



13th February 2026

HIPPS Newsletter



Headteacher Update

It has been a really busy last week before half term with lots of fantastic learning going on. I was so impressed earlier this week when I went into Key Stage 1 and the amazing poetry that they had written based on the poem 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough. There are some brilliant examples further down the newsletter.

Earlier this week we had Steve from WalkWheelCycle Trust come in as part of our commitment to supporting sustainable travel to school. Amazingly, he and his team managed to inspect and mend almost 40 bikes which is an amazing effort. We hope that this enables you all to have hours of trouble free cycling with your children. I also sent home a letter regarding travelling to school. I would be really grateful if

parents and carers took the time to read this and thought about even small things that they can do to support us in our commitment to safe and sustainable travelling to school.

I was 'blown away' earlier this week by our assembly around AI led by our digital leaders. They spoken with such eloquence and passion and left both the children and staff with lots of things to think about and reflect on. Great job digital leaders!

I really hope for the sake of you and all your children that the weather improves next week and that you all have a lovely, restful half-term.

Jonathan Newman

Year Group Updates

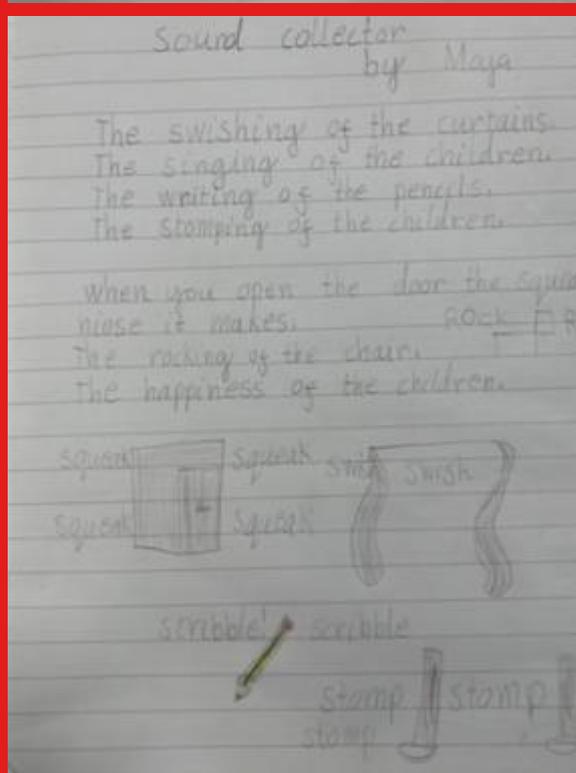
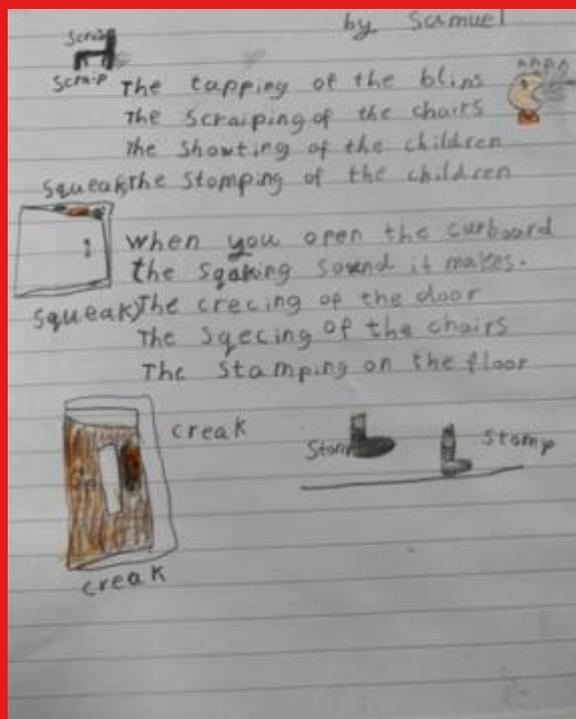
Reception headed out this week to visit Histon Library. They did an amazing job walking safely and listened beautifully to the librarians. It was lovely to hear how they explored the books in the library and the adults loved sharing stories with the children.

Key Stage One have been inspired by the poem, The Sound Collector by Roger McGough. They created their own poems by being HIPPS sound collectors. Have a look at some of their super work

Year 3 and 4 have been rounding up their learning linked to the text Varjak Paw and Ancient Egyptians. They are excited for their school trip in the first week back and you will be able to see some of their super work on display when you come in for parents' evening consultations.

Upper Key Stage Two have been inspired by the History learning about Ancient Greeks and have produced some amazing pieces of work linked to mythical creatures.

The whole school have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week learning about how to look after your mental health. The theme this year has been around Belonging and we explored this in our whole school assembly on Monday.



Monday 16 January 2022
 L172 with a non-chronological report.

THE POWERS OF PEGASUS

Pegasus, a mythological winged creature, was significant for its association with water and possession of the power of flight. This well known beast features in many Greek myths. They often include the legendary journey through Greek mythology. The winged pegasus originally lived on Mount Olympus with the Argonauts (with the exception of later in his life, he flew away from home to live on Mount Helicon without the Argonauts). The entity is characterized by a muscular, magnificent being with a horse-like structure and supernatural wings.

Appearance

According to mythological sources, Pegasus was believed to have had a majestic, horse-like structure distinguished by a powerful body with an unbreakable wing span. Pegasus was over two metres tall and flew gracefully and swiftly despite his legendary height and weight. Pegasus is also characterized with an extraordinarily long mane and a tail that swept the ground. Pegasus's formidable white coat, which was a thin layer of soap white fur, kept him warm on his travels with Bellerophon. This proved that Pegasus had a supernatural appearance.

When Bellerophon tamed Pegasus, he rode Pegasus in many battles. One when they were fighting, a gadfly stung Pegasus and he threw Bellerophon off his back to his death.

Origins

Pegasus originated from Mount Olympus though he did not remain there. Later in his life he flew away to live on Mount Helicon without the Argonauts (Medusa's sisters). When Perseus beheaded Medusa, Pegasus, alongside his brother Chrysaor, sprung miraculously forth from Medusa's neck. Pegasus was brought to Bellerophon, a prince with a spear, and drew his sword of thunderbolts. The youth guided Athena with gifted Pegasus with a gold saddle at a meeting with Bellerophon. According to ancient sources, Athena turned Medusa into a beautiful maiden, into a remaining creature, due to her new appearance. She took away from Perseus as Pegasus was born into abandoned ponds and lakes.

Powers and Abilities

It is commonly assumed that Pegasus has the gift of flight. However, few people are aware that Pegasus is associated with water. Many legends and myths suggest this, such as a story where Pegasus could create water springs. In addition, Pegasus had the ability to drink the ground in his hooves which created new water springs. Whoever drank the springs and was enthralled with inspiration and creativity. This legendary gift was desired by many ancient Greek writers and poets.



The image depicts what the ancient Greeks thought of Pegasus, a supernatural being.

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GUARDIAN OF THE

Long ago since 300 BCE - 1000 CE many Greek myths took place and were passed on by many tales of our most renowned writers were to be our greatest. Characters in the world came from Hell, he was also known as our (Hell normal) or (Horned of Hades).

Appearance

Charon has a fearsome appearance, he resembles a mythological figure, sometimes known to be a vessel loaded with bones and skulls. He has a beard, which grows and his feet are like iron, which are sharp and bright, which could take anyone into shades of death and his red coat. His tail was really long and his feet could cross the boundaries, as he was extremely powerful and vicious. He was also really big, approximately 170 feet tall and weighed about 1.5 tonnes.

Origins

Charon originated from Hell, guarding the gates to the underworld. His main mission was to take the souls of the dead to the underworld. He was not really good and sharp because he was immortal but got trapped by Hades.

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Housepoint Point Total

We are pleased to share that Water House have won the cup this half term!
 Congratulations to everyone in Water!

	 EARTH	 WATER	 FIRE	 AIR
Totals for this week	53	58	59	50
Total for the term	309	312	309	287

2026 is the National Year of Reading-Book Week Celebrations

A reminder that you will have received a letter regarding all our Book Week celebrations at the end of last week.

With half term here we are excited to launch a creative holiday project for children to enjoy if they wish. Children are invited to celebrate their favourite books by creating either a "Book in a Jar" or a "Spoon Character" (see examples below). This project is completely optional, but we know many of our wonderfully creative children may enjoy having a go during the holidays.

Please ensure the name of the book is clearly displayed, and that the spoon/ jar is labelled with your child's name. Completed projects should be brought into school on the first day of Book Week (Monday 2nd March)

We will be displaying the creations around school, and families will be able to enjoy them during parents' evening.

A reminder our Amazon Wish List is also open with requests from our children, the link can be found below:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2D86DY6CZJ37R?ref_=wl_share



Stir Fundraising Reminder

We have been approached by Stir Histon to work with them as part of a fundraising initiative which will run from 26th January until 8th March.

During this time, 10% of the cost of any purchases made at the Stir Histon branch by HIPPS parents/staff will go into the HIPPS fundraising pot. (Please note this is not a discount)

All that you need to do is save the picture below in your phone.

When you then go into the shop/cafe, before you make your purchase/before you sit down, show the card to the staff member.

Don't wait until you are paying at the end.

The team at Stir will then calculate the 10% of your spend to go into the pot.

This can also be used as part of their Click and Collect service, when at the checkout, please write in the notes sections "Histon and Impington Park PTFA".

Please note this fundraising only applies to purchases at the Stir Histon branch.

Thank you to Stir Cambridge for their support and we look forward to working with them.



Entering School

Please can parents/carers ensure that children arrive at school **no earlier than 8:30am**. We have a number of children here before then; we are not able to supervise them and you will be aware that there is only very limited waiting space outside the gates. The gates open at 8:40am and ideally children should arrive on site between 8:40 and 8:45a.m.

PE Kit

Please can you ensure your child always has a full PE kit in school every day as PE days can change. At the moment all of the children in Key Stage 2 are doing hockey and require shinpads. If you have any old spare pairs of shinpads that you can donate to the school we would be very grateful. **Children must bring a change of shoes for PE.**

Children must not wear earrings for PE. Ears cannot be taped to cover earrings, so earrings must be removed. If children cannot do this themselves, parents should remove at home. If ears are newly pierced and earrings cannot be removed, children will have to observe PE lessons as they cannot join in due to Health and Safety guidance.

Donations

Thank you so much for the Christmas jumpers and Children in Need jumpers that have already been donated – we really appreciate your generosity.

We would like to add water shoes to our donation list. When Year 6 visit Grafham, these are needed for water activities, and as they are often only worn a few times before children grow out of them, we would love to take some spare pairs with us this year. If you have any outgrown water shoes at home, we would be very grateful for your donations.

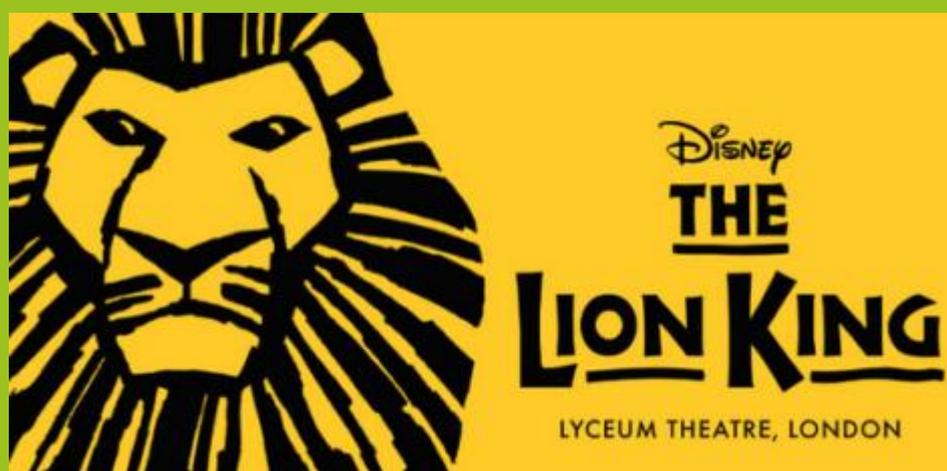
Thank you for your continued support!



Key Dates (new dates in black)

Friday 13th February		Last day of half term
Monday 16th February–Friday 20th February		Half Term
Monday 23rd February		Back to School
Monday 23rd February		Dental Visits to Year 2/3
Tuesday 24th February	all day	Year 4 Trip to Fitzwilliam Museum
Wednesday 25th February	all day	Year 3 Trip to Fitzwilliam
Wednesday 4th March	all day	Mike Rampton Author Visit
Thursday 5th March	all day	World Book Day–Dress Up as a Book Character Writing Workshops and Poetry Performance
Thursday 5th March–Tuesday 10th March	3.30–4pm	Book Fair in School
Friday 6th March	8.45–9.15	Early Morning Reading Session

Wednesday 11th March	am	Year 4 Library Visits
Wednesday 11th March/Thursday 12th March		Parents Consultations
Wednesday 18th March	am	Year 3 Library Visits
Friday 20th March	pm	PTFA Quiz
Wednesday 25th March	9.15am	Reception Showcase Assembly
Wednesday 25th March	All day	Year 5 Lion King Theatre Trip
Wednesday 15th April	am	Year 2 Library Visit
Wednesday 22nd April	am	Year 1 Library Visit



Monday 27th April	2.45pm	Year 3 Showcase Assembly and Open Classroom
Tuesday 5th May		Class Photos
Monday 11th May–Thursday 14th May	9.15–11.00	Year 6 SATS Week
Tuesday 19th May	9.15–11.00	Reception/Key Stage One Sports Day
Tuesday 19th May	1.30–3.15	Key Stage Two Sports Day
Thursday 21st May	All day	Reception Trip to Wicken Fen
Monday 1st June–Wednesday 3rd June		Year 6 Residential
Monday 1st June–Friday 12th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check
Monday 8th June–Friday 12th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Monday 15th June	2.45pm	Year 2 Showcase Assembly and Open Classroom
Monday 15th June	After school	Year 1 Open Classroom
Monday 22nd June/ Tuesday 23rd June	All Day	Year 6 IVC Transition Days
Friday 26th June	After School	Summer Fair



PTFA Quiz

We're excited to let you know that the HI Park Primary PTFA Quiz Night will take place on Friday 20 March 2026, hosted by Mr Newman.

It promises to be a fantastic evening, with a bar and snacks available on the night. Cheese platters can also be pre booked with your ticket.

Teams can have up to 8 people, but you are very welcome to come as a smaller team. If you don't have a full team, you can also be joined with another group.

Just select the option when booking your ticket. Come along, enjoy the quiz, and help us raise valuable funds to support our school.

<https://hi-park-primary-ptfa-quiz-2026.raiselysite.com/>



Meridian Trust News

Visit our Trust Website to read about what has been happening at Meridian!

[Read more here](#)



Work with us

We are currently recruiting for teaching assistants. Please find the link to the advert using the link below:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/139086/EDV-2026-HAIPPS-18086>

[Find out more](#)

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