

20th March 2026



Histon & Impington
Brook Primary School

HIBPS Newsletter



Headteacher update

Dear Families,

Wherever possible, please avoid driving down to the school. If it is necessary to do so, we ask that you drive slowly and take extra care to ensure the safety of our pupils, families and neighbours. The School Streets team are continuing to develop plans to create a safer route for pupils as they arrive and leave school.

On Thursday, Year 2 had a wonderful time on their trip to the Cambridge Science Centre. The children loved exploring the five senses through a range of hands-on activities and the tasting element was a particular favourite! The visit linked brilliantly to their current learning on the Human Body.

Some of you may have spotted our excellent cyclists around the village this week. Year 5 pupils have been taking part in the Outspoken Bikeability programme, which helps them develop the skills and confidence needed to cycle on local roads safely.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our EYFS and KS1 children to Movie Night this evening! They'll be settling in to watch Madagascar and enjoy popcorn and refreshments - a lovely way to end the week.

Thank you,

Richard Bakker
Headteacher



Meridian
Trust



School News – Year 2 Trip to The Cambridge Science Centre

On Thursday, Year 2 visited the Cambridge Science Centre and had an amazing time.

We took part in a workshop all about the five senses, where we especially enjoyed tasting different liquids – although the sour one was quite disgusting! In the gallery, we explored a wide range of exciting exhibits. Our favourites included creating light trails, racing cars and making helicopters to launch in the wind tunnel.

A big thank you to the Cambridge Science Centre and the PTA for sponsoring this fantastic trip – we loved every minute of it!

Miss Burns and Miss Piper



School News – Year 1 Visit from Hain Celestial

On Monday 16th March, Year 1 had an exciting visit from Hain Celestial.

The children were able to taste a sample of their new product, Potato & Vegetable Rainbow Shapes!

There were two different flavours to try and the children were asked to give feedback on the smell, texture and taste of the products. The children really enjoyed trying the delicious new products and sharing their opinions, which may even be used to shape the production of Hain Celestial's future products!

Miss Regan and Miss Peterson



Year 3 Egyptian Dance Displays

March 2026

This week, our fantastic Year 3 children delighted audiences across the school with their Ancient Egyptian dance performances. Drawing on their learning, they created expressive motifs inspired by key aspects of Ancient Egypt, including hieroglyphics, pharaohs, mummification, and traditional customs.

The children thoughtfully incorporated a range of compositional devices, such as partner work and varied levels, to enhance their performances and bring their ideas to life.

A huge well done to all of Year 3 for delivering such an engaging and uplifting showcase, what a wonderful achievement!



School News - Year 3 Egyptain Dance Display



UPCOMING EVENTS – Next Week

Big Walk and Wheel – Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the next week!



 Walk Wheel Cycle Trust Headline sponsor
SCHWALBE 

**We're taking part in the
Big Walk and Wheel
2026 challenge.**

*Join in by walking,
wheeling, scooting or
cycling to school
between 16 - 27 March.*

- Be active and feel more energised
- Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- Help us win some fantastic prizes

www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk

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Cycle Trust



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Info sheet

16 - 27 March 2026

Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.



Big Walk and Wheel challenge

Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert, and is great for their mental wellbeing. This year the challenge will run from 16 - 27 March 2026.

It is free and easy to take part in Big Walk and Wheel. You can register your school for the challenge from January 2026 at www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk



How it works

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school.

A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leader boards will receive an exclusive Big Walk and Wheel certificate.



Prizes and badges

All schools will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards if over 15% of your school takes part on each day of the challenge. Prizes up for grabs include accessories and equipment to help your school travel actively. All schools that participate in Big Walk and Wheel will also have the opportunity to earn virtual badges.

In 2025,
4,550kg
of nitrogen oxide
avoided as a result
of the 10-day
challenge*

In 2025,
2,880
tonnes
of CO₂ avoided as a
result of the 10-day
challenge*

In 2025, pupils at
2,024
schools made
2,840,575
journeys to school by
foot, wheelchair,
scooter and cycle

*Based on the assumption the journeys logged in the challenge would otherwise have been made by car.

Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children and staff wearing their school P.E. kits and raising money for a very worthwhile cause by being active. Lessons have been interrupted during the day by dance routines and fun runs! The whole of KS2 assembly even took part in the Macarena!

Donations can still be made via our Brook and Park joint JustGiving Page using the QR code.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hilton

RED NOSE DAY



Histon & Impington Brook Primary School PTFA
PRESENTS

 **£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 - counting game



Year 1 - Bringing algorithms to life



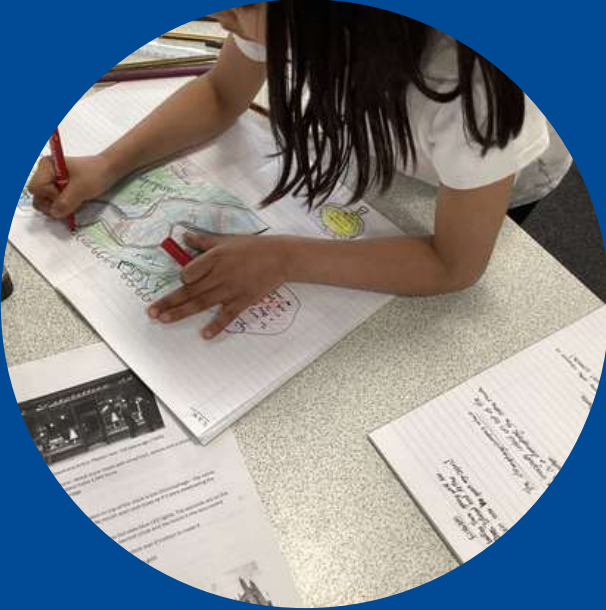
Year 2 - exploring polygons on geoboards Year 2 - acting out Battuta's journey





KS2 updates

Year 3 - creating maps of Cambridge



Year 3 - measuring



Year 4 - exploring fractions



Year 4 - dancing outside





KS2 updates

Year 5 – subtracting fractions



Year 5 – Bikeability



Year 6 – peer editing in the sun



Year 6 – sketching our eyes



VACANCY In MERIDIAN TRUST:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/139087/EDV-2026-HAIBPS-59634>



Key Dates : Spring – Summer Term

Date	Time	Event
Monday 16 th March - Friday 27 th March	Everyday	Big Walk and Wheel
Monday 23 rd March	9.30am-10.30am	Year 4 – Geography Field Trip Walk
Tuesday 24 th March - 10 th April		3AS – Parents Consultation Bookings go live on MCAS
Tuesday 24 th March	6–6.30pm	Year 6 – Grafham Information Evening for Parents and Carers – <i>At Park Primary School</i>
Wednesday 25 th March	TBC	Year 5 – Trip to see the Lion King in London
Tuesday 14 th April & Wednesday 15 th April	3.30pm >	3AS – Rescheduled Parents Consultation Evenings
Wednesday 15 th April	3.30pm>	Year 1 – Phonics Screening Information Evening for parents
Monday 20 th April	TBC	Year 4 – Chivers Walk and Trip
Tuesday 21 st April	TBC	Years 1.3 & 4 Giant Journey – Virtual Reality Experience
Friday 27 th March	9.30am – 12.50pm	Yr 6 Dancers- InterSchool Dance Competition – Comberton Village College
Monday 11 th May - Thursday 14 th May	Mornings	Year 6 – SATs week
Tuesday 19 th May	9:00 am onwards	All Years – Class Photos with YEP
Monday 1 st – Wednesday 3 rd June	TBC	Year 6 – Residential Trip to Grafham Water Centre
Friday 12 th June	3.15pm–6pm	PTFA School Summer Fair
Monday 22 nd June & Tuesday 23 rd June	TBC	Year 6 – IVC Transition Days



Key Dates :

**Tuesday 24th
March 6:00pm**

YEAR 6

GRAFHAM WATER TRIP INFORMATION EVENING

We are holding a HIPPS and HIBPS joint information evening for parents/carers at Histon and Impington Park Primary School.





PTFA NOTICES

Thanks to your kind donations, our preloved uniform stock is full to the brim! We will now pause receipt of uniform donations to allow us to sell our existing stock. Our next uniform sale will take place after the Easter holidays 😊





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
SUPPORTING
HI BROOK
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.



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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE TRENDS ENCOURAGING VIOLENCE

7 out of 10 teens report seeing violent content on social media, with over half of that content featuring fights involving young people. Most don't 'seek' it but are shown it through social media feeds or messaging groups. 91% of young people involved in violence have seen violent social media content. Viral trends, challenges, or 'wars' that are spread online risk encouraging violence offline, while real-world incidents may also be recorded and promoted online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALGORITHMIC EXPOSURE

Social media platforms are designed to keep users engaged, meaning dramatic or extreme content can spread widely and quickly. Algorithms often recommend content that reflects users' past interactions. As a result, young people may see more violent material if they have viewed, commented on, or shared it before. Repeated exposure can make violent content appear frequently in their feeds without them fully understanding why.

WEAPONS AND CRIMINAL RISK

Teens exposed to high levels of real-world violence on social media sometimes report feeling an increased need to carry a weapon for 'self-protection'; however, carrying a weapon increases the risk of victimisation (harm and injury by others) for young people. In addition, carrying a weapon is a serious offence that can lead to police arrest and a criminal record.

SHARING VIOLENT CONTENT

Encouraging or assisting an offence is a crime in the UK, including via social media, and can lead to arrest. This means sharing, forwarding, or reposting violent content carries a risk for young people too. Showing examples of content to a trusted adult is appropriate, but young people should take care not to further spread violent material by posting it online or sharing it within large messaging groups.

FEAR, ANXIETY, AND MARGINALISATION

Research shows young people's emotional wellbeing can be negatively impacted by repeated exposure to violent online content, especially when it depicts 'real-world' violence (as opposed to fictional depictions in games or films). Posts featuring weapons, threats, attacks, and fights – or content that appears to glamorise gang activity – can increase feelings of anxiety or fear among young people. Material that encourages violence targeting people because of their identity, such as their nationality or religion, can also create disproportionate harm for children belonging to those groups.

AVOIDANCE AND ISOLATION

Real-world violence on social media can increase young people's belief that their local communities – or the 'outside world' more generally – are unsafe places. This can result in avoidant and isolating behaviours, which may negatively affect their wellbeing. As well as feeling fearful of others, teens also report feeling judged for spending time together in large groups, which may affect their social interactions and leisure time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay alert for updates from police, schools, or local authorities, and follow the advice provided. Be cautious about unofficial accounts, fake content, and misinformation, which can spread quickly online or in chat groups. Ensure you get accurate information from trusted sources and encourage young people to do the same. Remind them never to share violent content online and to speak to a trusted adult instead.

DISCUSS SOCIAL MEDIA

Encourage young people to talk about the content they see online and the effect it can have. This can be an opportunity to discuss topics such as misinformation, AI-generated material, the attention economy, and algorithms, helping them understand how and why extreme content can spread online. Explore tools available to block, report, and remove harmful content, and signpost where to get support and advice, such as reportharmfulcontent.com.

TALK CRIME AND SAFETY

In most of the UK, the age of criminal responsibility is 10 (12 in Scotland). This means there can be serious criminal consequences for carrying a weapon, taking part in violence, or filming or sharing violent content. Discuss the law with young people alongside practical safety strategies. Ask questions such as: "What could you do if you feel unsafe?" Work together on action plans and remind them they can contact a trusted adult or the police if they witness or experience violence.

ENCOURAGE POSITIVE ACTION

Focus on strengthening young people's positive experiences both online and within their local communities. Discuss strategies to reduce negative social media effects, such as time limits, unfollowing certain accounts, or taking breaks from apps. Encourage offline activities such as spending time with friends, visiting local places, and taking part in hobbies that bring them joy, purpose, and connection. Remind them they can seek support with any concerns at any time via childline.org.uk.

Meet Our Expert

Dr. Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading UK expert in media law, online safety, and young people. Her PhD investigates youth understandings of criminal and legal risks in a digital context. She works in schools to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal, and ethical considerations of rapidly advancing technologies.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

See full reference list on our website



Our 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.

Mahi – Gymnastics Super Star!



**Mahi wanted to share her latest gymnastics competition.
We are very proud. She came:**

**1st on the vault
4th on the bars
5th on the beam
6th on the floor
3rd Overall**

**Well done Mahi!
What an amazing achievement!**



Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter March 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 discuss any of these topics, please complete our service consent form via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/MK4VD8wiFt>

Top Tips

Parenting top tip Whattodowhenchildrenargue



Children often argue because they haven't yet learned emotional regulation skills. Helping them practise calm-down techniques during non-stressful times makes it more likely they'll use them during conflicts. **Examples to teach:** taking a deep breath; stepping away from the argument briefly, using a "calm voice", saying what they need instead of blaming. If appropriate think about allowing for some negotiation and choice. For example: 'Would you like to do your homework before or after tea?' 'You can tidy up by yourself or I can help you.' 'Would you like to have your screentime in the morning or the afternoon?' Children do get told what to do quite a lot, and some (especially those who are strong willed) like to feel that they have some control and offering choices helps with that. ([Incredible Years programme-click the book for more](#))



Activity

We have had a lot of rain lately! Adults often see it as an inconvenience don't they, but looked at through a child's eyes it can be fun. So next time it's raining why not put your waterproofs on and head outdoors. Here's an idea that might appeal to your little ones.

Start a raindrop orchestra



Take some different objects outside to see what sounds the rain makes when it falls on them. Try different-sized saucepans or raid your recycling for foil containers and empty tin cans. Can you hear heavy drumming, a soft pitter-patter or pretty tinkling sounds? Try to create as many different sounds as possible and make some raindrop music.

Check out some more ideas here: [50 things to do before you're 11½ | Kids | National Trust](#)

Pinpoint Cambridgeshire is hosting its Annual Conference 2026 on Tuesday 10 March at The Burgess Hall, Stives (9:30am–2:15pm).

The free event is open to parent carers, parents, guardians and relatives of children and young people with SEND or additional needs (diagnosed or not), as well as professionals supporting SEND families.

Created by parent carers, for parent carers, the conference offers a calm, inclusive and flexible programme, with short workshops on topics including sleep, autism, sensory needs, benefits, education, trauma-informed practice and employment. A Marketplace of local services will be open for most of the day, alongside sensory workshops running throughout. The event is designed to help families feel supported, informed and less alone. **Free booking:** www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/events

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? **Pinpoint** (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

Contact me directly on 07767048838 or



Jurate.Trumpickiene@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

The EIFA team would like to present our newly updated workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues for February and March.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

Supporting Your Child with Sleep	Tuesday, 24 February 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Managing Challenging Behaviour	Thursday, 26 February 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings	Tuesday, 3 March 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Sibling Rivalry	Thursday, 12 March 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Digital Safety	Tuesday, 17 March 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry	Tuesday 24 March 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	

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

MathsFit



HOLIDAY CLUB
is coming to Histon Brook
Primary School

**SCHOOLS OUT SO COME AND
JOIN THE FUN AT MATHSFIT!**

- Boost maths confidence
- Burn energy
- Make friends
- Have FUN

Wednesday 8th April

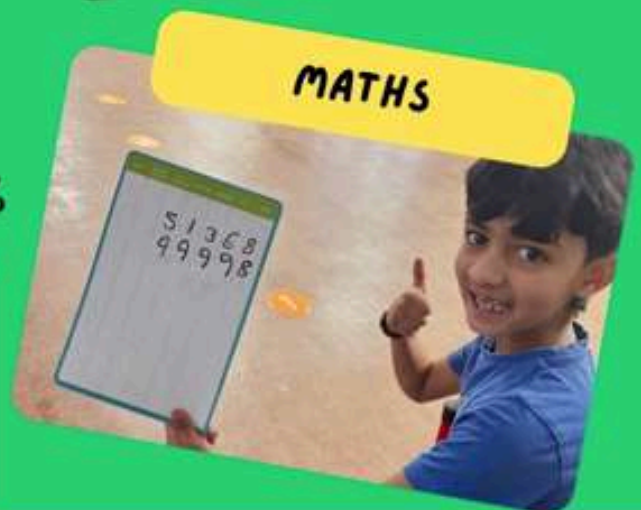
9am-3.30pm

Open to years 1-5

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