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HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER



A very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and wider school community. We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and had plenty of opportunities to rest, relax and spend time together.

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school and see our classrooms and corridors filled with happy faces, excitement and enthusiasm for the year ahead. We are looking forward to another fantastic year of learning, growing and making memories together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are excited about everything the new school year has in store!

CELEBRATING OUR WINNERS

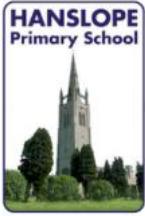


Our house point winners will be available from **next week.**

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



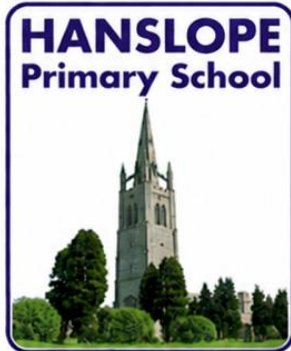
Our weekly school attendance figures will be available from **next week.**



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THIS WEEK AT HANSLOPE

Please welcome our new 'Chair of Governors' – no doubt a familiar face for many of you!



Meet our Chair of Governors



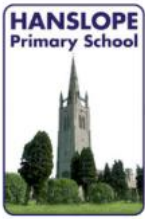
Hello,

My name is **Brittany Mudaliar**, and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Hanslope Primary School.

Having been part of the governing body for a year, I am proud to take on this role and to continue working alongside staff, governors, pupils and families to support the school's continued success.

I look forward to getting to know more of our school community over the coming months, helping ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive and achieve their very best.

If you would like to contact Brittany, or any of our school governors, then you can find **contact details on our school website [here](https://www.hanslopeschool.co.uk)**.



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Meet the Team!

Each week, we're going to shine a little spotlight on **one of the wonderful members of our Hanslope Primary School team**, giving our families and wider school community the chance to get to know the people who make our school special. From their role in school to their favourite things, we'll be sharing a little more about the people behind the smiles! 💖 This week, we're kicking off our *Meet the Team* series with our **Interim Headteacher, Mrs Lawrence** 🙋



1 My name is:

Mrs Lawrence



2 My favourite colour is:

Blue!



3 My favourite place that I have ever been to:

Holidays abroad with my family – doesn't matter where as long as it is hot!



4 Children's books that I like:

The Blue Balloon by Mick Inkpen



5 If I wasn't a teacher, I'd be...

I've always wanted to be a teacher, however I have worked in a shoe shop and in a bank.



6 When I was at school, I was really good at...

Music! I played in the school hockey and netball teams and represented my schools cross country team!



7 My favourite food is...

Pizza, chips, crisps and chocolate (and vegetables of course)!!!



8 I am happiest when...

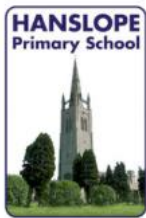
I am with my family and friends.



9 Something interesting about me is...

I have been on TV twice.



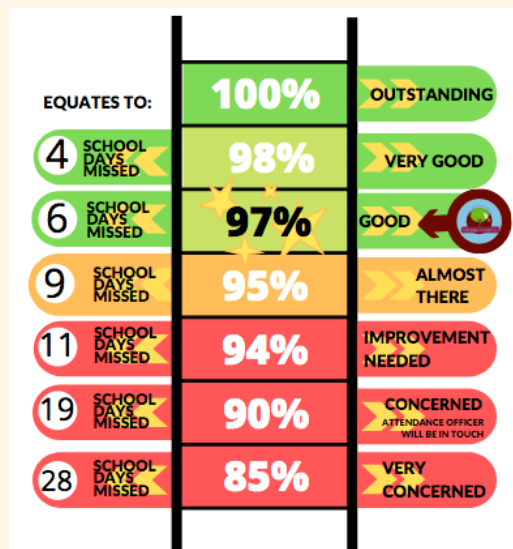


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DID YOU KNOW...

If your child finishes the year with **95% attendance** they will still have missed 10 full school days, which equates to around **55 hours of learning time**. In fact, if your child misses just one day each week, it equates to them missing 20% of the year, with their weekly attendance sitting at just **80%**.

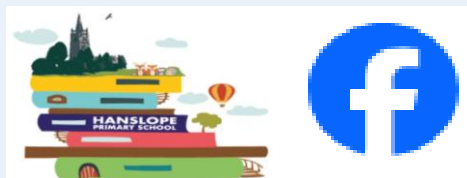
Remember – every day counts!

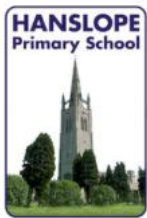


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NEWSLETTER GALLERY – A NEW ADVENTURE AWAITS



Step 1 – The Build Begins

The first deliveries have arrived! 🚚🔧

Our new play equipment is officially underway. With piles of timber, ropes and plenty of tools on site, the team got to work preparing the area and getting everything ready for construction.



Step 2 – The Structures Start to Take Shape

And suddenly, we have towers! 🏰

Piece by piece, the timber structures are beginning to come together. The foundations, towers and climbing walls are starting to give us a glimpse of what our exciting new play area will look like.



Step 3 – Our New Adventure Playground!

And here it is... our amazing new play equipment! 🌳

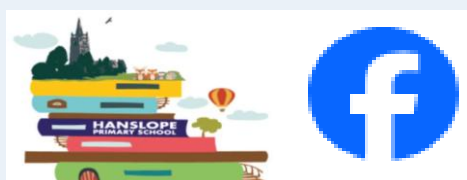
What started as a patch of grass and a pile of timber has been transformed into an incredible space for climbing, balancing, exploring and imaginative play.

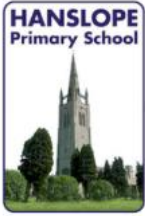
We can't wait to see our children enjoying their new adventure playground!

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CELEBRATING LIFE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Extra-Curricular Celebrations

Liam (Y5) has been playing for Stony Stratford Cricket Club for a couple of years now and at the end of season presentation for Under 9's Stony Sharks a few weeks ago he was given a Merit Award for continued improvement over the past season.

He was super chuffed as he's put a lot of effort into improving his bowling skills in particular, and he's looking forward to continuing the momentum at winter nets sessions which start in the next couple of months.

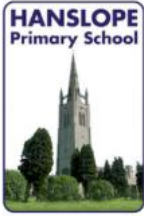
I know that you will join us in all in celebrating Liam's fabulous achievement!



Photo of Liam with his coach

At Hanslope School, we are incredibly proud of the wonderful achievements our pupils make both in and out of the classroom. Whether it's sports, music, art, volunteering, competitions, clubs or even personal milestones – **we'd love to hear about it!** If your child has done something fantastic outside of school that you think deserves a special mention, please let us know so we can celebrate it in our school newsletter. Big or small, every achievement matters!

Send your stories, photos or details to: emma.norris@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk



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OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



MACMILLAN

Coffee Morning & Afternoon

Together we can make a difference!

DRINK COFFEE ♥ EAT PASTRIES ♥ RAISE MONEY ♥ HELP BEAT CANCER

Morning Coffee and a Croissant

 **FRIDAY**
25TH SEPTEMBER

 **8:30am – 9:00am**
Salcey Hall

Join us before drop-off for a hot drink and a croissant. It would be lovely to see you! ♥

Afternoon Coffee and a Pastry

 **FRIDAY**
25TH SEPTEMBER

 **3:30pm – 4:00pm**
Salcey Hall

Pop into the hall after pick-up time and enjoy a drink and a pastry! ♥

 ♥ **PLEASE BRING CASH DONATIONS** ♥ 

All money raised will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you for your support!

We hope you can join us for a cuppa, a pastry and a chat while helping us raise as much as possible for Macmillan Cancer Support!

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We look forward to seeing you there!

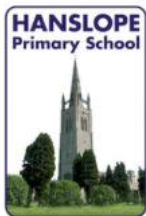
 



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

♥ With Thanks From Hanslope School Council ♥

 **A brighter tomorrow together!**



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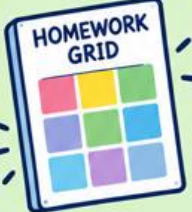


Our New Homework Style



Learning Beyond the Classroom

We are excited to introduce our new topic-based homework grids across the school! Each year group phase has a grid of creative and meaningful activities linked to their current topic.



Each year group has their own homework grid linked to their topic.



Choose 1 or as many tasks as you wish!



Get creative, have fun and explore your interests!



Completed homework will be displayed in school for everyone to see!

Parents' Evening

Come and see the fantastic homework our children have been doing!

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October
3:30pm – 6:00pm

We can't wait to share your amazing work! ❤️



Homework grids can be downloaded from our [website here](#) – just click on your child(ren)s year group to find the **Autumn 1** grid.
Alternatively, if you would like us to print one out for you, please ask your child(ren)s class teacher.

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A Plea from Year 1 and 2

DONATE & HELP US BUILD OUR OUTDOOR WORLD!

Help us make our Year 1/2 outdoor area an exciting, inspiring and engaging space for our children to learn, explore and play.

Small donations make a BIG difference!

We are hoping to build up a collection of open-ended resources that the children can use in lots of different ways. These resources will support imaginative play, creativity, problem-solving, teamwork and physical development.

Natural & Construction Resources

- Sanded wooden blocks
- Log slices / tree cookies
- Sticks and branches
- Wooden planks
- Large pieces of wood
- Wooden crates
- Stones, pebbles or large shells
- Bamboo or wooden poles



Role Play & Imaginative Play

- Pots, pans and kitchen utensils
- Old tea sets
- Wooden spoons
- Baskets
- Briefcases, bags or purses
- Old telephones
- Dressing-up clothes and accessories
- Hi-vis jackets, hats or hard hats
- Shop/café role-play items
- Picnic items



Sand, Water & Investigation

- Trays
- Buckets
- Scoops and containers
- Funnels
- Measuring jugs
- Sieves
- Tubes and pipes
- Watering cans
- Old kitchen utensils
- Small plastic containers
- Plant pots



Construction

- Sanded wooden blocks
- Loose parts (nuts, bolts, wheels etc.)
- Cardboard boxes and tubes
- Bricks (real or foam)
- Planks and beams
- Tools (child-safe)
- Traffic cones
- Large building pieces
- Crates and cable reels



Tuff Trays & Stands

- Tuff trays (all shapes and sizes)
- Tuff tray stands (or sturdy tables)
- Large plastic trays
- Stackable trays
- Coverings (e.g. tarpaulins)



Tuff trays and stands open up so many possibilities for creative and messy play!

Other Useful Bits & Pieces

- Gardening tools (child-sized)
- Plant pots and containers
- Tyres
- Rope
- Tarpaulins
- Fabric, scarves or sheets
- Anything else that could inspire creative outdoor play!



Think 'open-ended'!

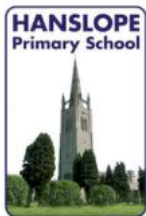
The best resources are things that don't have one particular purpose. A wooden crate could become a shop counter, a stage, a den or a vehicle. A log slice could become a stepping stone, a plate in a pretend café or part of a construction.

If you're having a clear-out at home, please think of us before taking things to the tip!

We don't expect anyone to go out and buy anything - second-hand, well-loved and repurposed items are absolutely perfect. All donations will be checked for suitability and safety before being added to our outdoor provision.

Thank you!

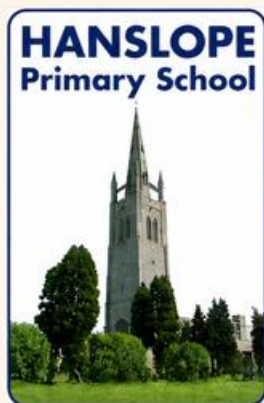
Together we can create a wonderful space where our children can... explore imagine create and learn together!



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PLACES AVAILABLE

A happy, inspiring place to learn, grow and shine. 



A creative, topic-driven curriculum that has been re-imagined.



Warm and supportive staff who care



We'd love to invite you for a school tour!



Please contact the school to book your tour:



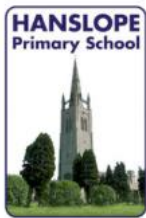
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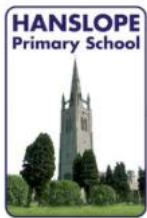
If you know of anyone who may be looking for a school place for 27-28, or – alternatively – someone looking for alternative school provision for this academic year, please encourage them to get in touch!



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT / INFORMATION
25 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
21 st October/22 nd October	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm-6pm
23 rd October	Break up for half-term
2 nd November	Return to school
12 th November	Autumn Disco
13 th November	Children in Need
17 th November	New starter tour for EYFS @ 10am – please contact the office to book
18 th November	New starter tour for Year 3 @ 10am – please contact the office to book
19 th November	New starter tour for EYFS and Year 3 @ 5pm – please contact the office to book
26 th November	Christmas Fayre
8 th December	KS1 Christmas Play @ 9.30am
9 th December	KS1 Christmas Play @ 9.30am
11 th December	EYFS Christmas Songs @ 2.30pm
15 th December	UKS2 Christmas Carols and Christingle – St James' Church @ 9.30am
18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day End of Term – school is finishing at 1.15pm
4 th January	INSET Day
5 th January	Return to school



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CONTACTING HANSLOPE SCHOOL

Please use the contact below that best matches your query. For urgent matters throughout the school day, please contact the school office.

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Interim Headteacher	Lisa Lawrence lisa.lawrence@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk
Safeguarding	DSL Team DSL@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk
Administration	School Office admin@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk
Site	Site Team site@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk
Telephone	01908 510245
Address	Hanslope Primary School Long Street Road, Hanslope Milton Keynes, MK19 7BL

Teaching staff email addresses

Individual teaching staff email addresses are available on the Hanslope School website under 'Meet the Staff.'

[View Meet the Staff](#)

Please remember that staff emails are not monitored throughout the teaching day.