



Histon & Impington
Park Primary School

24th October 2025

HIPPS Newsletter



Headteacher update

The last week before half term has been an incredibly busy one. It started on Sunday with over 100 children, parents and staff at Milton Junior parkrun and finished with Year 5 and 6 having a wonderful time at the Black Country museum and fortunately managing to avoid Storm Benjamin. Many congratulations to our Year 6 girls football team who became South Cambs champions this week beating 15 other teams. Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended our parents' evening earlier this week. If you have not yet completed the online questionnaire please try to do so. There is a the link further down this newsletter.

A reminder to Year 6 parents that applications for Secondary school places need to be completed by next **Friday, 31st October.**

The children have all worked incredibly hard over the last 8 weeks and I hope that both they, and you, all have a lovely half term. We have a training day on Monday 3rd November so children are due back to school on **Tuesday 4th November.**

Jonathan Newman,
Headteacher



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Year Group Updates

Reception

Reception children have been reading and retelling the story of the Little Red Hen this week. They then worked brilliantly to use all the phonics that they have learnt over their first half term in school to write the names of some of the animals from the story.

Key Stage One

Key Stage 1 have been making fruit pots this week using a wide range of different fruit. Of course the best part was eating them but they had to design them and then write instructions so that someone else would be able to make the same pot. They used bossy verbs, which they learnt were called imperatives, to make their instructions clear. Their writing was fantastic!

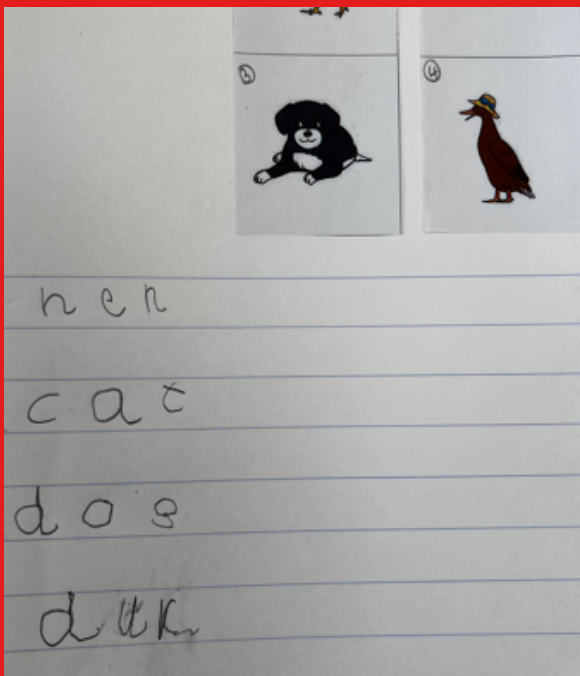
Key Stage Two

Year 3 and 4 have been learning about the 5 stages of fossilisation starting with death and decay and finishing with exposure.

Class 7 reenacted a process that usually takes millions of years in about a minute for me when I was walking around school earlier today! Can you guess which stage they are at from the photograph below? They have also been writing fantastic non-chronological reports about Stone Age life. They have used generalisers and frontal adverbials as well as headings and sub-headings!

Year 5/6 have had a busy week with a Stem Workshop with staff from Astra Zeneca and their trip to the Black Country Museum. This comes at the end of a half terms learning all about the Industrial Revolution. They very much enjoyed exploring the Museum and finding out about what life was like in the past. Our Facebook page has photos of the day for you to enjoy!





Stone Age Life

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Fun fact

15.10.25 The Stone Age clothing is really unusual for modern humans. The clothes they wore included tunics, leggings, skirts, necklaces, belts and dresses. The materials they used to make clothes are leather, ivory and bones from different animals. The animals bones they used included reindeer antlers for buttons and teeth from fish and deer.

Fun fact

Did you know that on cold days Stone Age people wore many layers, but on hot days they could go without anything at all?

Safe She-Lives

The Paleolithic and Mesolithic period both shared plans about survival. Like making movable tents with fires outside of their houses. Others lived in caves for it gave protection from wild animals.

In the Neolithic Period Stone Age people started to make settlements and farmed crops. They also domesticated animals for meat so they could hunt way easier. Unlike the Paleolithic and

STONE AGE

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Fantastic Stone Age Fashion

Stone Age clothes were very different to clothes that we wear today. Some of the materials that Stone Age people used to make clothes are wool, grass, bark, belts, animal skin and fur. Sometimes Stone Age people included a lot of accessories like bone necklaces, buttons, a leather belt and tunics. Clothing was very a very special thing in the Stone Age.

Year 5/6 Dance Displays

Over the last two weeks of term, our fantastic Year 5&6 children have wowed us with their incredible dance performances! Working in small groups, they created and developed their own dance motifs, using a range of compositional skills such as levels, dynamics, and formations.

They performed their routines for different classes across the school, and each performance was full of energy, creativity, and teamwork.

A huge well done and thank you to Year 5&6 — you were a joy to watch and truly inspired us all with your talent!



Year 6 girls football

Fantastic performance by our Year 6 girls football team at the South Cambs championships on Wednesday at Linton VC. Competing against 15 other schools they topped their group winning all 3 games 2-1, 8-1 and 4-0.

They then went into the winners group of 4 where they won two matches 3-1 and 2-0 and drew the other 2-2.

After a nervous watch of the last game between Monkfield Park and The Vine we were crowned champions. In total we scored 21 goals and conceded just 5.

The team will go onto represent South Cambs at the county finals at Swavesey VC in January. All the girls were brilliant and their team work and support for each other shone through. Huge thank you to South Cambs Sports Partnership for organising such a brilliant event and to Mrs Witt for supporting the children.

Parkrun

It was absolutely wonderful to see so many HIPPS families at Milton Junior parkrun this last Sunday. We think we had over 80 children taking part from every year group from Reception all the way up to year 6 with some guest appearances from our lovely year 7s now at IVC. Great to see such enthusiasm and excitement, lots of PBs but more importantly lots of encouragement and determination. Hopefully some of our newcomers will have got the ParkRun bug. Thank you so much to all those parents/carers who brought their children along. Mr Newman is planning to come along again on the 2nd Sunday of half term (2nd November) if you are thinking about participating again!

Cycle to School

On Monday we welcomed the Walk Wheel and Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans) to the school for the first time. As well as handing out free bike lights they led a Be Bright Be Seen themed introductory assembly and a Dr Bike clinic. They have promised to come back to look at some of the bikes that they were unable to this week.







Parent Feedback Questionnaire

If you haven't done so already, could we please ask your to fill in our online questionnaire. This is a chance for you to share your views about our school. If you could fill in one questionnaire for each of your children that would be much appreciated.

<https://forms.office.com/e/t2Up0q1VBT>

Housepoint Totals

	 EARTH	 WATER	 FIRE	 AIR
Totals for this week	53	61	54	50
Total for the term	415	411	398	403

Congratulations to Earth House for winning the house competition this half term.

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.

Half term

Children all start back at school on Tuesday 3rd November as there is a staff training day on the Monday. Have a lovely half term everyone!



Key Dates (new dates in black)

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
Friday 14th November	am	Panathlon at IVC–selected pupils–note change of date
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**](#)



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**](#)

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