



6th February 2026

HIPPS Newsletter



Headteacher Update

Despite the longest spell of dreary weather I can remember we have had lots of bright, exciting learning opportunities across the school! Our curriculum learning has been enhanced this week by the visit of Theatre of Widdershin performing the Princess and the Pea for all of Reception and Key Stage 1 as well as Year 3 and 4 having an action packed Ancient Egypt day.

I had head teachers from other Meridian schools visiting today and, following the puppet show, it was lovely to see the children in Reception designing and making their own beds for the Princess to sleep on. There were some amazing creations!

Please note that the holidays dates for 2027/28 for our school are now available on our school website for those of you who like to plan ahead.

At the other end of the school, we have had some high brow learning with Year 6 children independently researching information on significant figures from Ancient Greece such as Aristotle and Hippocrates and then trying to persuade peers as to why they felt like their significant figure was the most important!

Please can I remind all parents/carers to ensure that given the current weather that the children bring in a warm and waterproof coat every day.

Jonathan Newman

Year Group Updates

All of our Key Stage 1 and Reception classes were treated to a fantastic puppet and storytelling session by Andy from Theatre of Widdershins on Thursday. Andy retold, with the help of the children, the story of the Princess and the Pea in his own inimitable style! We had lots of audience participation and lots and lots of giggles!

It was particularly brilliant for Key Stage 1 who have just finished making their own puppets as part of their Design Technology work. Huge thank you to Andy and to the PTFA who generously supported the event.

Please ask your children about the show.

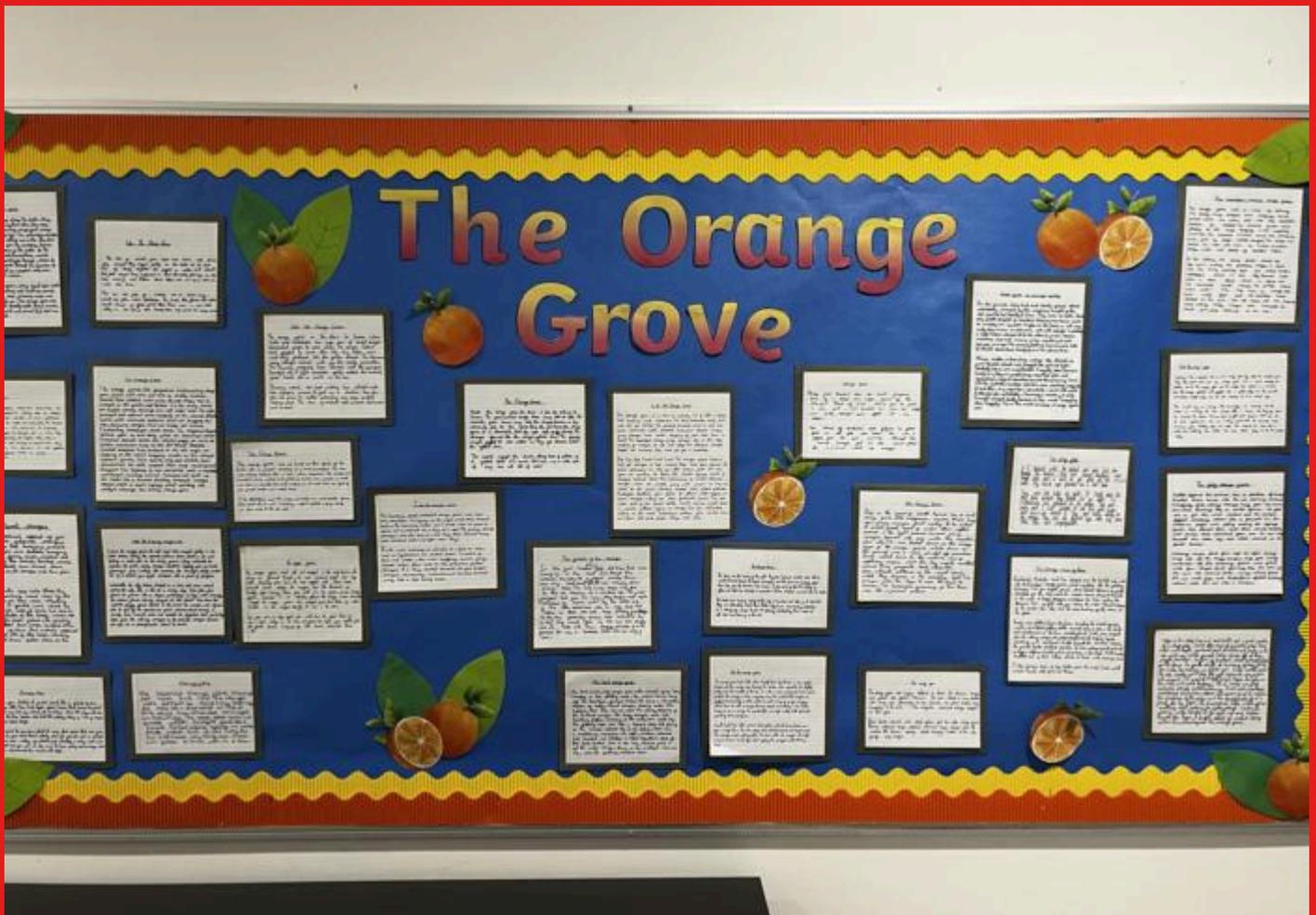
Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic Ancient Egypt day earlier this week. The children dressed up in different Egyptian themed costumes including gods, goddesses and even a pyramid! They learnt loads of different facts and information as well as being creative. Year 4 then finished the day with a showcase assembly and the opportunity to show parents/carers and other family members what they had been learning. Thank you to staff for their efforts and to parents for supporting.

Year 5 have visited Histon library this week. They got to explore the library, had a talk about how to best use the library and explored different text types. Some of the children even took their own library cards along.

Year 5 and 6, as well as looking at Ancient Greece, have been writing descriptions based on imagining they were in the Orange Grove from their book 'Journey to Jo'burg'. See below for the displays of some of their lovely work.

Well done to Anya in Year 2 for being Mr Carminati's sports star of the week. She has really impressed him with her impeccable learning behaviour, listening skills and positive aspects to all aspects of P.E.





2026 is the National Year of Reading.

Across the UK, children and young people are reading less than they used to & stories aren't getting the same space they once did - and when reading drops, confidence, imagination and learning take a hit as well.

This year, a national spotlight is being put on reading - watch this 90 second video to find out more.

To help kick start the 2026 National Year of Reading, we're inviting everyone in our school community and across our trust, to take 10mins each day to read something you enjoy.

Have a look at our Ten Ways to Take 10 poster to get inspired!

From our teachers to our TAs, our Year 2s to our Year 6s, and our families to our Finance teams, we want to make 2026 the year we #Take10ToRead and #GoAllIn with reading.

You will also have received our week about Book Week-the key dates have been added to the calendar!



Stir Fundraising

We have been approached by Stir Histon to work with them as part of a fundraising initiative which will run from 26th January until 8th March.

During this time, 10% of the cost of any purchases made at the Stir Histon branch by HIPPS parents/staff will go into the HIPPS fundraising pot. (Please note this is not a discount)

All that you need to do is save the picture below in your phone.

When you then go into the shop/cafe, before you make your purchase/before you sit down, show the card to the staff member.

Don't wait until you are paying at the end.

The team at Stir will then calculate the 10% of your spend to go into the pot.

This can also be used as part of their Click and Collect service, when at the checkout, please write in the notes sections "Histon and Impington Park PTFA".

Please note this fundraising only applies to purchases at the Stir Histon branch.

Thank you to Stir Cambridge for their support and we look forward to working with them.



Donations

Thank you so much for the Christmas jumpers and Children in Need jumpers that have already been donated – we really appreciate your generosity.

We would like to add water shoes to our donation list. When Year 6 visit Grafham, these are needed for water activities, and as they are often only worn a few times before children grow out of them, we would love to take some spare pairs with us this year. If you have any outgrown water shoes at home, we would be very grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your continued support!

Housepoint Totals

Well done to Fire House for winning this week. Earth house are still in the lead overall.

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; 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.

PE Kit

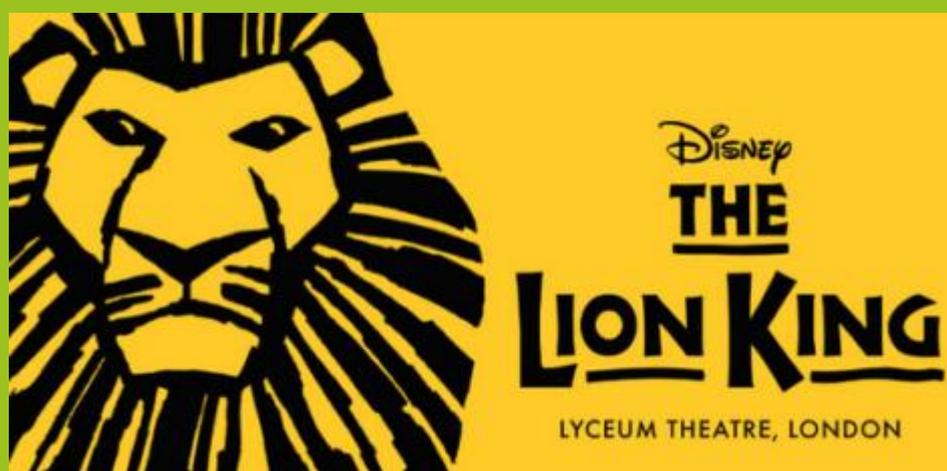
Please can you ensure your child always has a full PE kit in school every day as PE days can change. At the moment all of the children in Key Stage 2 are doing hockey and require shinpads. If you have any old spare pairs of shinpads that you can donate to the school we would be very grateful. **Children must bring a change of shoes for PE.** Children must not wear earrings for PE. Ears cannot be taped to cover earrings, so earrings 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 PE lessons as they cannot join in due to Health and Safety guidance.



Key Dates (new dates in black)

Wednesday 11th February	am	Reception Library Visits
Thursday 12th February	am	IVC Head of House visit to Year 6 regarding transition
Friday 13th February		Last day of half term
Monday 16th February–Friday 20th February		Half Term
Monday 23rd February		Back to School
Monday 23rd February		Dental Visits to Year 2/3
Tuesday 24th February	all day	Year 4 Trip to Fitzwilliam Museum
Wednesday 25th February	all day	Year 3 Trip to Fitzwilliam
Wednesday 4th March	all day	Mike Rampton Author Visit
Thursday 5th March	all day	World Book Day–Dress Up as a Book Character Writing Workshops and Poetry Performance
Thursday 5th March–Tuesday 10th March	3.30–4pm	Book Fair in School
Friday 6th March	8.45–9.15	Early Morning Reading Session

Wednesday 11th March	am	Year 4 Library Visits
Wednesday 11th March/Thursday 12th March		Parents Consultations
Wednesday 18th March	am	Year 3 Library Visits
Friday 20th March	pm	PTFA Quiz
Wednesday 25th March	9.15am	Reception Showcase Assembly
Wednesday 25th March	All day	Year 5 Lion King Theatre Trip
Wednesday 15th April	am	Year 2 Library Visit
Wednesday 22nd April	am	Year 1 Library Visit



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
Thursday 21st May	All day	Reception Trip to Wicken Fen
Monday 1st June–Wednesday 3rd June		Year 6 Residential
Monday 1st June–Friday 12th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check
Monday 8th June–Friday 12th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Monday 15th June	2.45pm	Year 2 Showcase Assembly and Open Classroom
Monday 15th June	After school	Year 1 Open Classroom
Monday 22nd June/ Tuesday 23rd June	All Day	Year 6 IVC Transition Days
Friday 26th June	After School	Summer Fair



Looking Ahead!

Save the date for the PTFA quiz.
Friday 20th March is the date for your diaries!
Start gathering your team—more information to follow!



Meridian Trust News

Visit our Trust Website to read about what has been happening at Meridian!

[Read more here](#)



Work with us

We are currently recruiting for teaching assistants. Please find the link to the advert using the link below:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/139086/EDV-2026-HAIPPS-18086>

[Find out more](#)

Connect with us at Histon & Impington Park Primary School

