

2nd October 2026



Histon & Impington
Brook Primary School

HIBPS Newsletter



Headteacher update

What another lovely week we have had! The beautiful weather has provided lots of opportunities for the children to take their learning outdoors. It was a real joy to see our Year 1 and Year 2 children enthusiastically exploring the school grounds and hunting for bug habitats, particularly in our forest area.

This week also saw the start of our School Streets initiative. We have been delighted by the positive response from parents and carers and the difference the initiative is making to creating a safer environment around the school entrance at drop-off and collection times.

We also had a very exciting trip to Comberton Village College, where a group of children took part in a Team Building Challenge. They tackled a range of activities that tested their teamwork, problem-solving skills and perseverance.

The children were fantastic, approaching every challenge with enthusiasm and a brilliant attitude. They were a real credit to the school.

The only question remaining is who had the most fun, the children or Mr Carminati!

A reminder that bookings for Parents'/Carers' Evening open tonight at 6:00pm. We look forward to welcoming you into school to discuss how your wonderful children have settled into their new classes, their attitude to learning and the progress they have made so far this term.

Thank you,

Mr Bakker and Mrs Inman



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School News – A Huge Harvest Thank you!

Thank you so much to all our families for the wonderful donations to Jimmy's as part of our Harvest learning. It has been lovely to see our school community come together to support others. Your generosity will help make a real difference to people in need, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.



School News –Safer Streets Scheme

As you know, our Safer Streets scheme started this week, which means the road leading to the school is closed from 8:25am–9:00am and 3:00pm–3:40pm. We are so grateful to our volunteers who are manning the barrier and helping to ensure that our families can enter and leave the school as safely as possible.

We have had many positive comments from parents so hopefully you are seeing a positive difference to your journeys in the morning. As we have said previously, if you are able to help at the barrier, either regularly or on an ad. hoc. basis, please contact the school office with your availability. We were particularly grateful this morning to two of our lovely parents who stepped in and took over from Mrs Inman after dropping their children off at school. Their help was very much appreciated.



 **School News – TTRS Competition Next Week!**
Are you ready?



MERIDIAN AUTUMN

DATE:

05.10.2026 - 09.10.2026

TIME:

07:00 - 19:00

*** ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE ***
*** PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE ***
*** THE WINNING CLASS**
*** WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT**
*** ANSWERS PER PUPIL ***
*** ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR**
*** FULL DETAILS AND RULES ***



Learning Times Tables

Learning times tables is important because it helps children calculate quickly and confidently and develops strong number sense. Knowing multiplication facts fluently makes more complex maths much easier because children can focus on solving the problem rather than working out basic facts. Regular practice also improves accuracy, confidence and efficiency, providing a strong foundation for future maths learning.

Information about how to support your child to learn times tables facts and a parent/carers guide to Times Tables Rock Stars can be found on our school website in the 'Our Curriculum', 'Subjects' and 'Maths' section or you can use this link

<https://www.brookprimary.co.uk/maths>



School News – We need Your Vote



WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

Could you spare 15 seconds to help us win a fantastic set of inclusive books for our children?

The Inclusive Books for Children (IBC) charity is giving away a Golden Book Box, packed with wonderful books that celebrate diversity, inclusion and representation. One lucky school will win the public vote... and we'd love that school to be Histon!

How to vote:

Click on this link: [IBC Golden Book Box | IBC](#)

Select "Vote for your school"

Type Histon into the school search box

Select our school when it appears

Click the ❤️ to cast your vote!

Every vote counts, so please help us spread the word by sharing with family and friends. Together, we can bring even more amazing books into our school for all children to enjoy.

Thank you for your support!



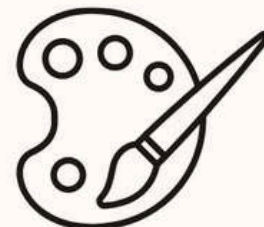
Key Dates : Autumn Term

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
Wednesday 7th October	7.30pm	Meet/Join PTFA and AGM - Tawa Lounge
Thursday 8th October	All Day	All Years - Flu Vaccinations
Monday 12th October	All Day	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - UK Day
Wednesday 14th October	Morning	Selected students - Cross Country Competition - Wimpole
Thursday 15th October	9am	EYFS - Curriculum Information Presentation to Parents
Monday 19th October	All Day	Year 4 - Roman Day
Monday 19th October	3.30pm-6pm	All Years - Parent Consultations - Pre-booked slots
Tuesday 20th October	All Day	Year 3 - Roman Day
Tuesday 20th October	4pm-7.30pm	Year 6 - Open evening at IVC
Wednesday 21st October	3.30pm-6pm	All Years - Parent Consultations - Pre-booked slots
<i>Friday 23rd October</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Teacher Training day - School Closed</i>
<i>Monday 26th October -Friday 30th October</i>	<i>All Week</i>	<i>Half Term Holiday - School Closed</i>
Saturday 31st October	All Day	Year 6 Appllcation Deadline for Year 7
<i>Monday 2nd November</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Teacher Training day - School Closed</i>
Tuesday 3rd November	3:20pm - 3.45pm	Year 1 - Open Classrooms for Parents and Carers.
Wednesday 11th November	2.30pm-3.15pm	Year 4 - Showcase Event
Friday 13th November	All Day	All Years - Children in Need Day
Wednesday 18th November	2.30pm-3.15pm	Year 3 - Showcase Event
Thursday 19th November	8.15am-4pm	Years 5 & 6 - Visit to Bletchley Park



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<i>Friday 27th November</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Teacher Training Day - School Closed</i>
Tuesday 1st December	3.30pm - 4pm	Reception Open Classrooms
Friday 11th December	All Day	Christmas - Dinner / Jumper Day / Santa Dash
Monday 14th December	9.30am	Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 - Christingle
Wednesday 16th December	9.30am - 10.30am	Year 1 - Nativity Performance
Thursday 17th December	9.30am	Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 - Christingle
Monday 18th - Thursday 21st January	TBC	Year 5 - Bikeability
Thursday 4th February	TBC	Reception - Visit from Little City
Thursday 4th February	2.30pm - 3.15pm	Year 5 - Showcase
Monday 1st March	All Day	Year 6 - Year 7 Places - Offer Day
Thursday 4th March	All Day	World Book Day Celebtrations
Wednesday 24th March	2.30pm-3.15pm	Year 2 - Showcase
Monday 26th April	9:30 - 11:30am	Year 6 and Reception - NCMP Measuring Programme
Thursday 6th May	TBC	Reception - Wicken Fen Visit
Thursday 20th May	2.30pm - 3.15pm	Reception - Showcase
Wednesday 26th May	KS1 - 9.30-11am KS2 - 1.30-3pm	School Sports Day
Frioday 18th June	TBC	School Summer Fair
Wednesday 7th July	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 7th July	5.30pm - 6.30pm	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 14th July - Friday 16th July	All Days	Year 6 - Grafham Residential Trip
Tuesday 20th July	TBC	Year 6 - Leavers Event



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OPEN DAYS

FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN
STARTING RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2027.

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2026 9.30AM-10.30AM

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2026 9.30AM-10.30AM

TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2026 6.00PM-7.00PM

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2026 9.30AM-10.30AM

TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2026 9.30AM-10.30AM

PLEASE EMAIL: OFFICE@BROOKPRIMARY.CO.UK
OR PHONE: 01223 712192 TO BOOK A PLACE!



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PTFA

Could you be our Events Co-ordinator?

We're looking for a volunteer to oversee our annual programme of events and fundraising activities - can you help?

What's involved?

- Coordinate the PTFA's annual event schedule, inc agreeing event activities, setting dates & supporting each event's lead organiser volunteer.
- Contributing new ideas to our events plan with support from other PTFA members & school staff.
- Help the Comms Co-ordinator with promoting events to our school community.

You'll be supported by the PTFA Committee, Social Media Manager, Comms Coordinator and event volunteers.

Time commitment

Approx. 4 hours per half term and joining PTFA meetings (usually 2 x termly on a Wednesday evening at Tawa, Histon).

How to get involved

If you've got the skills to help, please email: hjspta@gmail.com

Thank you



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Could you be our Comms Co-ordinator for Events?

We're looking for a volunteer to design and promote communications about our events to our parent & carer community.

What's involved?

- Design posters & write WhatsApp messages and emails to promote our events schedule to our parent/carers community.
- Send a weekly event poster update to the School Office for the school newsletter.
- Co-ordinate promotion schedule of events to support the Events Co-ordinator and Social Media Manager.

You'll be supported by the PTFA Committee and event volunteers.

Time commitment

Approx. 4 hours per half term. You're welcome to join PTFA meetings too (usually 2 x termly on a Wednesday evening at Tawa, Histon).

How to get involved

If you've got the skills to help, please email: hjspta@gmail.com

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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 DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(with a 12+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord 'Nitro', a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the 'Shop' for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert

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THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
2026

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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.