

# HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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## MESSAGE FROM MR HINGLEY

What a busy week at Hannah Ball School! The children are settling in well after their half term holidays and it has been great to see how many children have been in all week. We have started giving out stickers for those children who have been in all week and it has been amazing to see how many children have been in. Really well done to all of our parents who are making sure that their children come in regularly. Our whole school attendance this week has been 94.2% - not too far off our aim of 96%!

I really enjoy our star of the week assemblies. It is lovely hearing about how well the children are doing in their classes and the reasons for their star of the week awards. Our values of resilience, respect, responsibility, kindness, honesty and curiosity, come up quite often. We have quite a few awards for politeness too - things like saying please and thank-you, caring for each other and even holding doors open for each other are amazing habits to foster. Our pupils really are a credit to our school and thank-you for your continuing support.

It was amazing to see so many of you at our book swap after school - it was very popular and well-supported. Thank-you!

Please see the attached poster about What's App. My staff and I have spent not an inconsiderable amount of time dealing with issues stemming from social media today. Essentially, your children are not legally allowed to be using What's App, if they are it is your responsibility to check on them and also to remember that they are all younger than 11 years old and do not have the emotional maturity to be able to deal with a social media account. (that is why they should not have an account until they are 16) Our job is to educate children and to ensure that they are safe. It is unfortunate when our time (5 members of staff today) has been taken away from this focus to deal with issues that are coming in from irresponsible parenting.

On a lighter note - what amazing weather we have been having. The colours of the leaves are changing rapidly so if you do have time, please get outside and enjoy connecting with nature! Have a fabulous weekend everyone.

**If you are using fireworks this weekend please follow the fireworks code. Please see this useful website <https://www.britishfireworksassociation.co.uk/firework-advice-for-consumers/>**

# Star of the Week



## RECEPTION

**Kilian for using his sounds to write a sentence about our story 'Funnybones'. Great work Kilian!**

## YEAR ONE

**Matei has received star of the week for his resilience towards his learning, He is trying his best in all he does.**

## YEAR TWO

**Sakinah. She has displayed remarkable resilience in both her behaviour and learning, consistently putting in great effort and dedication in her reading, writing and Maths. Well Done Sakinah.**

## YEAR THREE

**Ashvika. She has started the week off strong getting involved in class discussion and creating amazing work. Well done Ashvika.**

## YEAR FIVE

**Jack - for setting in so well and showing a positive attitude towards his work across all subjects.**

## YEAR SIX

**Michael for his excellent reasoning skills in Maths and for settling in so well to Hannah Ball.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

### RECEPTION

Welcome back! This week in Reception we have been learning about Halloween. We spoke about why people celebrate Halloween and what they might do. The children spoke about costumes they wore and the decorations they had in their houses. We have read the story 'Funny bones' and have enjoyed learning the songs about our bones. Please continue to read and sign your child's planner every day. We have sent home harder to read and spell words, and explained how to use them at parents' evening so please make sure your child is learning these words. Have a great weekend.

### YEAR ONE

This week, we started the new half term all set to learn. In our History class, we had a blast learning about The Great Fire of London. We played detective, searching for clues from the past and present to understand the differences. We also talked about our similarities. Plus, we're making sure to work on improving our behavior and following instructions diligently. Our learning is both enjoyable and focused.

## YEAR TWO

We are delighted to welcome the children back to school, and it's been a fantastic start to the term as we've hit the ground running with our learning. A big 'well done' to all the children who completed their half-term homework. We've received some incredible castle projects, and the excitement is building for our upcoming trip to Windsor Castle in a few weeks.

In our English lessons, we're diving into the enchanting world of a warning tale called 'Kassim and the Greedy Dragon.' The children have been actively analysing this story, which has been a captivating experience. During our Guided Reading sessions, we're exploring the book 'There is No Dragon in This Story,' and it's heartwarming to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about it. In our Math classes, we're focusing on the basics of addition and subtraction. It would greatly benefit all children to practice their number bonds to 10 and 20. In History, our young historians are delving into the concept of a monarch and their primary roles. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

## YEAR THREE

The Year 3s have been amazing this week and have really settled in well after their half term break. I can't quite believe it is November already!

In English we have introduced a new book called the Stone Age Boy. The children are really enjoying it. We have been using the book over in reading as well and the pupils are practising their comprehension skills by locating answers in the text. . In Maths we have carried on with addition and subtraction, they have had to make connections with the numbers as well as subtract 10s that go over into the 100s (place value). In Science we have introduced them to the new topic, Rocks, Soils and Fossils. In Topic we are learning about the Stone to Iron age and what it would be like to live in those times. The introduction was about why the ages got their name and to understand why history is important. - 'You have to understand the past to know about the present' Carl Sagan. In RE we are learning about Christmas and are considering whether it has lost its true meaning. We started off the lesson understanding what the holidays and/or Christmas means to us. In PSHE, we are celebrating differences. The students paired up to discuss the differences and similarities between their families. Then they had to draw their families and discuss what they meant to them. Friday is a special day, we have the Hobgoblin theatre company coming in to work with the class on prehistory times with the Year 3s which includes a production and workshop. A very packed week for the Year 3s but hopefully a fun one for them. Hope you have a great week. Miss Stickland and Mrs Yasin.

**Homework:** Homework is given out on Friday. This is due back next Wednesday. These tasks are compulsory to do.

**Reading:** Reading should be done every day. Please make sure this is done. Signatures need to be in the planner for the right week.

## MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

### YEAR FIVE

Year 5 have returned eager to engage in new learning. We have kicked off our English by reading our new fiction text 'Treason' (which is set in the time of the Tudors). We will also be studying the Tudors as part of our history lessons this term. In Maths we have continued with our learning on 'multiplication and division' and have been looking at prime and square numbers. In Science, our new topic is 'Properties and changes in materials'. As part of our first lesson, we have conducted a walk around the school building observing and finding of what materials have been used and why. Well done year 5 for working hard this week. Have a great weekend and please stay safe when around fireworks. Mrs Mir, Miss Dear & Miss Saldanha

### Homework:

Spellings - complete tasks on Purple Mash

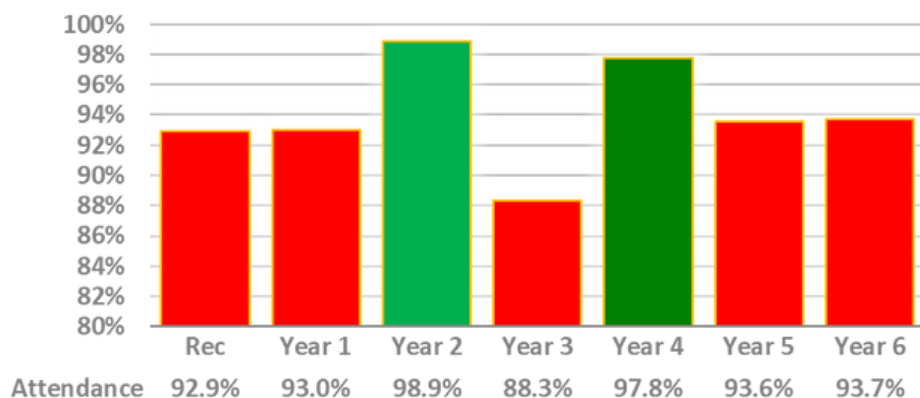
Maths - complete task on Mathletics

## **YEAR SIX**

**We've had a great first week back in year 6; starting our new topics in all areas of the curriculum. This half term, we will be learning all about WWII and the impact this had on Britain as well as Germany. This week, we looked at the start of the war, listening to Neville Chamberlain's announcement and ordered key events on a timeline. In English, we have started reading our new class text which is a WWII picture book called 'Rose Blanche'. We left year 6 on a cliffhanger yesterday so I'm sure they are all looking forward to reading how the story ends today! In maths, we have been looking at efficient strategies to solve calculations and all about the order of operations. To keep with the WWII topic, our new text for our reading lessons is the beloved classic, 'The lion the witch and the wardrobe' which year 6 are loving so far. It's wonderful to see how enthused they have been in all lessons this week and how much they are enjoying our new topic.**

**Well done year 6 for an excellent first week back!**

# THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:



## Days off school add up to lost learning

### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



**Please be aware that unauthorised holiday absence of 5 days or more can now result in the issuing of a Penalty Notice which carries a fine of £60 or if not paid after 21 days then the fine is doubled to £120 and court prosecution if unpaid after 28 days.**

## Holidays

In total there are 175 non-school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to:

- Spend time together
- Go on family visits and days out
- Go on holiday
- Go shopping
- Attend routine appointments

If your child has a holiday of 1 week during term time and 10 days illness, they would miss 75 hours of education in the academic year. If this pattern were to be repeated throughout your child's school life, they would miss almost a year of their education.



# NOTICES

## BARVEMBER

**We are excited to announce our participation in this year's Barvember Maths Challenge 2023. Each day in November, starting from Monday the 6th November, the children will be given the opportunity to take home a set of maths problems to be solved using bar modelling where the children can practice and develop their numeracy skills.**

**There will be a range of different questions for all ages and children can choose the question or questions they feel most comfortable answering or they may want to challenge themselves and complete all of them!**

**Each day the new maths problems will be available to those who want to participate - just ask your teacher for the daily maths challenges! Once completed, hand them back to your teacher, and for each correct challenge solved using a Bar Model, you will receive 5 tokens and your work will be displayed in the dining hall!**

**I can't wait to see the display at the end of the month with all of you solutions to these tricky problems!**

**Miss Mehdi**



## Buckinghamshire Family Learning

Understand what children learn maths in Reception and how you can help your child

Learn fun activities to help your child to learn this important part of the curriculum.

Develop your child's early maths skills  
Join our **free**, 2 hour, 5-week online course.

[Tuesday 7 November, 9:30am](#)

[Wednesday 8 November, 9:30am](#)

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What is my child learning in maths at school and how is it taught?

What easy and fun activities can I do at home to help my child do well in maths?

### Support Your child with Maths (Number) Year 1&2

Join our **free**, 5 week online course,  
For parents and carers of children in Year 1 and 2,  
in Buckinghamshire

**Starts on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November- 09:30-11:30**

To book your place, please click on:

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For more information text Nina on 07710 145234



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**FREE**

Do you want to help your child improve their maths skills?

**For Parents and Carers of Children in Years 3 & 4**

Support your Child with Maths -  
**Fractions, Decimals and Percentages**  
(5-week [Online Course](#))

SCAN ME



Monday 6 November, 9:30am-11:30am  
Tuesday 7 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm  
Wednesday 8 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm  
Thursday 9 November, 6:30pm-8:30pm



To book your place call our enrolment team on 01296 383582 or scan the QR code  
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**FREE**

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**For Parents and Carers of Children in Years 5 & 6**

Support your Child with Maths -  
**Geometry, Statistics and Measurement**  
(5-week [Online Course](#))

SCAN ME



Wednesday 8 November, 7pm-9pm



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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
	November 2023	
Thursday 16th November	Union Baptist Church Assembly	KS1
Friday 17th November	Y2 Windsor Castle Trip	Y2
Thursday 23rd November	Visit to Union Baptist Church	Reception
Friday 24th November	Visit to Union Baptist Church	YR1
Tuesday 28th November	Great Fire of London & Kings & Queens workshop -Y1	YR1
Tuesday 28th November	Kate Poels author visit	KS1 & KS2
Thursday 30th November	Visit to Union Baptist Church	YR2
	December 2023	
Monday 4th December	Pantomime 2-3pm	Whole School
Tuesday 12th December	Trip to Hampton Court	Y5
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of Autumn term	Whole School
	January 2024	
Thursday 4th January	INSET Day	Whole School
Friday 5th January	School Starts	Whole School
	June 2024	
Thursday 27th & Friday 28th June	Longridge Residential Trip	Y6
	July 2024	
Friday 19th July	Longridge Day Trip	Y5