

5th June 2026



Histon & Impington
Brook Primary School

HIBPS Newsletter



Headteacher update

Dear Families,

What a busy week it has been! We have certainly launched the second half of the summer term with an action-packed start. On Monday, our Year 6 children packed their bags and set off for an exciting three-day, two-night residential at Grafham Water. During their stay, they embraced a wide range of outdoor activities including sailing, canoeing, climbing, archery, orienteering, den building and stand-up paddleboarding. It was a truly fun-filled experience and the children showed fantastic enthusiasm and teamwork throughout.

Meanwhile, our Year 4 pupils have been working incredibly hard as they complete their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Their commitment and perseverance have been fantastic to see - well done, Year 4, we are very proud of you all!

Our Year 1 and 2 children also enjoyed a wonderful trip to Norwich Castle this week as part of their History learning. They explored life in a castle, climbed up to the battlements and took in the spectacular views across Norwich. It was a memorable and enriching experience for all.

On Thursday, our Reception children delighted two audiences - first their Year 6 buddies and then their parents and carers - with a magnificent minibeast-inspired performance. They were absolutely superb and we were incredibly proud of each and every one of them. It's safe to say there were a few emotional moments for both families and staff!

Looking ahead to next week, on Tuesday, 5EP - winners of the £20.26 PTFA Challenge - will receive their well-deserved prize when an ice cream van pays a special visit to school. The van will be in the school car park at the end of the day and for every purchase made, 15% will be donated to the PTFA. We hope many of you will come along to enjoy a treat and support this great cause.

Thank you,

Richard Bakker
Headteacher



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School News – KS1 Trip to Norwich Castle

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Key Stage 1 enjoyed their exciting trip to Norwich Castle – and what a brilliant experience it was!

We were warmly greeted by Catherine and Jack the Rat Catcher, who helped bring history to life. The children took on important roles in preparing for the King's visit by sweeping, dusting and setting the table. They also used their imagination to create a story for the King and worked together to help Jack the Rat Catcher search for a missing ring.

In the afternoon, we climbed up to the battlements and looked out across Norwich – everything seemed so tiny below us! The children sketched fascinating artefacts in their sketchbooks and enjoyed their delicious packed lunches.

Year 2 also experienced an unexpected fire alarm, but everyone remained calm and sensible, following instructions carefully. Our guide, Steve, explained that dust from their building work had triggered the alarm. Thankfully, we were able to return inside quickly and continue our visit.

After a busy and memorable day, we travelled back on the coach – tired but happy. What an exciting and unforgettable trip! We are now looking forward to writing and sharing our recounts of the day.





School News – Year 6 Grafham Water Residential Trip

Year 6 began the week with an exciting residential visit to Grafham Water Centre in Perry. We were joined by children from Histon and Impington Park Primary School, giving pupils a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and form new friendships.

After an initial tour to familiarise themselves with the site and expectations, the children quickly immersed themselves in an impressive range of activities. These included sailing, canoeing, bushcraft, orienteering, archery, stand-up paddleboarding, climbing and the high ropes—there truly was something for everyone to enjoy and challenge themselves with.

One of the standout highlights, as shared by many of the children, was the delicious food! The centre certainly kept everyone well-fed and energised for the busy days.

Staff from both schools were incredibly impressed by the children's behaviour, positivity and resilience throughout the trip. Their fantastic attitudes ensured that everyone had a memorable experience – one that will stay with them for years to come.



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School News – British Science Week Poster Competition – Please vote for Advika in Reception before Sunday!

The Popular Vote [here on Facebook](#), with all our runners-up from each age and competition categories including Advika!

Thank you for entering the 2026 British Science Week Poster Competition! We had a lot of fantastic entries this year with so many creative approaches to our theme on what children and young people think will make a 'good'/'positive' childhood in the future!

The judging panel for the poster competition have been hard at work, and our winners have been chosen. The standard of the posters was very high this year and every judge commended the posters for their creativity and imagination. All our final judges had several favourites, so we have posted runners-up from each age and competition categories, and they have been entered into our Popular Vote here on Facebook.

So, it's time to get voting! Vote for your winner by clicking 'Like' on the poster of your choice. Each 'like' is one vote for the Popular Vote category this year. You have until 5pm on Monday 8 June to have your say, so don't delay!

The Popular Vote [here on Facebook](#), with all our runners-up from each age and competition categories including Advika!

Congratulations and good luck to all our finalists! The winners of the competition and the Popular Vote will be contacted directly and announced later in June on our website and our Education newsletter.

Best wishes,
British Science Week Team





Year 6 need your help!



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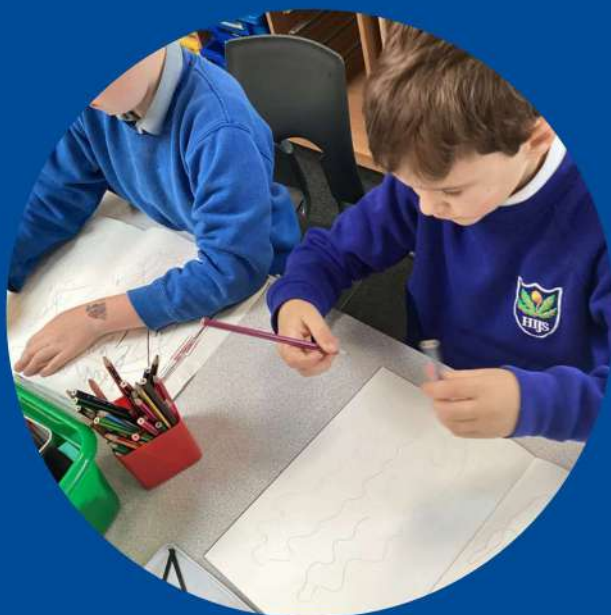
Year 6 pupils will be running some of their own stalls at our Summer Fair and are keen to organise a 'Toiletry Tombola'. If you have any unused or unwanted toiletries that you would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful if these could be brought to the school office.

Thank you for your support!



KS1 updates

Year 1 – exploring Art and Music



Year 1 – exploring sensory ocean habitats



Year 2 – planting sunflowers



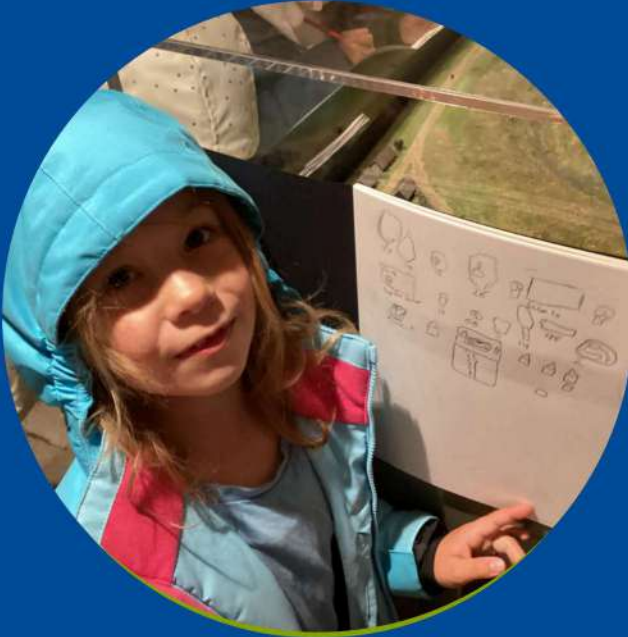
Year 2 – planting sunflowers





KS2 updates

Year 2 – Norwich Castle trip



Year 2 – Norwich Castle trip



Year 4 – exploring light and shadow



Year 4 – exploring light and shadow





KS2 updates

Year 6 – building dens



Year 6 – enjoying archery



Year 6 – ready to canoe



Year 6 – about to climb





Key Dates : Summer Term

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
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
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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)

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- ♥ Wine Case – Saffron Development
- ♥ Family Ticket to Cambridge Science Centre
- ♥ Hamper from Hill Residential
- ♥ Gin House Flowers Bouquet
- ♥ Histon Station House Gift Voucher
- ♥ 9holes of Electric Golf at the Tivoli
- ♥ Week-long Cambridge Kids Club Voucher

- ♥ HMC Framing Voucher
- ♥ Half Day Holiday Club Voucher – The Little Gym
- ♥ Required Time goodies
- ♥ One holiday club session – The Outdoor Project
- ♥ Free Pilates Class Pass – R3FORM Eddington
- ♥ Ultimate activities camp – One Day Voucher

- Raffle ticket booklets will be sent home from **1st of June**.
- Tickets are £1 each – full details are on the booklets.
- Please return tickets & payment to the School Office by
Thurs 11th June to be entered into the draw.
- Winners will be drawn at the PTFA Summer Fair, but you don't
need to be at the draw to enter.
- Winners will be notified via email after the event.

Any questions please email: hijsppta@gmail.com

Teddies needed!

for Teddy Tombola at
the Summer Fair



Please drop off pre-loved cuddly toys in
decent condition to the box at the school
office by Thursday 11th June



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!

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

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorly and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like Polyline and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.



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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.



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