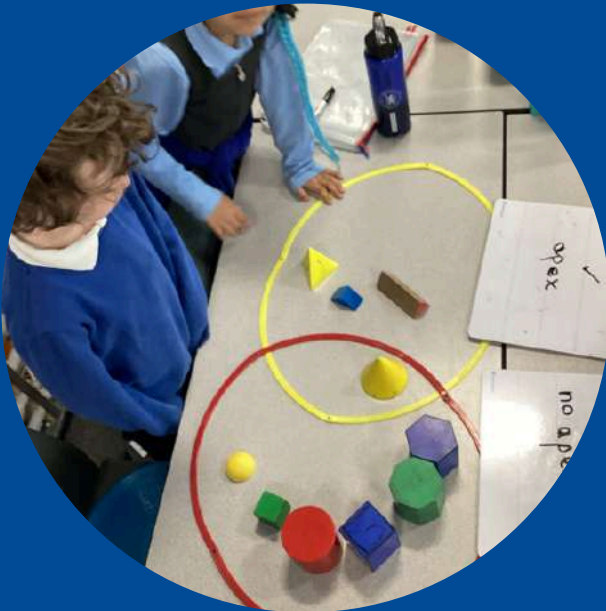
Year 1 - creating 3D flowers in art



Year 1 - Spring Walk



Year 2 - sorting 3D shapes



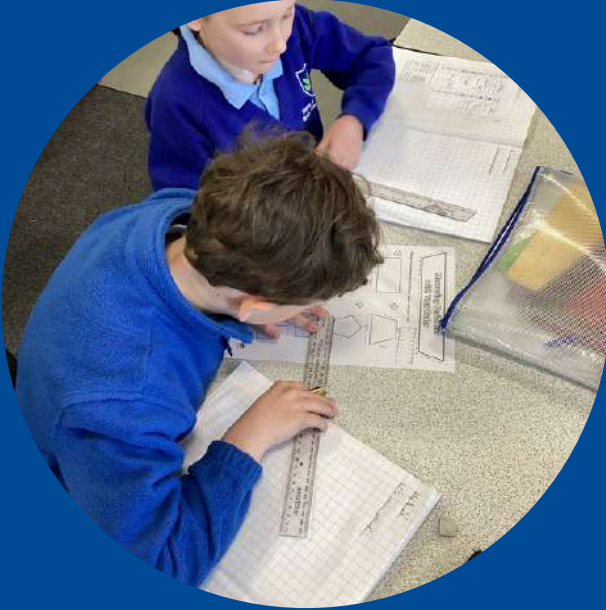
Year 2 - trading at the souk!





# KS2 updates

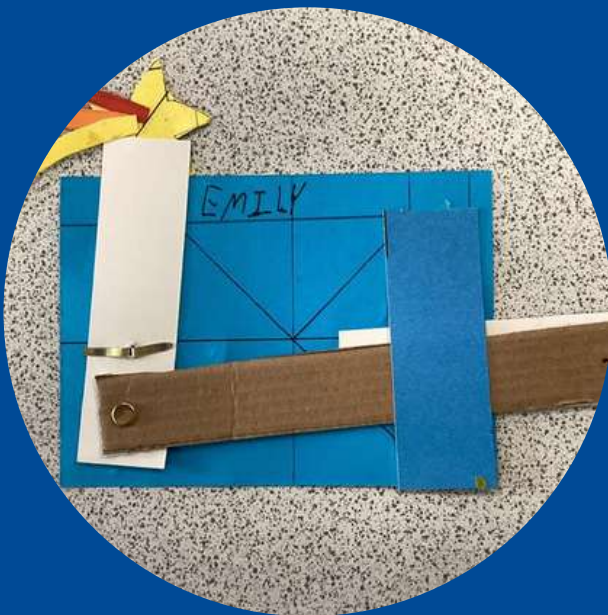
Year 3 - measuring in maths



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Year 4 - DT levers and linkage



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# KS2 updates

Year 5 – cricket in PE



Year 5 – performance poetry



Eco Team planting flowers!



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# Key Dates : Spring – Summer Term

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Year 4 – Chivers Walk and Trip</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Years 1,3 &amp; 4 Giant Journey – Virtual Reality Experience</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Year 3 Punting Trip</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mornings</b>	<b>Year 6 – SATs week</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>1.30pm – 4.30pm</b>	<b>Selected Students – Next Round– Bee Netball Tournament</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>£20.26 challenge PTFA Craft Stall</b>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Reception – Trip to Wicken Fen</b>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>4.15pm – 5.45pm</b>	<b>Selected Students Cambridge Maths Challenge Competition</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>School Sports Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9:00 am onwards</b>	<b>All Years – Class Photos with YEP</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Year 6 – Residential Trip to Grafham Water</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>7.45am – 4.30pm</b>	<b>Year 1 – Trip to Norwich Castle</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>7.45am – 4.30pm</b>	<b>Year 2 – Trip to Norwich Castle</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>3.30pm – 4.30pm</b>	<b>Reception – Open Classrooms for Parents to visit.</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>3.15pm–6pm</b>	<b>PTFA School Summer Fair</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June &amp; Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Year 6 – IVC Transition Days</b>



# Meridian Trust KS2 Music Competition

As part of the 2026 National Year of Reading, Meridian Trust are launching a competition linking music with storytelling. Research highlights that exploring stories through lyrics can be an effective way to re-engage young people with reading for enjoyment, as well as writing for pleasure.

This trust-wide competition invites KS2-4 students across all our schools to write, record and submit a song or a piece of instrumental music on the theme of 'Soundtrack your Story'.

Judging will take place in the summer term and there are prizes for the winning compositions. The secondary winning composition(s) will be performed at the Meridian Trust Arts Showcase in July.

**If your child is interested in entering, please complete the entry form on the next page.**

**This is YOUR chance to showcase your musical style**

Create an **original piece of music or write a song** inspired by a favourite story, reflecting a character, plot or scene, lasting 2-3 minutes.

Upload your composition in MP3 format with the entry form to: [soundtrackmystory@meridiantrust.co.uk](mailto:soundtrackmystory@meridiantrust.co.uk)

**ENTER by Friday 1st May 2026**

The winners will be showcased at  **Meridian Trust Arts Festival**

**£50 prize** for primary school winner  
**£100 prize** for secondary school winner

**GO ALL IN.**  
National Year of Reading 2026

# Soundtrack My Story Competition 2026:

## Entry Submission Form

**Compose an original piece of music** inspired by a favourite story. The music could reflect a character, plot or scene from the story, OR **write a song** inspired by a favourite story. The song should consist of at least two verses and a chorus and could reflect a character, plot of scene from the story.

Composition should last 2-3 minutes max

<b>NAME</b>	
<b>SCHOOL</b>	
<b>YEAR GROUP</b>	

*Please tick one of the boxes:*

Original music inspired by a story

**Original song inspired by a story**

<b>TITLE OF MUSIC/SONG</b>	
<b>INSTRUMENTS/VOICES USED</b>	
<b>TITLE OF STORY</b>	
<b>WRITTEN REFLECTION EXPLAINING CONNECTION TO STORY</b>	

Attach this form together with the recording of your composition or song in MP3 format to: [soundtrackmystory@meridiantrust.co.uk](mailto:soundtrackmystory@meridiantrust.co.uk)

**Submission Deadline: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

# DC SPORTS CLUBS!

**STARTING THE FIRST  
WEEK BACK AFTER  
EASTER!**

**THURSDAY - RUNNING  
CLUB: 8.00 - 8.40AM  
(YR 4, 5 & 6)**

**THURSDAY - MULTI  
SPORTS CLUB: 3.30 -  
4.30PM (YR 4, 5 & 6)**

**FRIDAY - RUNNING CLUB:  
8.00 - 8.40AM  
(YR 1, 2 & 3)**



DC Sports



Histon & Impington  
Brook Primary School

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# Your Outside School Achievements!

## Horseriding Hack

Sara went on her first hack while on holiday in Mousehole!

Well done Sara - what an adventure!



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*the twentieth edition*

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# *Children's Poetry Competition*

**NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES ON  
THE THEME OF GENERATIONS**

**OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 7-11 *in***

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**NORFOLK**

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

**BEDFORDSHIRE**

**HERTFORDSHIRE**

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**

**ESSEX**

**NORTHAMPTON**

*Submit your poems by*  
**MIDDAY ON FRIDAY 24TH APRIL**

**FIND OUT MORE AT [LATITUDEFESTIVAL.COM](http://LATITUDEFESTIVAL.COM)**



HIBPS PTFA

# STIR FUNDRAISER

*Sip, Shop & Support - Our Fundraising Scheme is Back!*

We've partnered with Stir Histon for a fantastic fundraising opportunity! From Monday 9th March to Sunday 19th April, simply show your PTFA card when you visit Stir Histon and 10% of your purchase will be donated directly to our school's fundraising pot - at no extra cost to you.

## HOW IT WORKS

- **Show your card on arrival** - present your card (or the photo of it below on your phone) when you arrive at the café, not when you pay at the end.
- **Shop as normal** - there's no discount, but 10% of everything you purchase goes straight to the PTFA.
- **Use Click & Collect too!** - the scheme also works with Stir's Click and Collect service. Simply write 'Histon and Impington Brook PTFA' in the notes at checkout.

## KEY DETAILS

- **Where:** Stir Histon branch only
- **When:** Monday 9th March – Sunday 19th April 2025
- **Card:** Physical copy or a photo on your phone (see image below) — both are accepted



THANK YOU FOR  
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PRIMARY SCHOOL

10% of your Stir Histon purchase will be donated to the Histon and Impington Brook PTFA. Just show this card in store upon arrival, or add a note saying "Brook PTFA 10%" when ordering Click & Collect.



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# REGULAR GIVING

No time for bake sales?

Here's the thing- our PTFA helps fund a range of enriching activities and projects. From new books your kids love, to amazing playground equipment, subsidising school trips that create memories and more.

However, we can only do it with your help. The good news? If you're time-poor but still able to give, then a regular donation is an easy way to contribute.

£10/month = less than two fancy coffees. But 50 families doing it = £6,000/year for our kids. They'll benefit from it. Everyone wins.

## PAYROLL GIVING

Tax-efficient: £10 a month costs you only £8 (just £6 for higher rate taxpayers)

**Charity name:** Histon and Impington Brook Primary School Parent-Teacher-Friends Association  
**Charity number:** 268870

On board? Click this [link](#) to get started

## STANDING ORDER

Set up a standing order to:

**Account number:** 43091589  
**Sort code:** 20-17-20  
**Bank:** Barclays  
**Account name:** Histon and Impington Brook School PTA  
**Ref:** Your name

Email [hijpspta@gmail.com](mailto:hijpspta@gmail.com) a [Gift Aid form](#) so we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated.

# Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter April 2026

## A Bit About Me

Hi, my name is Jurate Trumpickiene, I'm your school's link EIFA. As an EIFA I offer advice and strategies to parents and carers with a Primary School aged child that may be experiencing some challenges such as routines, sleep, sibling rivalry, challenging behaviour, worries or self-esteem. If you'd like a chance to chat about any of these topics, just contact me on the details below.

## Parenting Top Tips

A **visual timetable** can help your child to understand the structure and activities of the day. Click the link to create your own visual timetable: [Visual Timetable cards.pdf](#)

**Special time** is a daily interaction with your child that is child led, it doesn't need to be a long period of time, it can be just 10 mins. Playing with your child helps to build a warm relationship and a strong attachment between family members, it also helps to develop a child's communication and social skills. Your child will learn to problem solve, test out their ideas and allows time to explore their imagination.

**Praise**, make sure you acknowledge and praise your child, catch them doing the right thing and praise them, using descriptive language such as "I liked that you shared your colouring pens".

**Emotion Coaching**, emotion coaching supports emotional literacy, which means to recognise and understand feelings. You can help your child by doing activities together to practice develop their emotional literacy.

**Feelings thermometer**, this can help your child to identify how they are feeling.

**Storytime reflection**, after reading a book ask your child how they think the character felt and what would they do in that situation.



## Activity Idea

If you are looking for a fun free way to get outside this Easter with your children, click the link below to download an Easter Nature Scavenger Hunt, this activity gets you all outdoors in the fresh air:

[Easter Nature Scavenger Hunt Color](#)

## Another Resource

The Easter HAF Programme will run from 30 March to 10 April 2026. Easter eligibility codes will be issued on 2 March 2026. The HAF team will assist with code and eligibility queries from this date. The Provider Directory will be available via a link on this page. [Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Cambridgeshire County Council](#) Bookings are open now.

Information and Practical Tips to help support you and your child during the time of school transitions.

[www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/getting-ready-to-start-primary-school](http://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/getting-ready-to-start-primary-school)

[How Parents Can Help With Secondary School Transition | YoungMinds](#)

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? **Pinpoint** ([www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk)) have lots of information, advice and tips. For **Cambridgeshire's Local Offer** go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer)

Contact me directly on 07767048838 or

✉ [Jurate.Trumpickiene@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Jurate.Trumpickiene@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)  
<https://forms.office.com/e/MK4VD8wiFt>



# Histon & Impington VILLAGE YARD SALE!

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30 – 14.30



To Sign Up To Sell, Email:

[histonandimpingtonyardsale@gmail.com](mailto:histonandimpingtonyardsale@gmail.com)

**£2 per residence to sign up**

Buyers can email above to receive a  
PDF map for the day.

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