



17th October 2025

HIPPS Newsletter



Headteacher update

Children have inspired me this week with the determination and resilience they showed during our school cross-country races this week. All the children were brilliant and Mr Carminati was 'blown away' by how many fantastic runners we have. We had a number of great races including our first photo finishes! There is a lot in the newsletter this week which reflects all the amazing learning and experiences the children have had. Please come and support us at our first official school parkrun at Milton at 9am this Sunday.

It has been a pleasure to show prospective new Reception parents and carers for September 2026 around school this week, especially when taking them into Year 6. The children articulate so well what they love about our school and why they think it is a special place to be. The photo above shows our new Digital Leaders-read further down to find out more about this exciting role!

Jonathan Newman,
Headteacher

Year Group Updates

Reception

In Reception this week the children have been thinking about comparing two amounts and using the terms 'more than' and 'fewer than'. I was able to observe them doing this and was very impressed. After half term, Foundation Stage will start visiting the woods every other Monday. They desperately need parent helpers to accompany them, even if you do not have a child in Foundation Stage. Please contact the Foundation Stage team via the school office if you are able to help. We would be really grateful.

Key Stage One

Year 1 have had their second Forest School session this week. They had a wonderful time looking at all the changes that have happened as Autumn gets into full swing and they collectively created 'a rainbow of autumnal colours'.

Year 1 and Year 2 have also been looking at maps of the school and identifying features from an aerial viewpoint. We noticed that some of the 'bird's eye views' such as Google Earth don't include our climbing frame as it was installed since the last image update.

Key Stage Two

Year 3 and Year 4 have been had their bikeability Level 1 training today and the feedback from the staff who ran the sessions was very positive. The children were a real credit to the school and parents/carers.

Year 5 and 6 have been writing some fantastic recounts using the Planetarium visit last week as a stimulus. We've included some great examples of these further down the newsletter.



Digital Leaders

Today, our first group of Digital Leaders were appointed to the role.

The process began several weeks ago, when all Year 5 children were invited to complete an application form explaining why they thought they would be suitable candidates. In the run up to the presentations and voting, children showed their enthusiasm by making flyer and badges to encourage their classmates to vote for them. This culminated in a presentation session to try and sway the last few undecided voters.

The children voted for their top 5 candidates and 5 were chosen by staff.

Well done to all those that put themselves forward for this role.

Congratulations to all our successful candidates! Mrs Pollard is looking forward to supporting them in their role.

School Cross Country

Fantastic Running by everyone on Monday. Many congratulations to the following medal winners in each year group

Reception 1st Remi, 2nd George, 3rd Finley, 1st Ines, 2nd Adeline, 3rd Anna

Year 1 1st Zac, 2nd Raphy, 3rd Seb 1st Matilda, 2nd Bethany, 3rd Margot

Year 2 1st Theo 2nd Max 3rd Elijah 1st Isabella, 2nd Sienna 3rd Dia

Year 3 1st Josh, 2nd Kyran, 3rd Alfie 1st Sophie, 2nd Imogen, 3rd Raya

Year 4 1st Solly and Javion, 2nd Isaac, 3rd Noah and Leo 1st Molly, 2nd Lily, 3rd Martha

Year 5 1st Danny, 2nd Cameron, 3rd Finley 1st Lucia, 2nd Emily, 3rd Jemima

Year 6 1st Alex, 2nd George, 3rd Arthur 1st Ataiah 2nd Poppy 3rd Bella

A number of the children who placed highly in the Key Stage 2 races will represent the school at the District Cross-Country championships at Wimpole on Wednesday 12th November. An email will be sent out about this shortly.

Parkrun

A reminder that we have officially become one of the first schools in the country to become a parkrun school. We are encouraging students, staff and families connected to Histon and Impington Park School to come along together to Milton Park on Sunday 19th October at 8:45a.m to join in the fun. It will be an amazing experience to walk, jog, run or volunteer with so many friends at junior parkrun. You can register your child for parkrun for free here – www.parkrun.org.uk/register/. You will need to do this in advance for your child's time to be recorded.

Parking

Parking in the mornings has definitely improved, partly due to the caretaker being on the school gates, but we have still had some really thoughtless behaviour and unacceptable parking. This week a member of staff couldn't leave for an urgent appointment, a parent with a child with a broken leg was not able to park and the disabled parking bay was used on several occasions by parents with no badge preventing it being used by people who do not need it. **Please only use the turning circle with a permit AND even then only when you need to.**

Cycle to School

On Monday the school are excited to welcome Walk Wheel and Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans) to the school for the first time. They are working with us on an exciting new Active Travel to School project funded by Cambridgeshire County Council. See separate email for full details.

This Monday they will be handing out FREE bike lights from 8:40am to pupils arriving by bicycle, this will be followed by a Be Bright Be Seen themed introductory assembly and also during the day Walk Wheel Cycle staff will be running a Dr Bike clinic, where they will give pupils bikes a 'MOT' safety check and they will carry out any minor repairs and adjustments. THIS IS FREE!! Bikes should be left in the bike shed as usual. If you don't wish to have your child's bike checked, please attach a note to that effect to the handlebars. We look forward to welcoming your child to school by bicycle on Monday. Those of you who live further away could consider parking and cycling the last bit of the journey!

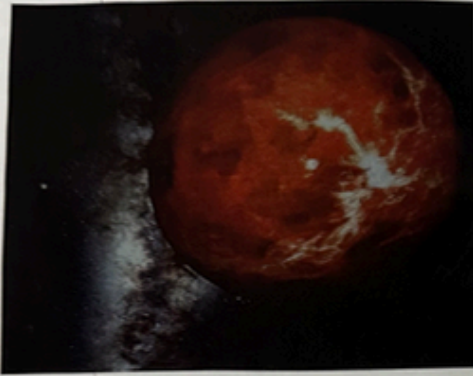
Year 5 writing

Children in Year 5 having been writing recounts of their planetarium experience last week. Mrs Buttery and Miss Peake have been amazed by the quality of the writing that the children have produced. See two brilliant examples by Angus and Evageline below.

POWERFUL PLANETARIUM

FASCINATION

By Evangeline White



Venus

On Friday the 10th of October, Andy Green's planetarium payed a visit to Histon and Loppington Park Primary school. The pupils (years five and six) were buzzing with excitement. The students had been learning about the solar system so as well as enjoying the experience, they were eager to show off some impressive facts. The student's mind-blowing event wasn't just for fun. Their teachers had planned the planetariums visit so they hoped the children would gain more knowledge.

At first, the children silently filed into the hall. Their teachers instructed them to take their shoes off from the outside. The planetarium looked like a huge black dome. As well as being excited, many pupils felt nervous. After a couple of minutes, Andy Green came out of the planetarium to give an introduction. He was wearing a vivid, rainbow shirt dotted with planets. Soon, the children began to enter the planetarium.

At the start, the inside looked like the cab of a rocket. Over the film, it faded from the planets to a blackhole and all inbetween, including the moon and stars. Occasionally, Andy would ask questions about space like who ~~was~~ discovered the heliocentric theory.

"Wow!" a child remarked. "That was incredible!"

The children are now writing news reports about the phenomenal event. The teachers said that the pupils have learned a lot about the solar system.

THE HIPPS WEEKLY

(HISTON & IMPINGTON)

Sunday 12th October

PLEASANT
STUNS

PLANETARIUM
STUDENTS!

By Angus Bailey, intrepid reporter for the HIPPS Weekly



Am excited (Class 12) inside the dome.

On Friday 13th October 2025, Class 12 of Histon and Impington Park Primary School (HIPPS) went down to their Small Hall. Today, they were going to the planetarium, which had been set up there. Having learned about space in Science, they were ready to learn even more.





In the morning, they were buzzing with excitement when they were called down to the planetarium. In class, they had learned about and ordered the planets. Also, they had learned geocentric and heliocentric. They had even learned about the moon landing (Neil A's). They were prepared to be pleased by the picturesque planetarium.

When they arrived in the Small Hall, they took their shoes off and met a man called Andy. He showed them into a large, black dome. The dome, which filled the hall, housed the projector that would temporarily take the place of teacher. The show was like a flight on the International Space Station, and the children learned how thin the atmosphere is. Venus is roughly the same size as Earth, and Mars is covered in extinct volcanoes - such as Mount Olympus. Mount Olympus is three times the size of Mount Everest! As well as this, Jupiter's big red spot is actually a storm (it's twice the size of Earth) and Neptune winds can reach over ten times the speed of a category five hurricane. Also, a star (Betelgeuse) could explode soon!

After interviewing children in Class 12, "It was so great," said Francesco Nastos. "I wish I could have stayed down there!" Harish Tadinada exclaimed, "It was like I was flying through space."

Amazed by the show, Class 12 were chattering loudly when they reached their classroom. This really was an amazing day. Who knows, maybe Betelgeuse will explode tomorrow?

Housepoint Totals

	 EARTH	 WATER	 FIRE	 AIR
Totals for this week	56	71	62	74
Total for the term	361	350	344	353

Congratulations to Air House for winning the house competition this week.

Reminders

Entering School

Please can parents/carers ensure that children who are walking into school ideally use main to enter school, or stick to the path around the turning circle if absolutely necessary.

Phones

Can I please remind all parents and carers, particularly those with children in Years 5 and 6 that children should only be bringing phones in to school IF they are walking home alone AND you have emailed school to give them. If they have to bring them they need to be handed into their class teacher immediately on arriving in their classrooms.

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 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 20th October	All day	Visit from County Travel team including bike repairs
Monday 20th October	After School	Year 6 netball teams at Cottenham VC
Tuesday 21st October	All Day	Year 5/6 STEM Workshops
Tuesday 21st/Wednesday 22nd October	After School	Parents Evening
Wednesday 22nd October	9:30–2:30	Year 6 girls football tournament at Linton VC
Thursday 23rd October	All Day	Year 5/6 Trip to Black Country Museum
Monday 27th October–Friday 31st October		Half Term
Monday 3rd November		Training Day
Tuesday 4th November –Friday 7th November		Year 5/6 Bikeability for booked pupils
Thursday 6th November	7.30pm	PTFA EGM–Online
Friday 7th November	pm	Panathlon (for selected pupils)
Tuesday 11th November	9.00–9.30am	Year 4 Multiplication Check Talk for parents

Wednesday 12th November	Morning	District cross- country at Wimpole-selected Years 3-6
Friday 14th November	all day	Children In Need
Monday 17th November		Year One Forest School
Monday 17th November	2.45pm	Year 5 Showcase Assembly and Open Classroom
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 AGM

We had our PTFA AGM last week and there were lots of new faces. We were unsuccessful however in electing a new Chair and a secretary. We will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting on Thursday 6th November online at 7.30pm.

Don't forget to follow the PTFA Facebook Page!



Meridian Trust News

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

[**Read more here**](#)



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