

22nd May 2026



Histon & Impington
Brook Primary School

HIBPS Newsletter



Headteacher update

Dear Families,

Our apologies for the cancellation of Sports Day earlier this week due to the weather. We understand how much the children were looking forward to the event and we share in their disappointment. We very much hope that conditions will improve and allow us to go ahead with our reserve Sports Day on **Monday 29th June**.

This week, our Year 4 and 5 pupils took part in workshops led by the RNIB, raising awareness of visual impairments. The children participated excellently throughout the sessions and it was particularly encouraging to see them exploring what the world might be like for others during their own breaktimes, where they engaged in activities designed to simulate visual impairment.

As always, the summer term is a busy and exciting time for the school. After half-term, Year 6 will be heading off on their residential trip to Grafham Water, while pupils in Years 1 and 2 will be visiting Norwich Castle.

The weather this half-term looks set to be glorious and we hope that you are all able to enjoy it and make the most of the sunshine. Please note that there is no training day immediately after half-term; our next training day will take place on **Friday 19th June**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1st June.

Thank you,

Richard Bakker
Headteacher



Meridian
Trust



School News – Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Event

Eight of our girls represented the school brilliantly at the Year 3/4 football event in St Ives yesterday, playing an impressive seven matches back-to-back without a break!

They made an excellent start, winning their first three games, and demonstrated great resilience and determination throughout the morning. After a series of closely contested matches, they finished just outside the top three.

I am extremely proud of their effort, teamwork, and the positive spirit they showed from start to finish.

Well done, girls!

Mr Carminati





School News – Year 4 and 5 Visit from the RNIB

This week, Year 4 and 5 welcomed two visitors from the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB). Becki and Michael led engaging workshops, helping the children to understand what it is like to live with visual impairment and how we can support those who are blind or partially sighted in everyday life.

The sessions were excellent and the children asked thoughtful and insightful questions throughout. It was particularly inspiring to hear from Michael, who shared his personal experiences of losing his sight at the age of 13 and spoke about his academic work, including his PhD, as well as his active lifestyle. He also explained some of the adaptations that support him in daily life and offered practical advice on how to assist those with visual impairments.

Overall, it was a highly thought-provoking and valuable experience for the children.



Who is RNIB?

R N I B
See differently

We're the Royal National Institute of Blind People.

We help people who are blind or partially sighted and we also support their families.

If you know someone who might need our help, you can find us online, by searching [RNIB.org.uk](https://www.rnib.org.uk)



R N I B

See differently

How to guide someone:



- Introduce yourself.
- If you are going to guide them, ask them how they like to be guided.
- Tell them about kerbs and steps as you approach them and say whether they go up or down.
- Don't walk away without saying you are leaving!



Take an action!

R N I B

See differently

We would love it if you would commit to taking one or more of the following actions to make a positive difference in the lives of people with sight loss:

- ☐ **Spread the word:** I'll tell my family and friends what I learned today.
- ☐ **Push my chair in:** I will push my chair in when I leave the table.
- ☐ **Bikes:** I will remember to park my bike safely.
- ☐ **Bins:** I'm going to remind my family to bring their bins in.



Year 6 need your help!



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Year 6 pupils will be running some of their own stalls at our Summer Fair and are keen to organise a 'Toiletry Tombola'. If you have any unused or unwanted toiletries that you would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful if these could be brought to the school office.

Thank you for your support!



School News

A Call for Chess Sets



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We are looking to set up a Key Stage 2 Chess Club and would really appreciate help from our school community.

If you have any spare chess sets at home that you would be happy to donate, please leave them at the school office.

Thank you very much for your support.



KS1 updates

Year 1 – headbands for Samba music



Year 1 – problem solving with chalk



Year 2 – geography learning



Year 2 – setting up shops to learn about money!





KS2 updates

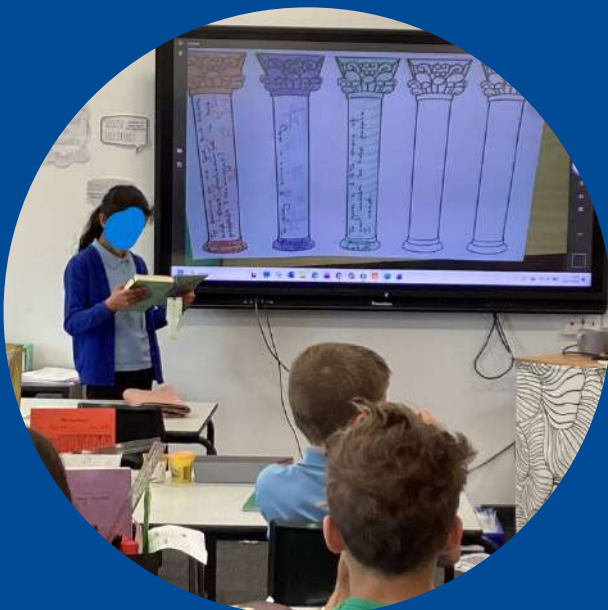
Year 3 – artistic pieces from foraging



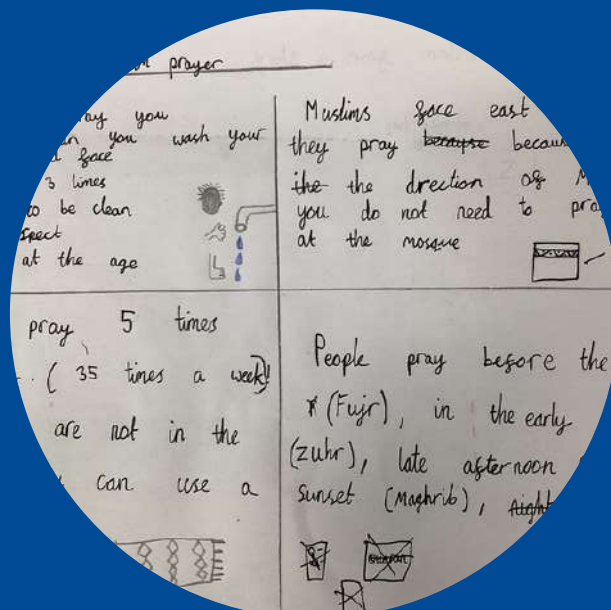
Year 3 – learning about The River Cam



Year 4 – The Second Pillar of Islam



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KS2 updates

Year 5 – Testing our rockets in Science



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Year 6 – auditioning for the Year 6 play



Year 6 – Meridian Maths Day investigation





Key Dates : Summer Term

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 1st - Wednesday 3rd June	3 days	Year 6 - Residential Trip to Grafham Water
Tuesday 2nd June	7.45am - 4.30pm	Year 1 - Trip to Norwich Castle
Wednesday 3rd June	7.45am - 4.30pm	Year 2 - Trip to Norwich Castle
Wednesday 10th June	2.30pm	IVC Students - P.E Session
Friday 12th June	3.15pm-6pm	PTFA School Summer Fair
Monday 15th - Thursday 18th June	Every Day	All Years - Science Week
Tuesday 16th June	3.45pm-4.15pm	New Reception 2026 - Stay and Play Session
Monday 15th - Thursday 18th June	Every Day	All Years - Science Week
Monday 22nd June & Tuesday 23rd June	TBC	Year 6 - IVC Transition Days
Tuesday 23rd June	9.15am - 10.15am / 10.30am - 11.30am	New Reception 2026 - Small group play session
Thursday 25th June	6pm onwards	New Reception 2026 - New Parent / Carers Information Evening
Thursday 2nd July	TBC	Selected Students East Cambs Hub - Arts Showcase Event
Thursday 9th July	9.30am - 10.55am	Year 6 - Performance to KS1
Wednesday 8th July	9.15am - 10.15am / 10.30am - 11.30am	New Reception 2026 - Play sessions
Thursday 9th July	1.45pm - 3.15pm	Year 6 - Performance to Parents



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Thursday 9 th July	1.45pm – 3.15pm	Year 6 - Performance to Parents
Thursday 9 th July	6pm – 7pm	Year 6 - Performance to Parents
Friday 9 th July	9.30am – 10.55am	Year 6 - Performance to KS2
Thursday 16 th July	TBC	Year 6 - Leavers Event

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JOIN US FOR THE PTFA

SUMMER FAIR

PRE-ORDER TOKENS FROM
3:30PM 12 JUNE 2026
THE PTA EVENTS WEBSITE

[HTTPS://PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/HIJS](https://pta-events.co.uk/hijs)

CLASS STALLS

RAFFLE

BAR

ICE CREAM VAN

SNACK STALLS





Can you volunteer for a 30-minute slot on our Summer Fair stalls on Friday 12th June?

We need volunteers between 2pm - 6.30pm to set-up, run and take down the stalls.

We're also looking for volunteers to set-up from 10am on the day, putting out tables, setting-up gazebos and helping to decorate. Even 30mins helps.

Please fill out the form to grab your preferred time slot.

Having lots of volunteers means we can run games, activities and snack stalls. Your help is appreciated.

**Sign-up for your slot here:
bit.ly/4nDqalg**

Thank you!



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PTFA Committee



***Summer Fair - item donation requests ***



Can you help our Summer Fair by donating these items?

Item donations:

- **Teddies and cuddly toys** (in decent condition!) for our Adopt-a-Teddy stall. Please drop off any teddies in the box at the School Office between Monday 1st and Thursday 11th June.
- **Small party-bag-style items** (in decent condition!) for prizes for our games stalls. Please drop off in the box at the School Office between Monday 1st and Thursday 11th June.

Thanks in advance - we appreciate your support!

New Token System for This Year's Summer Fair

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to share that this year's Summer Fair will be running on a new token system to make things simpler, safer, and more fun for everyone.

How it works:

- Instead of cash at each stall, children will use token cards (each token = 50p).
- Token cards will be available in £5 (10 tokens) and £2.50 (5 tokens) versions.
- Tokens can be pre-purchased online, bought in the playground during the week before the Fair, or on the day at one of our token stations.
- Most games and stalls will cost 1 token per go (some may offer more than one go per token!).
- Snack foods from Class stalls (from £1 per item) and soft drinks from the Bar will be available using either tokens or cash/card.
- The raffle, alcoholic drinks and external food trucks will remain cash or card only.

Why the change?

- No need for parents/carers to carry change on the day
- Speeds up queues and keeps things simple for volunteers (no need for floats on stalls)
- Helps us track and manage Summer Fair income more efficiently and safely

What you need to do:

- Go to our [PTA Events website](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hijs) to pre-purchase token cards (www.pta-events.co.uk/hijs)
- You'll also be able to buy tokens on certain days in the week before the Fair (more info coming soon)
- Bring your token cards with you on the day and have fun!

Thank you for your support. The Summer Fair is lots of fun and the money raised really helps to support the school!

Warm wishes,
The PTFA Team



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 MINECRAFT

As the best-selling game in history, Minecraft has made a name for itself by empowering audiences of all ages to harness their creativity. Originally an indie hit, it's become a cultural phenomenon with merchandise, spin-off titles, and wider media adaptations. Even if you don't know your Creepers from your Endermen, this guide will explore the risks of Minecraft in 2026 and explain how to support a safe gaming experience for the children in your care.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVER COMMUNICATION

Many players enjoy Minecraft with others, including friends and unknown players online. In-game text chat is commonly used to coordinate building projects and gameplay, and this can extend to adding friends to voice chat. While often harmless, this creates risks around contact with strangers, and in some cases server hosts may expose IP addresses (if hosting independently), which raises privacy and security concerns.

GRIEFING BEHAVIOUR

Some players deliberately damage or destroy other players' creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying that can undo hours of effort and cause frustration or distress to affected players. Although many servers treat griefing as a serious offence, enforcement varies. Children who prefer to build independently may feel safer working on private worlds or controlled servers.

ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY LOOPS

Minecraft's creative focus can make it easy for players to lose track of time. The cycle of gathering resources and building projects can be highly engaging, which may challenge agreed screen-time limits. If not managed effectively, this can impact children's sleep, schoolwork, and real-world social interaction.

SCARY GAME ELEMENTS

Although often compared to digital construction toys, some gameplay modes include hostile creatures with unsettling sounds and sudden encounters. While there is no graphic violence, younger players may still find zombies, spiders, or dark environments frightening. These experiences can lead to anxiety or reluctance to play, depending on the child's age and sensitivity.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Minecraft requires a one-off purchase after a free trial, usually around £15, but additional spending is possible. Players can buy cosmetic content or subscribe to Minecraft 'Realms' for private servers. Without supervision, children may make unintended purchases. Subscription services and add-ons can also increase overall costs over time if not monitored.

ONLINE INTERACTIONS

Playing with others can introduce broader online safety concerns, including exposure to inappropriate language or behaviour. Some players may attempt to move conversations beyond the game, which can increase risks to children's safety and welfare. Children may not always recognise these situations, meaning guidance and ongoing conversations about safe interactions are essential.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE SUITABLE GAME MODES

Creative or Peaceful modes remove hostile creatures and reduce the pressure during gameplay. These options allow children to focus on building and exploration without fear of attack. They are also ideal for shared play between adults and children, creating a calmer environment to learn the game and enjoy collaborative projects.

USE PRIVATE SERVERS

Setting up a private server helps control who can join a child's game. Access can be limited to trusted friends through passwords or invitations. This reduces the likelihood of unwanted interactions and gives adults greater oversight. While some options involve a subscription fee, they offer a safer and more controlled multiplayer experience.

DISCUSS ONLINE STRANGERS

Children should understand that not everyone they meet online is who they claim to be. Clear guidance about not sharing personal information is essential. Encourage children to report any worrying or uncomfortable interactions and reassure them that they can seek help without fear of punishment. Open, ongoing conversations help build their confidence and awareness of these issues.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Agree on clear rules around purchases before letting children play, and use device settings or platform controls to restrict spending within agreed limits. Explaining that in-game currency uses real-world money can help children make informed decisions. Regularly reviewing purchases together can also prevent unexpected costs and encourage responsible behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes spent 7 years in games media, before moving into the games industry via PR and marketing. A parent himself to a Minecraft-loving son, he understands why it's so important to stay safe online.



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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.

Football Achievement



Alex would love to share his recent football achievement.

Last weekend, Alex's team competed in a tournament and achieved their best result yet. Although they fell just short of the semi-finals, Alex contributed to the team by scoring and assisting a few goals, as well as being a solid defender. As a member of a team that has been through a lot and overcome so many challenges in these few years, Alex is incredibly proud of them.

Successful Camp Out - Well done girls!



On 9th May 2026 Eirini, Monica and Charlotte camped out as part of a fundraising event for the charity War Child.

The event was called H&I Kids Camp for Kids in Gaza – War Child

The girls have already raised over £500! which is an incredible amount! There is still time to donate if you'd like to here is the link to the fundraising page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/eirinicampout4warchild>





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THE FIRST WEEK BACK!**

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