



21st November 2025

HIPPS Newsletter



Headteacher update

We certainly ended the week with better weather than we started it with! Lots of fantastic learning has happened this week. I was able to witness first hand some of the amazing reading and writing that our Reception children are demonstrating after less than 10 weeks with us. On a tour this week, prospective parents for Reception in 2026 could not believe the writing that the children were already producing, how hard they worked to sound out words in their reading groups and how 'steady' they all were when moving from one place to another. It makes me incredibly proud when we receive comments like this and is, I hope, a reflection of both the school and the amazing children we are lucky enough to have at our school.

We are very fortunate to be supported by HI friends who pay for programs run in our school by Sophie Howell. This program called 'Flourishing Starts' helps children to identify and develop strategies to support their own mental health and that of their friends. Sophie has worked with all the children currently in Year 5 and 6 and will be working over the next few weeks with the children in Year 4. Year 4 parents are very welcome to come to an introductory parent session this coming Monday, 24th November at 9am. Finally a reminder that applications for Reception places for September 2026 close shortly after Christmas. Please make sure you have completed your online forms before then.

Jonathan Newman

News from the classes

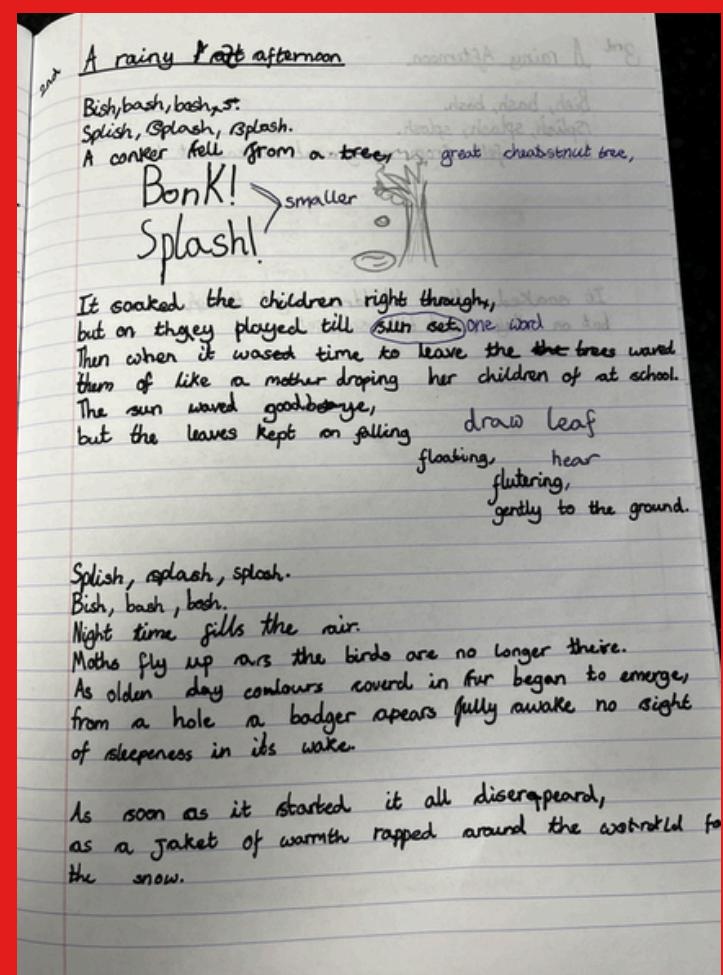
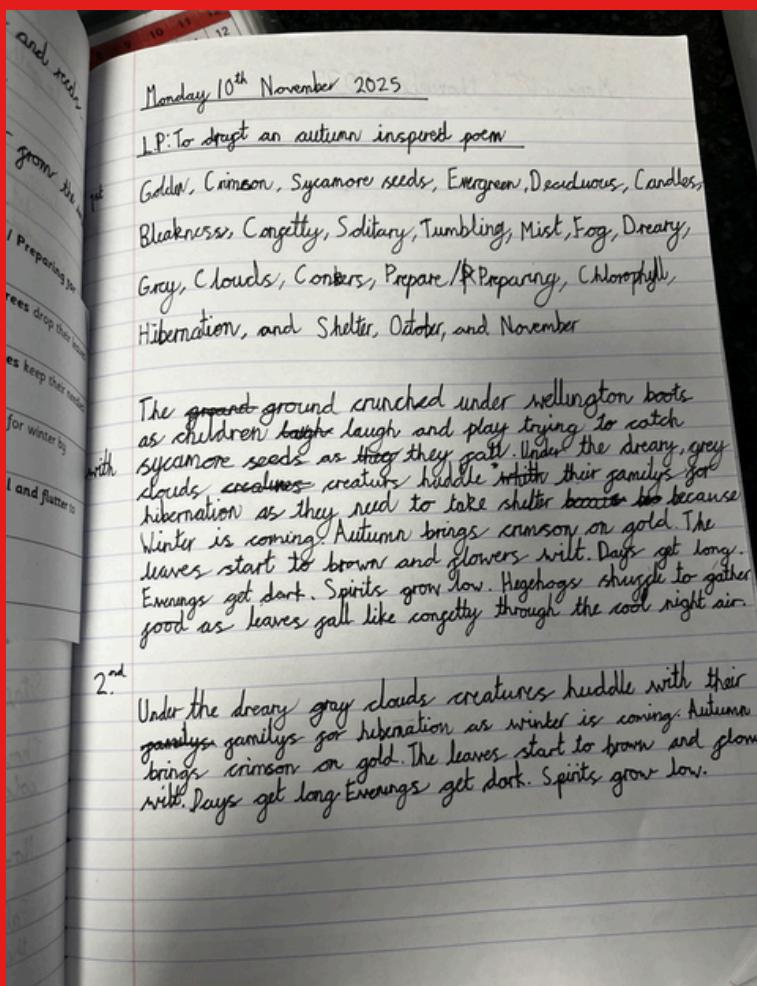
In Reception this week, the children have been doing some fantastic PE. I popped into Mrs Scheilling lesson today and the children were really working on controlled movements whilst using hoops and balls. They were also, according to Mrs Scheilling, brilliant at getting dressed and undressed for the PE lesson.

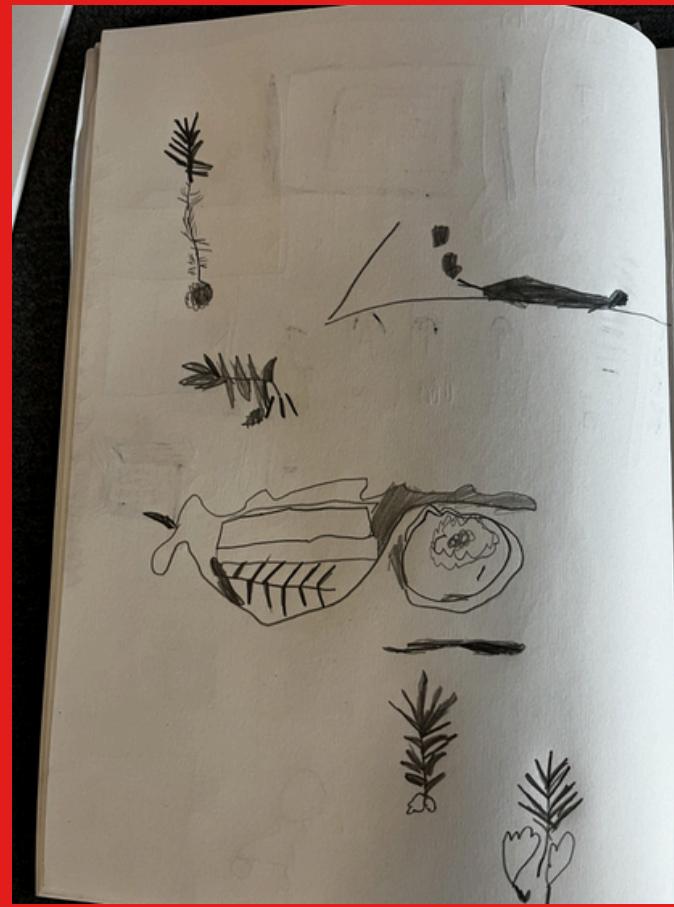
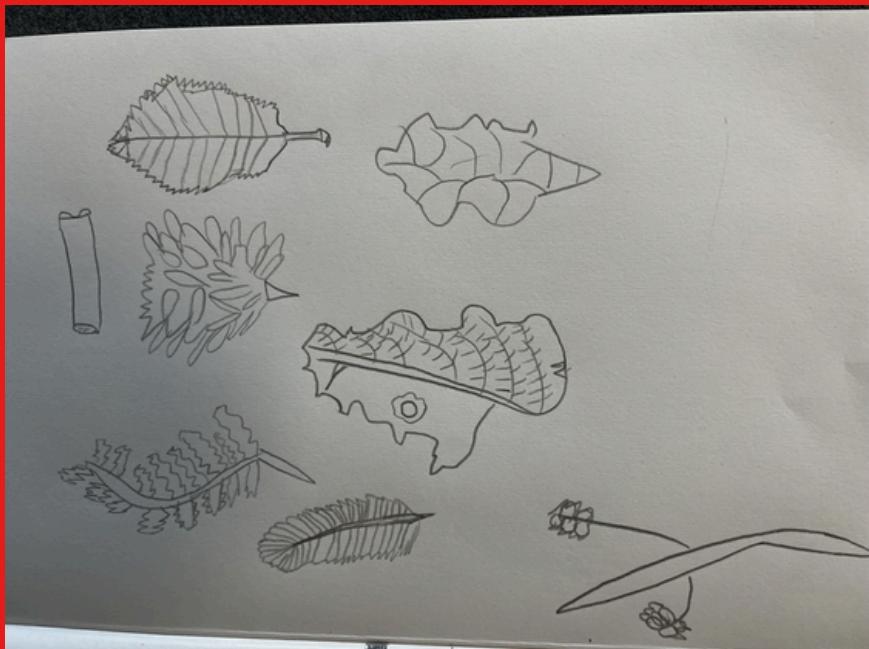
In Year 1 and 2 this week, the children have been being very artistic. Year 1 have been using different shapes to create prints of Winter scenes whilst Year 2 have taken inspiration from what they could find outside on the field and created careful sketches of what they found in their sketch books.

Year 3 and 4 are discovering lots of information linked to their Geography topic about Volcanoes, Mountains and Earthquakes. They have been using atlases to find out more about locations around the world. In Art, they have been colour mixing linked to images of mountains and volcanoes in preparation for some fabric painting later this half term! They have also been busy on Times Tables Rock Stars as part of our whole school challenge to get as high up in the national competition as we can!

Year 5 and 6 have been writing detailed setting and character descriptions in English and Mrs Jackson and Miss Beith have been particularly impressed with the quality of writing this week in Year 6. They have also been learning to multiply and divide fractions in maths which is not easy.

See below for Year 4 Autumn poems, Year 3 and 4 colour mixing and Year 2 sketching.







Children In Need 2025

Massive thank you to everyone for your generous donations.
We have raised a huge amount for Children In Need.
Our fundraising page is still open for any last minute donations:
[https://www.justgiving.com/page/lisa-moule-8?
utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/lisa-moule-8?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

Christmas 2025

This week, you should have received a letter which outlines all the key dates for the month of December. We hope that this will be a useful reference for you all!



Christmas Raffle

This week, you will have received an envelope with some raffle tickets in. These are to support our PTFA Christmas Fair fundraising. If you wish to buy the tickets, fill in the ticket stubs, pop your cash payment in the envelope and return to school. Any unwanted tickets, please send back into school.

If you want to buy additional tickets, please pop to the school office.

Tickets stubs and money should be returned by 8th December but raffle tickets will be on sale during the Christmas Fair!

FLOURISHING STARTS PARENT SESSIONS



This term, our Year 4 children will be starting the Flourishing Starts programme with Sophie, HI Friends Mental Health Wellbeing coordinator. Before the programme starts, Sophie will be leading a parent session to share information about what the children will be learning. There will also be review session at the end of the programme.

The programme aims to:

- Provide well-being tools and techniques
- Help parents and children to manage well-being
- Enable families to talk about well-being



Dates & Time:
Monday 24th November at 9.00am and
Monday 26th January at 9.00am.

Who Should Attend?

- Year 4 parents/carers

HIPPS Small Hall
Wait at the main office

Housepoint Totals

	 EARTH	 WATER	 FIRE	 AIR
Totals for this week	65	61	66	53
Total for the term	158	158	166	164

Congratulations to Fire House for winning the house competition this week. The overall scores could not be much closer!

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.

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 24th November	9am	Year 4 Parent Flourishing Starts Talk
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
Monday 15th December	pm	Reception Posting Walk
Tuesday 16th December	9.30am	Year One Nativity To Parents
Wednesday 17th December	6pm	Both choirs singing at Carols On The Green
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

