



10th October 2025

HIPPS Newsletter



Headteacher update

As well as aiming to give all our children great learning opportunities we also want to give them opportunities to take on responsibilities. This week has highlighted this brilliantly. A number of our Year 6 children have met their Reception 'buddies' for the first time and have shown amazing kindness, empathy and on occasions patience!

Children in Year 5 have had 'play leader' training which means they are now 'qualified' to organise games and activities for some of our younger children. I have also met with a group of our Year 4

children who are keen to become library monitors and to help keep it looking as good as it can be. The fact that these children are giving freely of their time, when they could be playing with friends, is a testimony to the kind of children we hope we all want them to be. A small number of our children also appeared on Radio Cambridgeshire this week to talk about why we collect for Jimmy's night shelter each year. They were so passionate and articulate. It makes us very proud that these are the sort of children we are shaping in partnership with you, Jonathan Newman, Headteacher

Year Group Updates

Reception

In Reception this week, the children have been continuing on their Phonics journey, making representations of homes and enjoying the Autumn sunshine in the outside area.

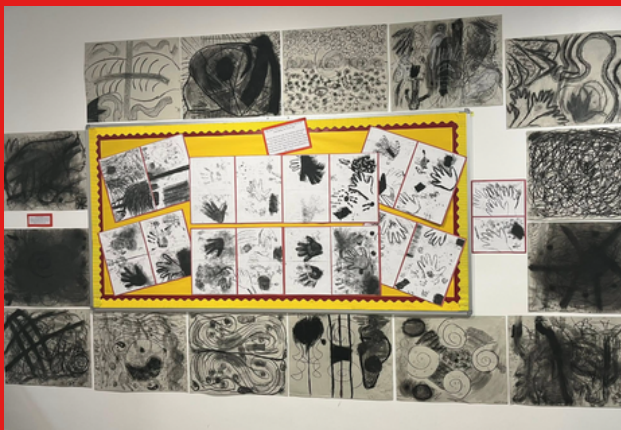
Key Stage One

Miss Anelay and Mr Dando have been blown away by the quality of the writing their classes have been producing this week. They said they think it might be the best 'beginning of Year 1 writing they have seen' which given they have both been teaching in year 1 for quite a long time is an amazing accolade. Year 2 teachers have also been impressed by the quality of the writing that their children have produced using the text 'The Smeds and the Smoos'.

Key Stage Two

Year 3 and 4 have been using charcoal to explore gestural drawing. They been looking at the work of different artists and then working in pairs to create their own gestural drawings which involved using other parts of their bodies, not just their hands. Their results are very interesting!

Year 5 and 6 have had a fantastic day today with the visiting planetarium. I was lucky enough to accompany Class 12 when it was their turn and we found out so much about the Solar System, the planets, lunar landing as well as bits of Greek and Roman mythology thrown in. Oscar in Year 5 described it brilliantly when he told me it had been a 'truly immersive experience'. Please ask your children about what they have learnt about the Solar System. (see more below)



Year 5/6 Planetarium Visit

Year 5/6 have very much enjoyed their planetarium visit this morning. Thank you to the PTFA who have agreed to fund this visit for the children.

Andy shared information about our solar system and constellations that we can see in our night sky. He also talked about the development of space exploration and how technology now plays a big part in how we can see deeper into space than ever before.

Our Year 5 children will be going on to write newspaper reports based on their experience over the next week. However in the meantime, here are some quotes from the children.





"It was amazing! You got to learn loads of facts and it was realistic." Jake

"It was extraordinary how your would sink into Jupiter!" Abril

"it was a brilliant event and amazing to learn about the constellations." Nicholas



Housepoint Totals

	 EARTH	 WATER	 FIRE	 AIR
Totals for this week	50	49	59	49
Total for the term	305	289	282	279

Congratulations to Fire House for winning the house competition for the second time running this week.

Reminders

Mobile 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.

IVC Fireworks



Congratulations to Lexi and Mehmet who will be pressing the big red button to set off the fireworks on Saturday 8th November!

Tickets are now on sale for the IVC Fireworks event which raises valuable funds for school!

<https://bookmyplacenow.uk/event/histon-impington-fireworks-2025/>



Key Dates (new dates in black)

Monday 13th October	pm	Year One Forest School
Monday 13th October	pm	School Cross Country-All year groups
Friday 17th October	All Day	Year 4 Bikeability
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
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



Junior Park Run School!

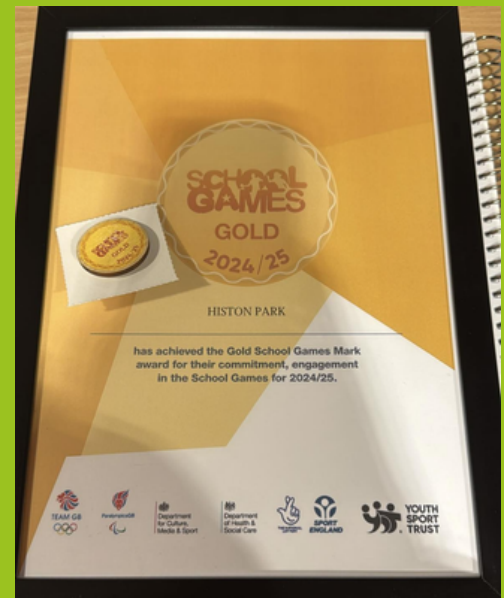
We are delighted to inform you Histon and Impington Park Primary have become one of the first schools in the country to sign up as a 'Junior Parkrun School'. We already have lots of our children who run, walk, jog or skip the 2 kilometres at Milton Country Park on a Sunday morning at 9am and we would like to invite all our families to come and join us on Sunday 19th October at 8.45am.

Running, walking or jogging has so many benefits for both children and adults and it would be lovely to have as many of you come along as possible.

Register your child at www.parkrun.org.uk/register/

School Games-Gold!

Miss Peake went to a South Cambs P.E Sports Network Event and was given our Gold School Games Award! This was presented to us for our engagement in sport over the last academic year. We are delighted to maintain this and will be trying to sustain this level in order to reach our Platinum award in the future! We have a number of sporting events coming up over the next few weeks particularly for those children in Key Stage 2 so watch this space. Although some of these are selected on ability our aim is that ALL children in Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to represent the school in some way across their last two years in school.



TTRS Competition

We were part of the first Meridian Trust TTRS competition last week. The stakes were high and it was great to see so many children participating.

Huge well done to Class 12 for coming first out of 100 classes in the Trust and to Class 13 for 3rd place!





PTFA AGM

We had our PTFA AGM this 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 after half term to see if we can be successful as we would hate for our PTFA to be unable to continue.

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:

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