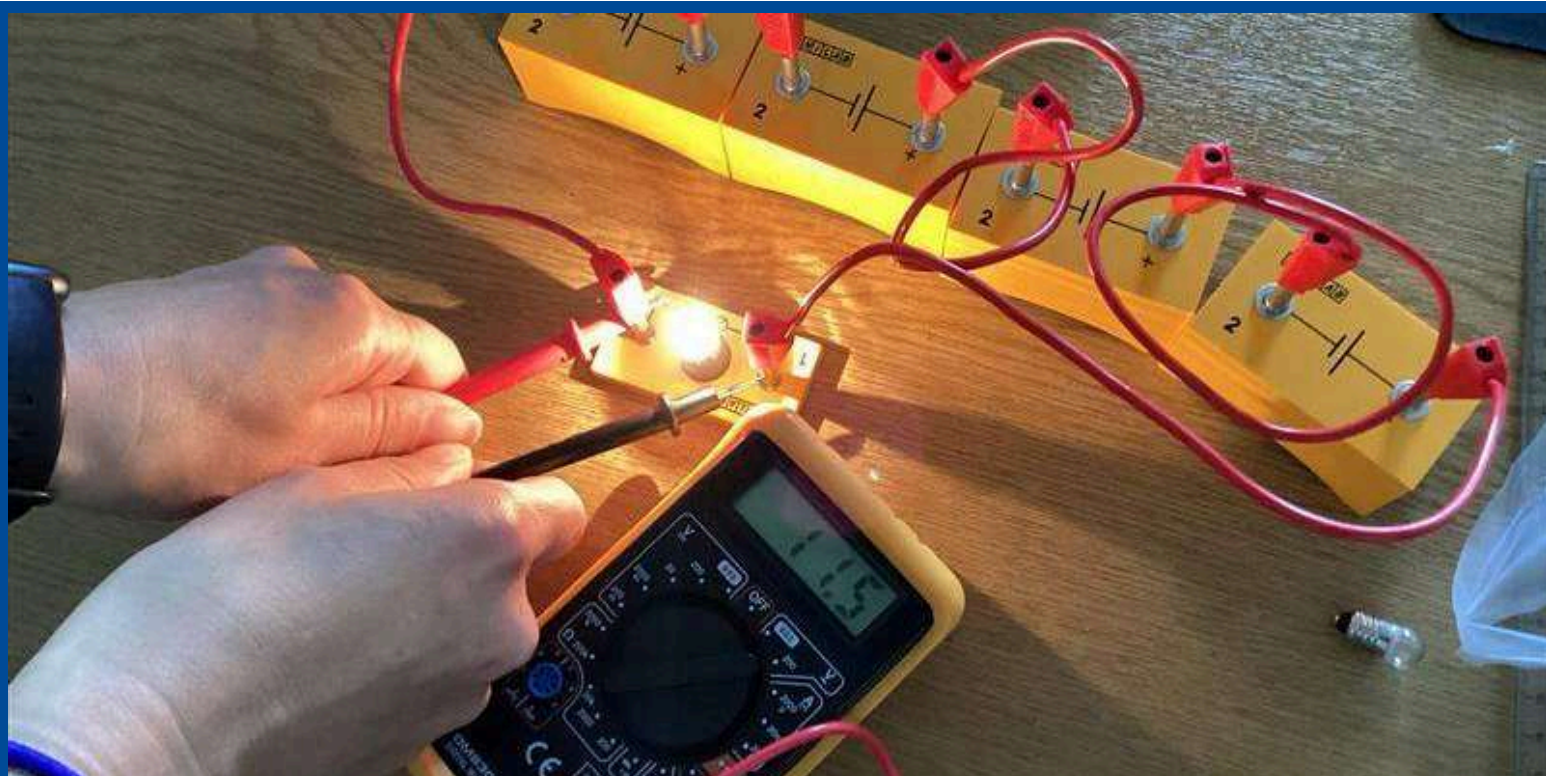


25th September 2026



Histon & Impington
Brook Primary School

HIBPS Newsletter



Headteacher update

We have had a great week at school enjoying the lovely weather. There has been so much positive learning taking place, and we are very proud of the children for their continued focus and positive attitudes.

We are pleased to let you know that, from next week, the Safer Street scheme will be starting to help make arrival and departure from school as safe as possible for our children and parents/carers.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays, a barrier will be erected at the entrance to the road leading up to the school from 8:20am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 3:40pm. Please avoid accessing the road during these times.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the scheme on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday, please contact the school office. We would be very grateful for your support.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our parents/carers evenings. Please note the dates below as some teachers will be running their evenings on different days. Further details as to how to sign up for parents/carers evening will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Thursday 15th October – Parents/Carers evening for 2RB

Monday 19th October – Parents/Carers evening for all classes (except for 2RB)

Tuesday 20th October – Parents/Carers evening for RJO

Wednesday 21st October – Parents/Carers evening for all classes

Thank you,

Mr Bakker and Mrs Inman



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School News – HIBPS Showcase Events

Throughout the year, parents/carers of children in Reception and Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be invited into school to enjoy a short presentation from the children about their learning, followed by an opportunity to visit their child's classroom.

Please see below for the dates of these events.

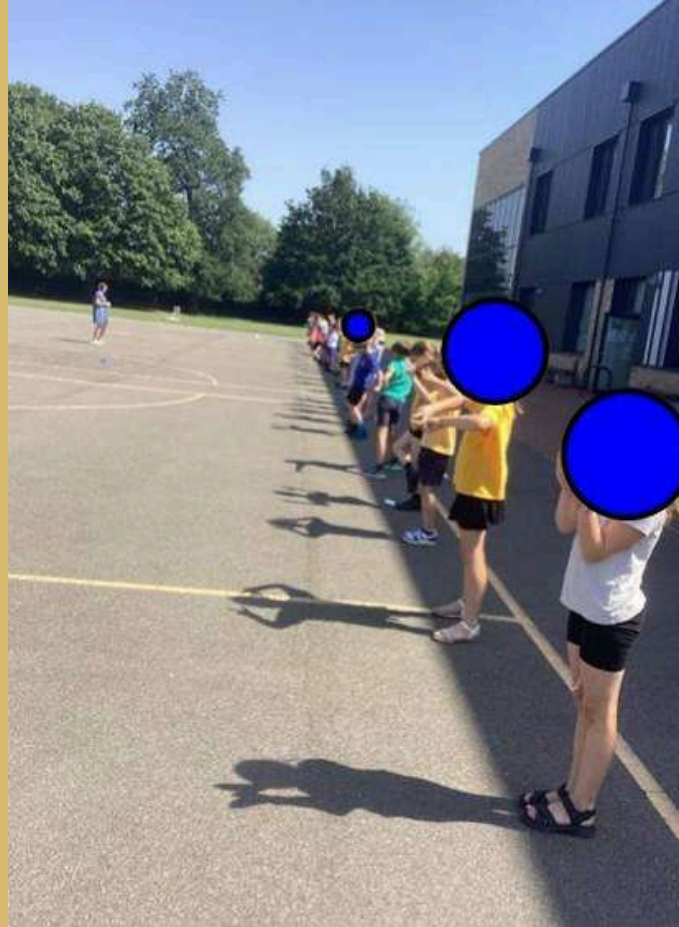
Year 1 children will be performing their Nativity, and Year 6 children will be performing their end-of-year show. The dates for both of these performances are also included below.

We look forward to welcoming you into school for these special events.

Year Group	Date	Time
Reception Open Classrooms	Tuesday 1st December	3:30pm-4:00pm
Reception Showcase Event	Thursday 20th May	2:30pm-3:00pm
Year 1 Nativity Performance	Wednesday 16th December	9:30am-10:30am
Year 2 Showcase Event	Wednesday 24th March	2:30pm-3:15pm
Year 3 Showcase Event	Wednesday 18th November	2:30pm-3:15pm
Year 4 Showcase Event	Wednesday 11th November	2:30pm-3:15pm
Year 5 Showcase Event	Thursday 4th February	2:30pm-3:15pm
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 7th July	1:30pm-2:30pm 5:30pm-6:30pm

School News – Learning Outside the Classroom

It has been great to see the learning the children have been doing outside the classroom this week as the weather has been so warm. We are so lucky to have such wonderful space at school so utilising this is something we try to do as much as we can.





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!



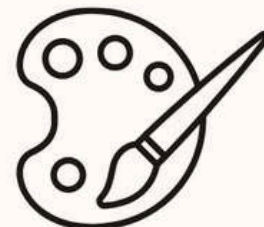
Key Dates : Autumn Term

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 28th September	9:15 onwards	All Years - Individual School Photos with YEP.
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
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>
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
<i>Friday 27th November</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Teacher Training Day - School Closed</i>



Key Dates : Autumn Term

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</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 Celebrations
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

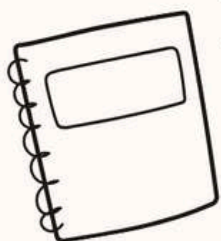
WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2026 9.30AM-10.30AM

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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HISTON & IMPINGTON BROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

MEET THE PTFA AND AGM

**Wednesday 7th October
7.30pm for 7.45pm start**

At Tawa Lounge, Histon

Join us for a drink and our PTFA AGM.

**Hear about the impact that fundraising has on
school projects, share ideas for this year's activities
and meet our friendly PTFA Committee.**



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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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PTFA

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

Thank you



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 CHARACTER.AI

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Character.AI is an entertainment platform where users create and chat with AI-powered characters. These chatbots can act like existing favourite characters from movies or books, or like friends, mentors, or even romantic partners, responding in an emotional, personality engaging way. Although this can encourage creativity, it can also make a generated conversation feel like a genuine relationship, which is concerning if it takes the place of human relationships.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

AI replies are generated in real time rather than chosen from a fully checked script. Even with safety filters on, conversations can still move into sexual, violent, discriminatory, or self-harm material. These AI characters are often made by users, so a familiar name or child-friendly description does not guarantee that every response from the character will be suitable for a young person.

BLURRED BOUNDARIES

Characters on Character.AI can use the language of friendship, love, and empathy without ever feeling anything. Vulnerable young people may struggle to separate this simulation from genuine understanding. Romantic role-play or a character that demands attention, loyalty, or secrecy could also risk distorting young people's expectations around consent, disagreement, and the give-and-take involved in healthy human relationships.

UNRELIABLE ADVICE

Characters, like other chatbot platforms, are at risk of inventing facts or giving inappropriate advice while sounding completely confident. Characters may also echo a young person's assumptions instead of questioning them. This can become particularly risky when users rely on a character for guidance about health, mental wellbeing, relationships, money, or personal safety instead of checking with a credible source or trusted adult.

EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY

Character.AI chatbots can appear endlessly attentive, supportive, and affectionate, which is one of the hallmarks of the generative AI models that such companions are built on. A young person may start turning to a character chatbot whenever they feel lonely or upset and believe that it understands them better than the humans in their life. This can become more concerning when chatting starts to replace sleep, schoolwork, hobbies and friendships.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Character.AI chats may feel private, especially when a bot echoes personal and caring, but they take place on a company's online systems. Users could intentionally or unintentionally reveal their name, school, location, routines, images, or intimate concerns. Character.AI says some data may be retained to improve its services and AI models, so young people should never treat it as if it's a confidential diary.

UNHEALTHY ENGAGEMENT

Be aware of warning signs such as secret accounts, bypassing age restrictions, hiding phone use from adults, chatting late at night, distress when access to the platform or character stops, withdrawal from other people, falling interest in school, or believing the character is conscious. Increased use may also signal that the young person is already lonely, anxious, or seeking help.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Ask what the young person enjoys about Character.AI and invite them to show you how the platform and their favourite characters work. Useful questions include: "Has it ever said something that felt wrong?" and "Have you felt it doesn't have feelings?" Avoid shaming them for using platforms like Character.AI or making them feel there is something wrong with them for doing so.

CHECK AGE, SETTINGS & LIMITS

Character.AI's minimum age is 18 in the UK, but open-ended companion chat is restricted to adults aged 18 or over. Users aged 16 to 17 receive a different experience built around guided 'Stories' and other creative or social features. Check their current settings, never help or encourage a young person to give a false age, and apply the same safety rules to other chatbot apps.

PAUSE, CHECK AND ASK

Teach young people to pause before accepting an answer from characters on Character.AI. Encourage them to check important claims against a trustworthy source and ask a safe adult when the issue matters. Never use a character as the sole source of medical, mental health, legal, financial, or safeguarding advice. Remind them not to share passwords, contact details, school information, live locations, or private images.

NOTICE AND RESPOND

Take action if chats involve sexual content, threats, coercion, abuse, self-harm or danger. Save relevant evidence, report the character and follow the setting's safeguarding process. Education should involve the designated safeguarding lead. If anyone is in immediate danger, contact emergency services. Call the NSPCC on 0800 1111 and the Mental Helpline on 0800 600 6000.

Meet Our Expert

Derren Coxon is an educator with almost 30 years' experience across teaching, school leadership, and governance. He works internationally, supporting schools and colleges with AI leadership and governance, as well as teaching the key fundamentals of AI use and safety to educators at The National College.



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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.

Ayla Tay – Judges Choice!



Ayla participated to the Rampton Horse Show with her pony. They won their Dressage test and got 3rd in Showjumping. However, what she is most proud of is her Horse & Hound competition where she was awarded a special rosette called "Judge's Choice" for having the best partnership with her pony Lady and her dog Bounty! In Horse & Hound, she first had to do a course of 6 jumps with her pony, then get off and continue with her dog over 5 more jumps. She worked hard for her achievements.

Well Done Ayla! What a great achievement!



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2026

9AM - 3.30PM
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