



5th December 2025

HIPPS Newsletter



Headteacher update

Christmas has arrived at HIPPS this week! Our Year 5/6 choir headed out on Thursday to perform at the HI Friends Christmas Concert. They had the opportunity to sing alongside professional soprano, Naomi Rogers, as well as perform some of their own choir songs. The feedback from the audience was so positive and the choir are looking forward to their next few Christmas shows!

This week, we have been visited by Mrs Thompson, the Trust Curriculum Lead, and also hosted a teaching course for teachers from across Cambridgeshire. Our visitors got to spend time in classes and look at the children's books. Feedback from both of these visits was overwhelmingly positive with visitors

commenting on pupil's engagement in lessons, calm and steady transitions around school and around children's ability to discuss their learning. One teacher said that an environment has been created where all children wanted to be involved and everyone was included. As always, we are very proud of our school and it is lovely to celebrate this with people from outside our HIPPS community!

We look forward to seeing lots of you at the Christmas Fair next Friday. Make sure you have preordered your tokens- the deadline is Saturday 6th December!

Jonathan Newman

KEY DATES



DATE



EVENT

6th December

Tokens for fair to be preordered using:
<https://shorturl.at/M5Ge0>

8th December

Christmas Raffle Ticket Stubs and Money to be
Returned to School

8th December

Donations for Present Wrapping Room to be
bought to school along with wrapping paper
and tags

10th December

Any donations of prizes for class stalls to be
bought into school

12th December

Christmas Jumper Day. Donations to be made
via:
<https://shorturl.at/rJ8kh>

12th December

Christmas Dinner Day and Santa Dash

12th December-
3.40-6.00pm

Christmas Fair. Donations of cakes and
savoury bakes to be bought in on morning of
fair.



Get involved in local governance at Histon and Impington Park Primary School!!!

Histon and Impington Park Primary School is looking to recruit Academy Council Members! This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer and share your skills and experience to support children and young people in our community as well as to further your professional development. The Academy Council is responsible for local governance at HIPPS. Our academy is part of Meridian Trust.

The Academy Council's role is strategic and not operational. The Academy Council:





1. Promotes the mission and values of the school within the overall Meridian Trust vision to provide high quality education for all at the heart of the local community.
2. Supports and challenges the Headteacher and other school leaders and acts as a critical friend.
3. Contributes to the development of strategic priorities and plans for the academy
4. Ensures effective mechanisms are in place to safeguard all pupils, monitor standards, quality assure the curriculum offer, monitor budgets and help ensure value for money.

The strength of the Academy Council is its diversity and the varied skill sets brought to the table. All Academy Council Members share a passion for improving education and welfare of children and young people. At Histon and Impington Park Primary, we are particularly looking for the following skills/competencies: business acumen, strategic leadership and accountability, and knowledge/understanding of HR and/or safeguarding, but we are open to all interest!

The commitment at a minimum is 5 meetings a year, reading papers in advance of meetings, and taking on a Champion role in a key area such as student welfare and safeguarding, curriculum and achievement, or student experience. There is some mandatory training which is offered by the trust, and further advice and training are available. For more information, please see <https://www.parkprimary.co.uk/governance/>

If you would like more information or for an informal chat, please contact the headteacher, Jonathan Newman at jnewman@parkprimary.co.uk Thank you for your interest.

Housepoint Totals

| |  EARTH |  WATER |  FIRE |  AIR |
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| Totals for this week | 131 | 132 | 130 | 120 |
| Total for the term | 289 | 290 | 296 | 284 |

House points couldn't be closer after a roll over week meaning there were over one hundred points to add to all house total. Well done to Water House for winning this week but with two weeks until the Christmas holidays the overall scores could not be much closer and everything is still to play for!

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.



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HI Friends Big Give

We benefit so much from the support of HI Friends. If you are able to support them with a donation between 2nd December and 9th December, donations up to £2250 will be match funded. More information can be found via:

<https://www.hifriends.org.uk/big-give/>



Key Dates (new dates in black)

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| 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 |
| Wednesday 7th January | am | Year 6 Library Visits |
| Tuesday 20th January 2026 | All day | Young Voices-both choirs |
| Wednesday 28th January 2026 | 4pm | Year 6 English Challenge (Selected pupils will be invited) |

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| Monday 2nd February 2026 | 2.45pm | Year 4 Showcase Assembly and Open Classrooms |
| Wednesday 4th February | am | Year 5 Library Visits |
| Wednesday 11th February | am | Reception Library Visits |
| Thursday 5th March | All Day | World Book day |
| Wednesday 11th March | am | Year 4 Library Visits |
| Wednesday 18th March | am | Year 3 Library Visits |
| Wednesday 25th March | 9.15am | Reception Showcase Assembly |
| Wednesday 15th April | am | Year 2 Library Visit |
| Wednesday 22nd April | am | Year 1 Library Visit |

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| 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 |



Christmas Fair Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to help for 20 minute slots during the Christmas Fair.

Without volunteers, events such as the fair will not be able to go ahead in the future.

Please sign up for a slot using the link below:

<https://volunteersignup.org/afyyr>



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

