

17th July 2026



Histon & Impington
Brook Primary School

HIBPS Newsletter



Headteacher update

Dear Families,

We have made it to the end of another successful school year! Thank you to all our children, families and staff for your positivity and support throughout the year. We are incredibly fortunate to be part of such a wonderful school community. As the year draws to a close, we also have some farewells to mark. We wish Miss Horton every success as she leaves her role as a Teaching Assistant to begin an exciting new adventure at university. Thank you for all your hard work and contribution to school life, Miss Horton, and good luck with the next chapter.

After nine years at HIBPS, we are also saying farewell to Miss Bond, a much-valued member of our SEND team. She has made a significant contribution to our school and will be greatly missed by both children and colleagues. We are extremely grateful for her commitment and dedication over the years and wish her every happiness and success for the future.

It is also time to say goodbye to a fantastic cohort of Year 6 pupils. Time and again, they have demonstrated just how kind, hardworking and enthusiastic they are. Their final performance of School of Rock showcased their talent, confidence and teamwork brilliantly. They will be missed, but we look forward to hearing about all they achieve in the years ahead.

Our training days will take place on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September and we look forward to welcoming children back to school on Thursday 3rd September.

Have a wonderful summer break!

Richard Bakker
Headteacher



Meridian
Trust



School News:

Thank you to our Year 5 Play Leaders!



Thank you to all our Year 5 Play Leaders this year, who have done an amazing job ensuring there is always a game to play and someone to play with on our playgrounds.

We really appreciate all your hard work and the positive difference you have made at playtimes throughout the year.

School News: Year 2 - Travelling Tuba





School News: Thank you from PTFA!



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PTFA

Target amount raised!

**With your help over the last two
academic years we have hit our
target, raising
£20,000
towards new permanent
playground equipment**

This has been made possible through fundraising from events, activities, sponsorships, grants and donations from parents, carers, friends and our local community.

Plans for the equipment are being finalised and it is currently planned to be installed on the school field by early in Autumn Term. Watch this space for updates.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, helped and donated to the PTFA, you can see your support is making a difference to our school.



KS1 updates

Year 1 – Sukahs in World Views



Year 1 – musical art work – making sea creatures



Year 2 – patterns and turns



Year 2 – Travelling Tuba





KS2 updates

Year 3 – puppet theatre



Year 3 – puppet theatre



Year 4 – painting



Year 4 – painting





KS2 updates

Year 5 – making Caribbean salad



Year 5 – a magic visitor



Year 6 – making graduation surprises for our Reception buddies

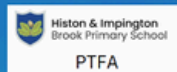


Year 6 – Spending time with our buddies





PTFA NEWS



Histon & Impington Brook PTFA's COLOUR RUN!

Saturday 12th September

14:00 - 16:00

HI Brook School Field

Book your tickets:
bit.ly/4hbXAfO

Early bird discount:
£5pp / £20 family ticket (up to 5 people)

Adults and children over 3 years old from the HI Brook School community can all participate. (Spectator-only attendees do not need a ticket.)



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PTFA Committee

🏠💰 ***Could you have a Colour Run promotion board outside your house?*** 🏠💰

Cambridge Estate Agents Carter Jonas has generously offered to sponsor our Colour Run in September via boards promoting the event.

They will be designing & erecting property-style boards (in the style of a "For Sale" sign) to promote the event to the wider village community. The School's PTFA will receive a sponsorship amount for each board displayed.

The boards will remain in place for approx. 10 days and Carter Jonas will erect and dismantle the boards. The PTFA will keep in touch about logistics once we know all the addresses that are taking part.

If you would be happy for a board to be displayed outside your home, please email your name and address to the PTFA Committee via: hijsppta@gmail.com by 7th August.

🏠💰 Thanks in advance for taking part - we appreciate your support! 🏠💰



HISTON & IMPINGTON BROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

MEET THE PTFA AND AGM

**Wednesday 7th October
7.30pm for 7.45pm start**

At Tawa Lounge, Histon

Join us for a drink and our PTFA AGM.

**Hear about the impact that fundraising has on
school projects, share ideas for this year's activities
and meet our friendly PTFA Committee.**



HIBPS PTFA

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SKIN BETTING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

'Skin betting' is the term used when players gamble using virtual in-game items, such as weapon 'skins' or character cosmetics. Although these items appear purely decorative, some can hold significant real-world value. Research suggests that children as young as 13 have engaged in this type of betting, often on sites with limited age checks or safeguards, blurring the line between gaming and gambling.

UNREGULATED PLATFORMS

Skin gambling typically takes place on third-party websites that are not licensed or regulated. These platforms often lack age verification, making them easily accessible to children. By linking their gaming accounts, users can deposit skins, place bets, and withdraw winnings as cash or higher-value items – often without adults being aware these activities are happening.

REAL-WORLD VALUE

Skins may look like simple cosmetic upgrades to in-game items and characters, but some are worth hundreds or even thousands of pounds. They can be traded or sold on online marketplaces, meaning they function much like real money. When young people bet with skins, they are risking items of genuine financial value, even if no physical cash is exchanged directly.

INFLUENCER PROMOTION

Some gaming influencers and streamers have promoted skin betting sites in their content. This can make the behaviour appear normal or even desirable, potentially encouraging younger audiences to engage in these activities without fully understanding the risks involved.

SOCIAL STATUS PRESSURE

In games such as Counter Strike: Global Offensive (CS:GO) and Fortnite, rare skins can act as status symbols. Young players may feel the pressure to own high-value items to fit in with peers. This can lead them to take risks – such as using gambling sites – to obtain desirable skins, similar to how branded goods can influence behaviour offline.

LIMITED OVERSIGHT

Skin betting can take place both in-game and on external websites that parents and educators may not be familiar with. Because skin betting does not always resemble traditional gambling, it can go unnoticed until significant losses have occurred, in both items or money.

GATEWAY BEHAVIOURS

Skin betting mirrors many aspects of traditional gambling, including chance-based outcomes, reward systems and excitement. Early exposure to these mechanics can normalise betting behaviours before children and young people even reach legal gambling age. Research indicates that this may increase the likelihood of developing unhealthy habits later, particularly if early wins create a false sense of control or skill.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UNDERSTAND IN-GAME ITEMS

Familiarise yourself with the games young people are playing and learn whether they include tradable or sellable items. Titles like CS:GO and Rust are known for skin marketplaces, but similar systems are increasingly common across games.



LOOK FOR WARNING SIGNS

Be alert to changes in behaviour, such as secrecy around gaming, a strong focus on acquiring specific skins, or a sudden loss of in-game items. These could indicate involvement in skin gambling and provide an opportunity to start a conversation about it.



DISCUSS VALUE AND RISK

Help children and young people understand that cosmetic items like skins can carry real-world value. Explain that losing them through betting is comparable to losing money, therefore reinforcing the connection between in-game actions and real financial consequences.



USE CONTROLS AND SAFEGUARDS

Make use of parental controls and platform settings to restrict trading, purchases, and access to external websites. Where possible, disable marketplace features on games and monitor young people's account activity to reduce the risk of unauthorised transactions.



Meet Our Expert

Nathan David is Head of Foundation and Programme Lead for Esports Coaching at the University Campus of Esports.

Bubba Gaedert is a Senior Lecturer and Head of Events at the University Campus of Esports, as well as President and Co-Founder of the Videogames and Esports Foundation.



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Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Summer Holiday Support

Would you like support from the EIFA team around parenting issues such as challenging behaviour, sibling rivalry, routines, sleep or anything else?

Then book onto one of your online group workshops covering a specific topic. Or book a 1:1 online drop-in session to discuss your individual need. Drop-in sessions are 30 minutes each.

Workshops:

Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings	Tuesday, 4 August 2026, 10:00-11:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Event Powered by Teams or	
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry	Wednesday, 12 August 2026, 14:00-15:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Event Powered by Teams or	
Sibling Rivalry	Thursday, 20 August 2026, 10:00-11:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Event Powered by Teams or	

Drop-ins:

1:1 Drop-ins 30 minute individual sessions	Friday, 7 August 2026, 10:00 – 14:45	Book onto a drop-in session at: EIFA drop ins August 2026 or via 
1:1 Drop-ins 30 minute individual sessions	Monday, 10 August 2026, 10:00-14:45	
1:1 Drop-ins 30 minute individual sessions	Thursday, 20 August 2026, 10:00 – 14:45	

If you have any questions about our support, or the EIFA service in general, please contact earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Your Outside School Achievements!

We love seeing your fabulous achievements outside of school!

Please e-mail the office at office@brookprimary.co.uk if you have any achievements you would like to celebrate with everyone!

Please say if you and your child are happy for it to go in the Newsletter, in the school Celebration Assembly or on the Celebration Wall, or any combination of these.

Well done Advika!



We are so delighted to share that Advika has been named the national winner of the Number Heroes competition for the Early Years category!

The judges selected her entry based on the following criteria: (1) The most imaginative picture, showing great effort (2) The most creative uses for numbers. Number Heroes competition | National Numeracy

We were recently contacted by British Science week regarding the prizes for Advika. This package contained:

- a tote bag of prizes for Advika
- a tote bag of books for the school/library!

We would like to convey our heartfelt gratitude to the school and parents for extending their support to vote online for Advika. We are excited that Advika's prize is going to the school's library

We are very grateful to the teachers for highlighting this competition for National Numeracy Day; your encouragement really inspired her

Your Outside School Achievements!

Fantastic Work
Kornelija!



Well done Kornelija, for doing a local litter pick.
We are loving your hard work and dedication.
Well done!



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DC SPORTS Holiday Club



DC Sports

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Join us for
summer
football fun!

Histon & Impington
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9:00am - 15:30pm

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Mon 3rd Aug - Thurs 6th Aug

£30 PER DAY

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