



17<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Remi, 2<sup>nd</sup> George, 3<sup>rd</sup> Finley, 1<sup>st</sup> Ines, 2<sup>nd</sup> Adeline, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anna

Year 1 1<sup>st</sup> Zac, 2<sup>nd</sup> Raphy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Seb 1<sup>st</sup> Matilda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bethany, 3<sup>rd</sup> Margot

Year 2 1<sup>st</sup> Theo 2<sup>nd</sup> Max 3<sup>rd</sup> Elijah 1<sup>st</sup> Isabella, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sienna 3<sup>rd</sup> Dia

Year 3 1<sup>st</sup> Josh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyran, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alfie 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Imogen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Raya

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

Year 5 1<sup>st</sup> Danny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cameron, 3<sup>rd</sup> Finley 1<sup>st</sup> Lucia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emily, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jemima

Year 6 1<sup>st</sup> Alex, 2<sup>nd</sup> George, 3<sup>rd</sup> Arthur 1<sup>st</sup> Ataiah 2<sup>nd</sup> Poppy 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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 follow 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 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 Butterly 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 paid a visit to Histon and Impington 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 students' mind-blowing event wasn't just for fun. Their teachers had planned the planetarium's 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 vibrant, rainbow shirt dotted with planets. Soon the children began to enter the planetarium.

At the start, the inside looked like the fab of a rocket. Over the film, it ended from the planets to a blackhole and all inbetween, including the moon and stars. Occasionally, Andy would ask questions about space like who 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 AND IMPINGTON)

Sunday 12th October

## PLEASANT STUNS

## PLANETARIUM STUDENTS!

By Amara Bailey, intrepid reporter for the HIPPS Weekly



An excited (class 12) inside the dome.

On Friday 13th October 2015, 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 designed geocentric and heliocentric. They had even learned about the moon landing (Neil Armstrong). 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 gilded 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 big a thin atmosphere 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's winds can reach over ten times the speed of a category five hurricane. Also, a star (Beetlejuice) could explode soon!

After interviewing children in Class 12, "It was so great," said Francesco Nastasi. "I wish I could have stayed down there!" Harish Tadepalli 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 Beetlejuice will explode tomorrow?

# Housepoint Totals

|                      |  EARTH |  WATER |  FIRE |  AIR |
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| 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)

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

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| <b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>   | <b>Morning</b> | District cross- country at Wimpole-selected Years 3-6                     |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>      | <b>all day</b> | Children In Need  |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>      |                | Year One Forest School  |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>      | <b>2.45pm</b>  | Year 5 Showcase Assembly and Open Classroom                               |
| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>       | <b>pm</b>      | Year One Forest School  |
| <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>     | <b>all day</b> | Year 5/6 Choir Concert-Holiday at Home-Baptist Church                     |
| <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>      |                | Christmas Jumper Day, Santa Dash, Christmas Lunch and PTFA Christmas Fair |
| <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>      | <b>All Day</b> | Year One Forest School  |
| <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>      | <b>5pm</b>     | Year 5/6 Choir at West Road   |
| <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>     | <b>9.30am</b>  | Year One Nativity To Parents  |
| <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>      |                | Last Day of Term  |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>  |                | Back to School  |
| <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b> | <b>All day</b> | Young Voices-both choirs  |

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| <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026</b>                     | <b>2.45pm</b>       | Year 4 Showcase Assembly and Open Classrooms |
| <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>                           | <b>All Day</b>      | World Book day                               |
| <b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>                         | <b>9.15am</b>       | Reception Showcase Assembly                  |
| <b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>                            | <b>2.45pm</b>       | Year 3 Showcase Assembly and Open Classroom  |
| <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>                              |                     | Class Photos                                 |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May-Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> | <b>9.15-11.00</b>   | Year 6 SATS Week                             |
| <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>                             | <b>9.15-11.00</b>   | Reception/Key Stage One Sports Day           |
| <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>                             | <b>1.30-3.15</b>    | Key Stage Two Sports Day                     |
| <b>Monday 1st June-Wednesday 3rd June</b>                      |                     | Year 6 Residential                           |
| <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>                             | <b>2.45pm</b>       | Year 2 Showcase Assembly and Open Classroom  |
| <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>                             | <b>After school</b> | Year 1 Open Classroom                        |
| <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>                             | <b>After School</b> | 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 6<sup>th</sup> November online at 7.30pm.

Don't forget to follow the PTFA Facebook Page!



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