

27th March 2026



Histon & Impington  
Brook Primary School

# HIBPS Newsletter



## Headteacher update

Dear Families,

Year 5 had a fantastic day in London this week, enjoying a sunny picnic among the tulips at Victoria Embankment Gardens before being blown away by the stunning costumes, music and staging of The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre.

Today, Mrs Norman accompanied a very enthusiastic group of KS2 dancers to a local dance showcase at Comberton. After weeks of dedicated practice, we're delighted to hear that they came in 1<sup>st</sup> place! A brilliant achievement!

Our Year 1 children thoroughly enjoyed sharing the fantastic work they've been doing in their dance lessons this term, performing a super dance showcase for their parents and carers. Well done, Year 1!

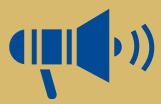
This week, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Morris, who has been a valued member of the Brook team for the past nine years. We are deeply grateful for her hard work, dedication and commitment to our children. Thank you, Mrs Morris – we wish you every success and happiness in your new adventures beyond school life.

We wish you all a wonderful spring break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 13th April**.

Thank you,  
Richard Bakker  
Headteacher



Meridian  
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# School News – Year 5 Trip to The Lion King

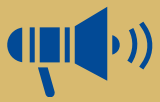
On Wednesday, our Year 5 children headed to London for an exciting day out!

We began with a picnic in the beautiful Victoria Embankment Gardens, where the tulips were in full bloom and –much to our surprise – the sun even made an appearance.

After lunch, we walked to the Lyceum Theatre for a spectacular performance of The Lion King. The show was truly breathtaking. From the powerful music to the stunning costumes and the incredible attention to detail in the animal designs, the production captivated everyone from start to finish.

A big well done to all the children for their enthusiasm and brilliant behaviour throughout the day. Also, a huge thank-you to all our parent/carer volunteers that came along with us. It was a memorable experience for us all!





# School News – Year 6 Dance Competition Winners!





### **4FS Dance Displays**

**March 2026**

Class 4FS captivated audiences across the school with a striking contemporary dance performance, showcasing both creativity and technical skill. Working collaboratively in pairs, the children explored a range of choreographic devices, including partner relationships, varied levels, and contrasting dynamics, to create thoughtful and expressive motifs.

The final pieces reflected not only their growing confidence as performers but also their ability to compose and refine movement with care and imagination. It was a pleasure to see such focus, teamwork, and artistic flair brought to life.





**Year 5 Fairground Rides & Machines Dance Display  
March 2026**

This week, 5EP delighted audiences across the school with a vibrant and imaginative dance performance inspired by fairground rides and machinery.

Working collaboratively in groups, the children choreographed their own routines, bringing a variety of fairground attractions to life. They explored a range of compositional techniques, including dynamics and levels, to add interest and excitement to their performances. Watching the dances was truly captivating, it felt as though we had all been transported to a bustling fairground!

As part of their creative process, pupils also considered how machines work, using pushes, pulls, and coordinated movements to represent cogs and mechanical systems within their choreography.

A huge well done to everyone in 5EP for their creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm, what a fantastic performance!





We're excited to let you know that tickets for our upcoming School Disco are now available to book!  
The disco will take place on Friday 17th April, with separate sessions for different year groups:

- **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!

**Tickets can be booked here:**  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hijs/>

The ticket price includes a drink and a snack for each child.  
Please note that ticket sales will close one week before the event, so we encourage you to book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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

# Big thank you!

**We would like to say a huge thank you this week to Grant Andrews who is a parent at our school and whose company is called Dunad Therapeutics Ltd who are a drug company looking for cures for nasty diseases.**

**Grant has kindly donated an amazing screen for us to use in school. This is a wonderful addition for us and we are very grateful that we were thought of.**



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 – seedling dance performance



Year 1 – performance poetry



Year 2 – painting still life compositions



Year 2 – painting 3D shapes





# KS2 updates

Year 3 - painting imaginary cities



Year 3 - painting imaginary cities



Year 4 - observational drawing of plants



Year 4 - local fieldwork





# KS2 updates

Year 5 - at The Lion King!



Year 5 - at The Lion King



Year 6 - measuring in Newtons



Year 6 - measuring in Newtons



# Poisson D'Avril – 1<sup>st</sup> April

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the Easter holidays, it is the French day Poisson D'Avril on April 1st (their version of April Fools Day). It is a fun festival to learn about and maybe join in with!

Here is a video all about it: [Poisson d'avril April Fool's Day in French | Get the Full Pack Free on Lingobox](#)

As well as a video of funny videos: [Poème : Poésie du poisson d'avril](#)

Watch out for fish on your backs!!

Mme Cole



## **VACANCY IN MERIDIAN TRUST:**

Teaching Assistant – Brook Primary School

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

## **Vacancy in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Teaching School Hub (CPTSH) –**

Vacancy for a Training Co-ordinator.

Term time only plus 10 days.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/136580/EDV-2026-SVC-61196>



# Key Dates : Spring – Summer Term

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Across those dates	3AS - Parents Consultation Bookings live on MCAS
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Year 5 & 6 Open Classrooms for Parents to visit.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April & Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30pm >	3AS - Rescheduled Parents Consultation Evenings
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30pm>	Year 1 - Phonics Screening Information Evening for parents
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	5.30pm - 6.30pm	Years 3 & 4 - PTFA - School Disco
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	6.45pm - 7.45pm	Years 5 & 6 - PTFA - School Disco
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	TBC	Year 4 - Chivers Walk and Trip
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	TBC	Years 1.3 & 4 Giant Journey - Virtual Reality Experience
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Mornings	Year 6 - SATs week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	1.30pm - 4.30pm	Selected Students - Next Round- Bee Netball Tournament
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	TBC	Reception - Trip to Wicken Fen
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00 am onwards	All Years - Class Photos with YEP
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	TBC	Year 6 - Residential Trip to Grafham Water
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	7.45am - 4.30pm	Year 1 - Trip to Norwich Castle
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	7.45am - 4.30pm	Year 2 - Trip to Norwich Castle
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Reception - Open Classrooms for Parents to visit.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	3.15pm-6pm	PTFA School Summer Fair
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June & Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	TBC	Year 6 - IVC Transition Days



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DC SPORTS

# EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

DC Sports will be running Football  
Holiday Clubs at Histon &  
Impington Brook Primary School  
during the Easter Holidays!

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
9.00am - 3.30pm: £30  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
9.00am - 3.30pm: £30  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
9.00am - 3.30pm: £30

[BOOK NOW](#)

[www.dc-sports.co.uk](http://www.dc-sports.co.uk)



DC Sports



# 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



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**BOOK NOW!**

**WWW.DC-SPORTS.CO.UK**



# Your Outside School Achievements!

## National Primary School Cross Country Finals

We wanted to share a few photos from last weekend, when Felicity joined Leah, Nicholas, and Charlie from Year 4 in representing Brook Primary as part of the Meridian Trust Team at the National Primary School Cross Country Finals. It was a glorious and unexpectedly warm day, and the children performed exceptionally well on a large, quite hilly course.

Felicity did brilliantly, finishing 101st and only narrowly missing a top-100 place. A big thank you to Mr Newman and Mr Carminati for all their planning and support!



# National Primary School Cross Country Finals



Charlie and Nicholas with their medals and well deserved big smiles!

Nicholas finished 65th (in 6 minutes 47 seconds), and Charlie was 88th out of 140 Year 4 boys (finishing in 6 minutes 57 seconds). The standard of competition was extremely high – they were competing against the very best runners in the country! They both loved the experience! and everyone is very proud of them!

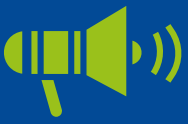


# National Primary School Cross Country Finals



Anna and Mila, enjoying a well earned rest after also competing in the National Primary Cross Country !

A huge well done to everyone who took part!



# Cheerleading Award



Peggy-Sue recently joined a Cheerleading Group and has already achieved her level 1. Her confidence has grown so much in such a short space of time – as well as her abilities! We are very proud of her achievement and she is proud of herself too!



# Rainbow Bronze Award



Advika is happy to share that she earned a Rainbow Bronze Award at Girl guiding last week. Everyone is really proud of her achievement.

Well done Advika!

## Your Outside School Achievements!

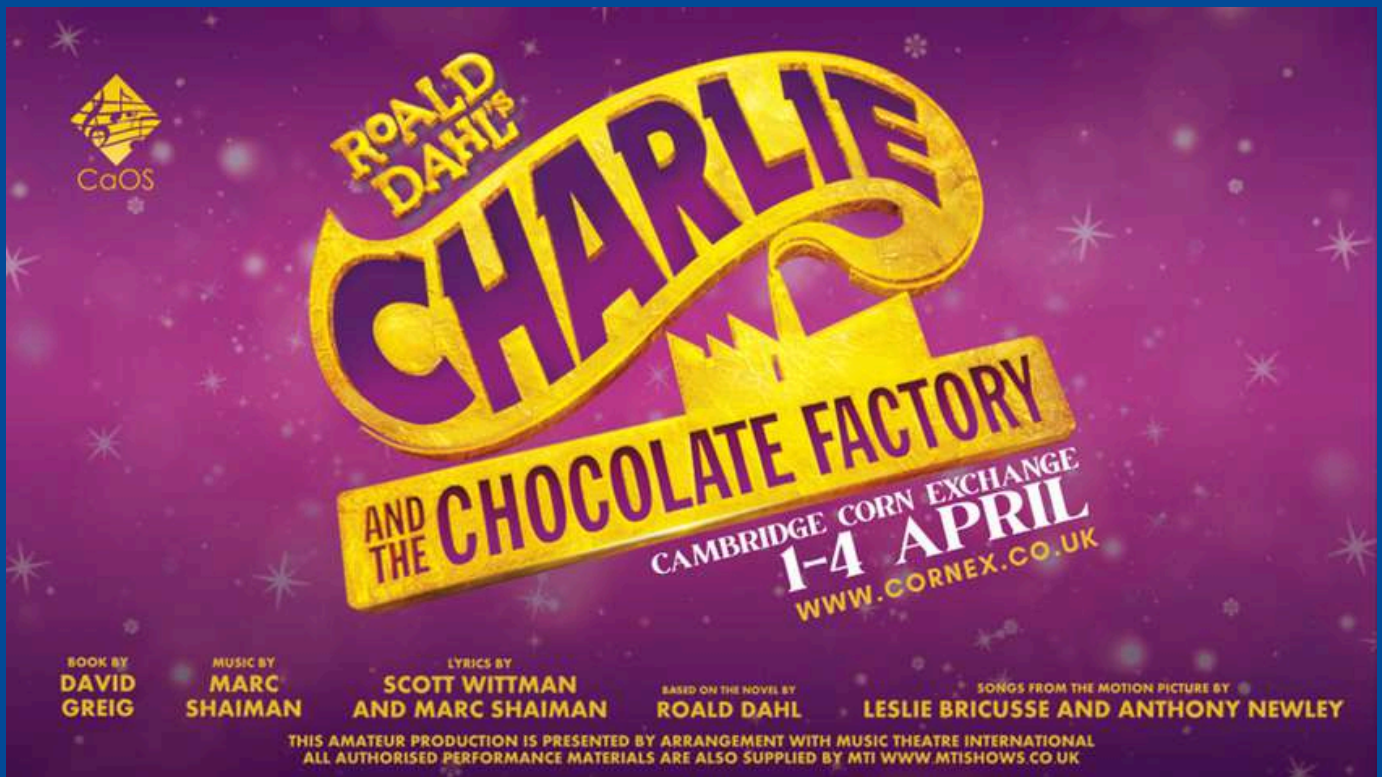
We love seeing your fabulous achievements outside of school!

Please e-mail the office at [office@brookprimary.co.uk](mailto: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.



# Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Well done Charlie!



**If you're searching for an Easter holiday treat for the family, look no further than the Cambridge Corn Exchange this April. Cambridge Operatic Society (CaOS) is throwing open the factory doors for six performances of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory from 1st–4th April, including matinees across the run.**

A professional creative team has crafted a production of ambition and polish, brought to life by a cast of Cambridge talent. Young performers and experienced adults share the stage, and the result is warm, committed, and thoroughly engaging.

**Charlie Blackmore, a former Brook Primary Student, is playing Mike Teavee on the Wednesday & Friday evening and Saturday matinee performances.**

Few writers travel across generations quite like Roald Dahl. Grandparents who devoured his books as children passed them to their own kids, who are now doing the same, each generation falling for the same anarchic humour, the same gloriously villainous characters, the same quiet belief that kindness and goodness win in the end. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory sits at the very heart of that legacy, and seeing it live together is something rather special.

**Grab your tickets before the Golden Tickets run out.**

**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 1 – 4 April (matinees on Friday and Saturday),  
Cambridge Corn Exchange.**

To book tickets: [www.cornex.co.uk/events/charlie-and-the-chocolate-factory#ticket-overview](http://www.cornex.co.uk/events/charlie-and-the-chocolate-factory#ticket-overview)

CaOS website: [www.cambridgeoperatic.co.uk](http://www.cambridgeoperatic.co.uk)

CaOS email: [info@cambridgeoperatic.co.uk](mailto:info@cambridgeoperatic.co.uk)

Box Office phone number: 01223 357851



# Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Well done Charlie!



Charlie is performing on the evening of Wednesday 1st, Friday 3rd and the matinee on Saturday 4th April .

**We wish him all the best!**

Tickets are still available if you're interested





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# 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.