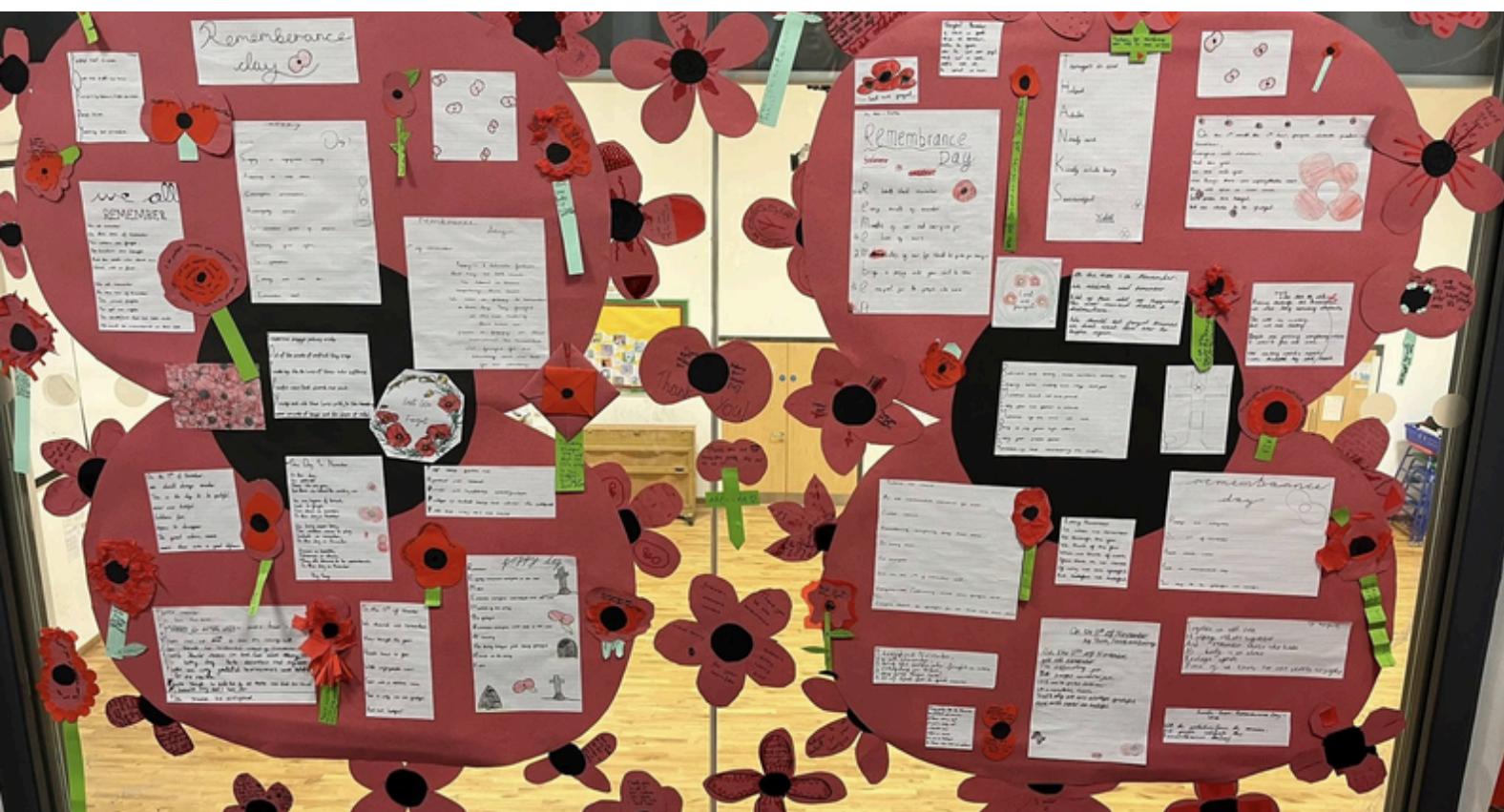




14th November 2025

HIPPS Newsletter



Headteacher update

We have all certainly got some steps in this week despite the weather! Although it has rained non-stop all day we have danced since before lunch today in order to raise money for Children in Need.

Thank you all so much for your incredibly generous contributions. As of the end of school today we have raised a staggering £1937.50 including the gift aid.

We were also incredibly lucky to have a visit for the second year running from Pudsey Bear who came in and joined in for the last 10 minutes of our Danceathon.

Huge congratulations to all the children who represented the school at the Cross Country at Wimpole. You are all awesome and we are very proud. You can read a detailed report below!

Jonathan Newman

Cross Country Success

On Wednesday, we took a team of 48 children to Wimpole Hall to run in the annual South Cambridgeshire Cross Country Championships. All our children performed brilliantly and represented the school, clearly demonstrating all the PARK values.

With 23 schools and over 1000 children participating, competition was fierce with over 120 children in each race and it could have been quite daunting for some of our younger children. Despite this, the

children all gave of their very best with 23 children finishing in the top 20 of their races, 14 top ten finishers and 5 medalists. Particular congratulations to Danny (Year 5) and Sophie (Year 3) for winning their respective races and to Lucia (Year 3) for coming a very close second in her race. Undoubtedly the race of the day was the Year 6 girls' race in which less than a metre separated Ataiah and Poppy at the end with them finishing in first and second places respectively with Bella coming in close behind in fourth place. Phenomenal effort girls!

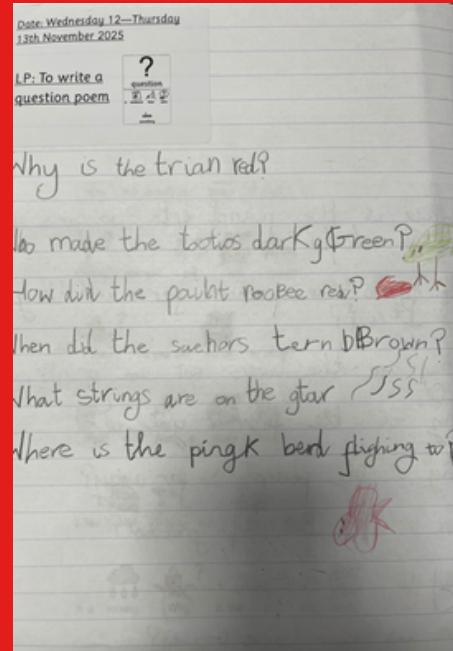
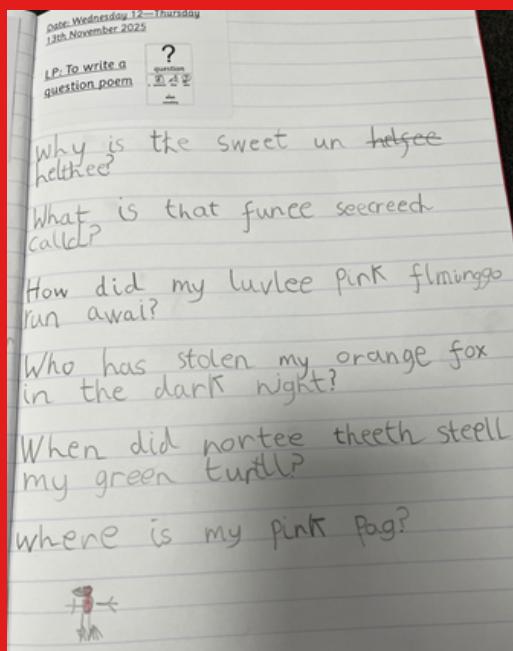
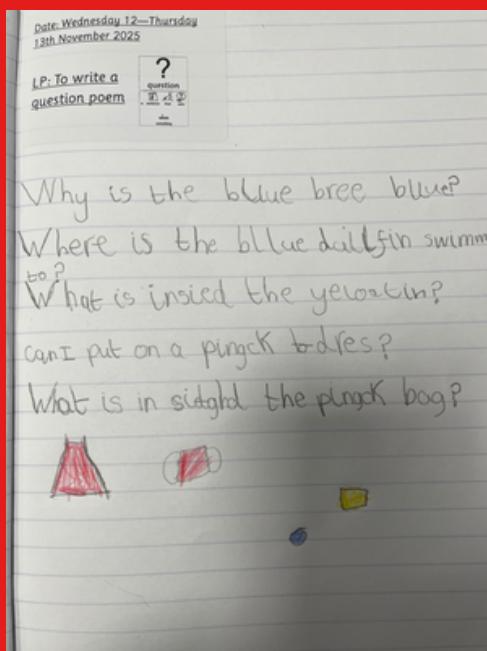
We had to wait overnight for the overall team positions but were delighted to find out that we had won the overall competition for Year 3 and Year 4 for the 2nd time in a row and the Year 5 and 6 competition for the very first time. Huge congratulations to all the children who took part and a thank you to all those parents and family members who supported us.



News from the classes

In Reception, this week the children walked up the road for their very first Forest session. They showed fantastic independence in putting on the wet suits before heading up. My goodness they really needed them as it poured down! Despite this all the children had a fantastic time, behaved brilliantly and can't wait to go up again.

In Key Stage 1, this week children have created their own poems using colour questions based on the Christina Rossetti poem 'What is Pink?' The children have come up with so many great ideas and questions based on colour and have used a wide range of different questions words to create some fantastic writing. See some of Year 1's amazing writing below.



In Year 3, the children have really impressed Miss Williams and Mrs Stacey this week with their maths work. The children have been looking at column subtraction with double exchange which is every bit as difficult as it sounds! Mr Wilson, Mr Wilkinson and Mrs Watson have been delighted by the poetry that Year 4 have produced using Autumn as a stimulus.

Year 5 have produced some stunning poetry this week based on their current text 'Asha and the Spirit Bird'. (see some wonderful examples further down the newsletter) The children had to write evocative accounts of what it would be like to walk around an Indian market, thinking about all their senses. The children used wonderful imagery, ambitious word choices and super adjectives to create some amazing pieces of work. Next week Year 5 parents will have the opportunity to read them when they come in for our showcase assembly and walkround.

Remembrance Day

On Tuesday all of Key Stage 2 gathered in the playground to reflect on all those who have given their lives or been victims of the many wars that have taken place since 1914. The children were amazingly respectful and reflective during this time and it made me very proud. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 talked about this in their classrooms and had a short period of reflection time.

Fabulous Year 5 writing

The Market of Joy!

The bustling Indian market is full of sights, smells and so
Crammed with eager people and stalls all around.
There are spices exploding in colour everywhere you look,
To help you get around on a tuk-tuk!

Tuk, tuk, tuk, tuk, the tuk-tuks rattle on, ambling through a day's
These marvellous machines try to find, where the best stalls lurk,
Hard-working wives, zipping this way and that with the rides that they took
Tuk, tuk, tuk, tuk, tuk, tuk, TUK!

Pops of colour come from the spice stalls,
Sniff the aroma glowing from those powders and balls,
Cardamom, turmeric, all begging to be eaten.
Once you've tried these, all the foreign spices will be beat

Busy ants, crawling in and out,
Metabolic twisting up their hands, beautiful, no doubt!
They dive giddily back and sideways.
Wondering which items to purchase!

Rainbows shimmer, draped everywhere,
Impressing people gathered round, choosing with care,
Embroidery sits on every sari,
Shades of all kinds: pale, bold and starry.

Tuk... tuk... tuk... The tuk-tuks stop and rest,
Everyone is happy, for today has been the best!
It's the end of the day, and all the goods have been sold,
But however many times it opens, the Indian Market will re-serve.

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Incredible India

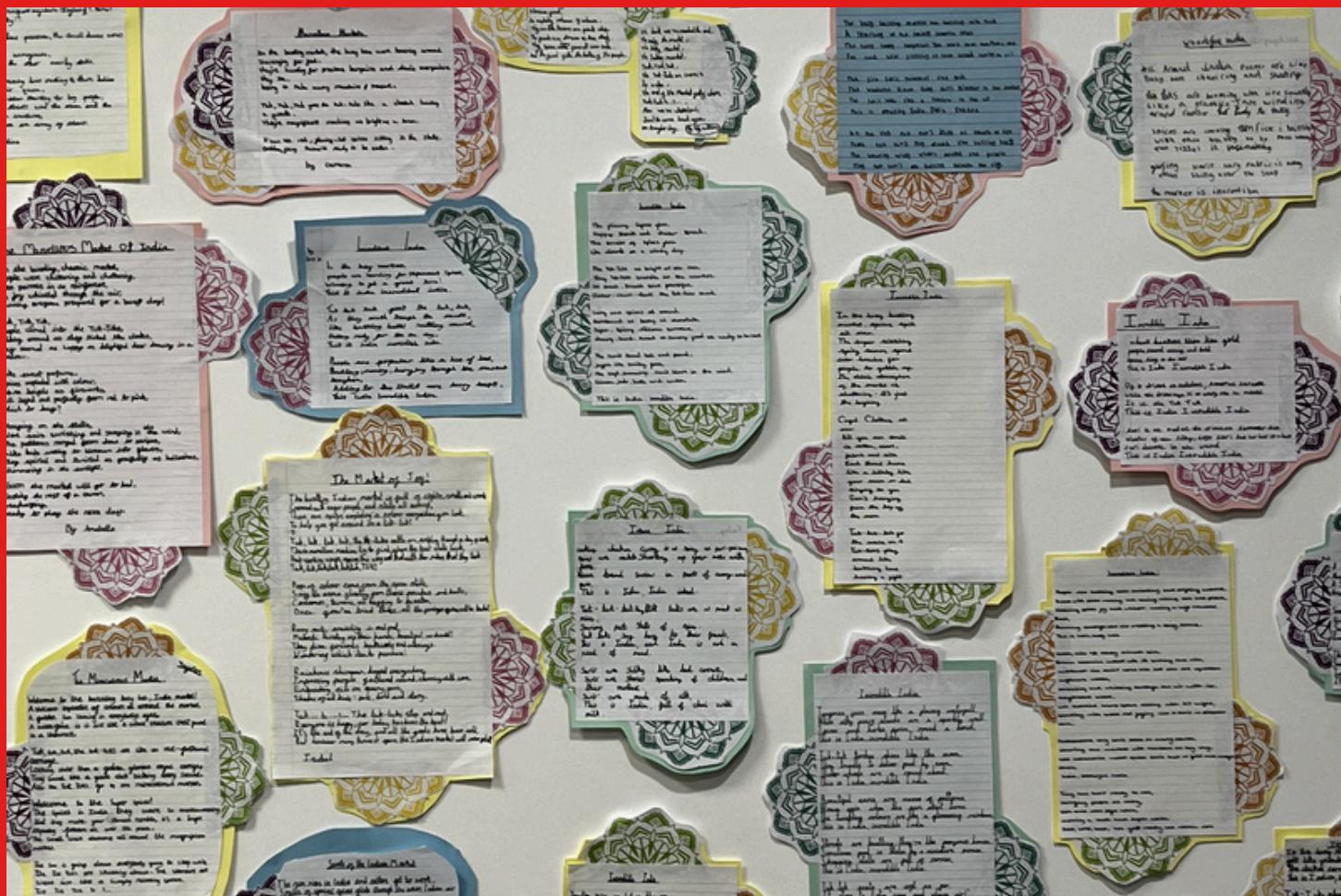
In the busy bustling
market, spices spill
all over.

The super sizzling
spicy samos spew
into bowls for
people to gobble up.
The electric atmosphere
of the market is
chattering - it's just
the beginning.

Caged Clothes all over

All you can smell
is cotton, wool,
gauze and silk
Each thread hums
like a lullaby like
your mum or dad
singing to you
Sari's hanging
from the top off
the room

Tuk-tuk-tuk go
the wheels on it
Tuk-tuk's play
around like
buzzing bees



Children In Need 2025

It has been an amazing day celebrating Children In Need in school today. It was lovely to have Pudsey join us for a whole school dance this afternoon. Every child has danced for at least 25 minutes as part of the Challenge Yourself to 25!

Take a look at some photos of today's fun!

A reminder that donations can be made via our school fundraising page:
https://www.justgiving.com/page/lisa-moule-8?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



Housepoint Totals

	 EARTH	 WATER	 FIRE	 AIR
Totals for this week	60	56	66	68
Total for the term	93	97	100	111

Congratulations to Air House for winning the house competition for a second time in a row this week.

Reminders

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 and 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.

Year 5 showcase assembly

Please don't forget that it is our Year 5 showcase assembly on Monday at 2:45pm. All year 5 parents and carers are welcome to attend and to then have the opportunity to look around the Year 5 classes.

Lunches

Lunches should be ordered by Wednesday for the following week using the MCAS app

P.E Kit

Please can you ensure your child always has a full PE Kit in School every day as P.E days can change. **Children must bring a change of shoes for P.E**

Children must not wear earrings for P.E. Ears cannot be taped to cover earrings so they 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 P.E lessons as they cannot join in due to Health and Safety guidance.



Key Dates (new dates in black)

Monday 17th November	2.45pm	Year 5 Showcase Assembly and Open Classroom
Monday 17th November	pm	Year One Forest School
Monday 1st December	pm	Year One Forest School
Thursday 4th December	all day	Year 5/6 Choir Concert-Holiday at Home-Baptist Church
Friday 12th December		Christmas Jumper Day, Santa Dash, Christmas Lunch and PTFA Christmas Fair
Monday 15th December	All Day	Year One Forest School
Monday 15th December	5pm	Year 5/6 Choir at West Road
Tuesday 16th December	9.30am	Year One Nativity To Parents
Friday 19th December		Last Day of Term
Tuesday 6th January 2026		Back to School
Tuesday 20th January 2026	All day	Young Voices-both choirs

Monday 2nd February 2026	2.45pm	Year 4 Showcase Assembly and Open Classrooms
Thursday 5th March	All Day	World Book day
Wednesday 25th March	9.15am	Reception Showcase Assembly
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
Monday 1st June-Wednesday 3rd June		Year 6 Residential
Monday 15th June	2.45pm	Year 2 Showcase Assembly and Open Classroom
Monday 15th June	After school	Year 1 Open Classroom
Friday 26th June	After School	Summer Fair



PTFA Treasure Hunt

Can you help Captain Will B. Bankrupt find his lost treasure?

The HI Park Primary PTFA Treasure Hunt is here!

Purchase your treasure hunt for £5 at the following link, it's available for instant download.

<https://shorturl.at/tSw7M>

Send your answers to the PTFA email by 30th November for a chance to win a £15 book voucher! One lucky correct entry will be chosen. Thank you for supporting our PTFA and helping us raise funds for the school!



Meridian Trust News

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

Read more here



Work with us

Are you or your family looking for a new role?

Meridian Trust aims to be the employer of choice for the communities we serve, and since 2010 we have nurtured and developed the careers of many people.

See a list of our current opportunities on our website:

Find out more

Connect with us at Histon & Impington Park Primary School

