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HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

Hanslope Primary School

🌿 As we reach the end of our first half-term, we would like to say a huge well done to all our children for their hard work, enthusiasm and achievements over the past few weeks. It has been lovely to see them learning, growing in confidence and making the most of the opportunities available to them at Hanslope School.

We hope all our families have a wonderful, restful half-term break, with plenty of time to relax, recharge and enjoy some special moments together. If you celebrate Halloween, we hope you have a **spooktacular time** filled with lots of fun! 🎃 👻

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Monday 2nd November**, ready for another exciting half-term of learning and new experiences.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a fantastic half-term, everyone!

CELEBRATING OUR WINNERS



Our house point winners:

Squirrel House were this half-term's winners!

Congratulations!

To celebrate, the winning house will be in non-uniform on **Friday 23rd October**.

Good luck for next half term!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



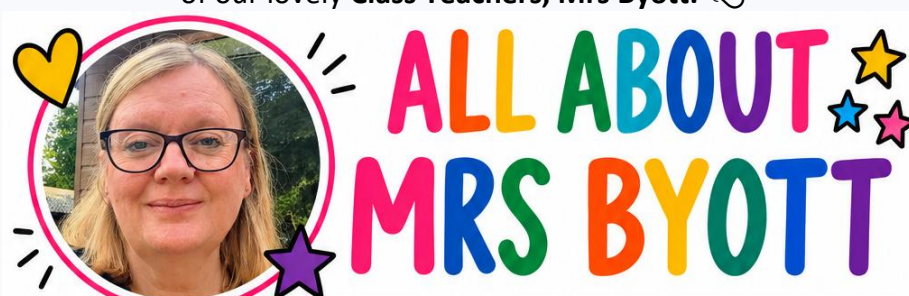
Our weekly school attendance figures:

Group	% Attend
Larch	90.8
Laurel	97.5
Alder	92.4
Hazel	95.4
Rowan	93.8
Redwood	99.6
Blackthorn	96.2
Hawthorn	99.3
Hornbeam	91.5
Totals	95.2

Congratulations to **Redwood Class!**

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! ❤️ Next up, from EYFS, meet one of our lovely **Class Teachers, Mrs Byott**. 🙋



1 My name is:

Mrs Byott



2 My favourite colour is:

Purple!



3 My favourite place that I have ever been to...

St Ives, Cornwall



4 Children's books that I like:

Giraffes Can't Dance.

I love how Gerald the giraffe keeps on trying and never gives up!



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

A doctor!



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

Being the overhead projector monitor in assemblies!



7 My favourite food is...

A roast dinner!



8 I am happiest when...

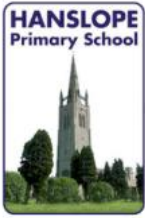
I am with my family and when I am on holiday!



9 Something interesting about me is...

I wear hearing aids to help me hear.





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Have your say! Parent Survey

We'd love to hear from as many of our families as possible!

We currently have **35 responses, which is just 13% of our families**. Our aim is to reach **50% participation**, so we need your help!

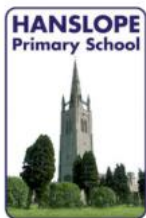
 **Year 4 are currently leading the way!** Which year group will come out on top?

 As a little thank you, one lucky family will be selected at random to receive a lovely goodie bag full of sweet treats!

If you haven't completed the survey yet, please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Your feedback really matters and helps us continue to make Hanslope School the very best it can be for our children.

 [Click here to complete the survey!](#)

Thank you for your continued support! 

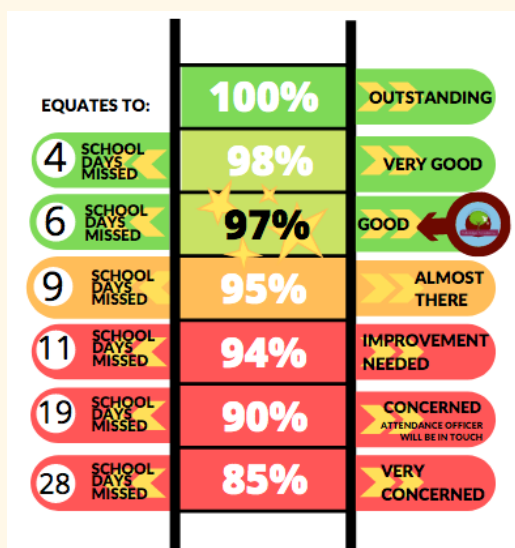


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DID YOU KNOW...

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%**.

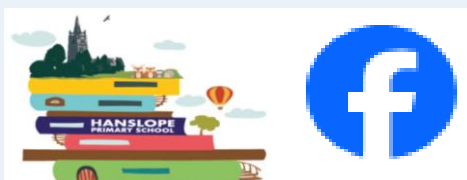
Remember – every day counts!



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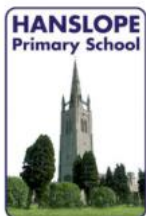
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Extra-Curricular Celebrations

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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Junk Modelling

Donations Needed!

As part of their DT unit next half term, our **Year 1 and Year 2** children will be designing and building their very own **moving vehicles!**

To help bring their ideas to life, we are looking for some junk modelling materials. If you have any of the following items at home that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your donations:

 Plastic bottle or milk lids	 Plastic milk cartons	 Fruit punnets	 Plastic tray inserts from biscuits/cookies	 Cereal boxes
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 Please send any clean items into school with your child who will pass them on to the 1/2 team.

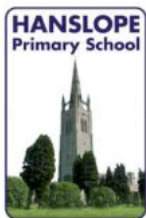
Remember:
we are a **nut free school.**



Many thanks for your continued support!
We can't wait to see the wonderful and creative vehicles the children design and build!

♥ Year 1/2 Team.





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Hanslope Lantern Festival

Last year, The Club, Hanslope Village Hall, St James Church and Hanslope Parish Council joined forces to bring this lovely tradition back to the village. It was such a wonderful success that we're doing it all again this year and we hope even more families will join us!

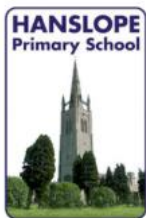
Creating your lantern

This year, there will be three lantern-making workshops where children can come along and create their own lantern ready for the parade.

If you can't make one of the workshops, or you'd simply prefer to make your lantern at home, that's absolutely fine. Lantern kits will also be available to collect and make when suits.

Each kit will contain everything needed to make a simple lantern, but you're very welcome to get creative and add your own finishing touches!

Lanterns will cost £5 each when made at one of our workshops, or £7 for a kit to take home. This is payable in cash at the time of collection.



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All funds raised from the lantern kits will be donated to Hanslope Primary School, making this a real community event supporting our village.

The Parade – Saturday 5th December at 5pm

We'll gather together and walk through the village, lighting up the streets and proudly showing off our handmade lanterns.

The parade will finish at the Christmas tree by the shops, where we'll all join in the countdown before the tree is lit for Christmas!

If you and your children would like to join in the fun making a beautiful lantern and lighting up the streets of Hanslope in the parade on 5th December please click [here](#) and let us know.

We can't wait to light up Hanslope with you again!

Poppy Appeal Merchandise – after half-term

Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year.

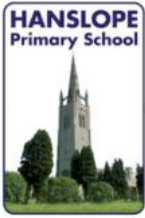
**ON SALE FROM
Monday
2nd November**

Poppy merchandise will be on sale from the first week of next half term.

Our Year Six House Captains and Vice Captains will be walking around the classes selling the products throughout this week.

Suggested donation: £1 per poppy/poppy product.

Please bring your child's donation in a named envelope. Children from Foundation to Year 6 will have the opportunity to purchase these items.

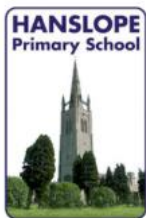


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RHINO's half-term offerings



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RHINO
SPORTS ACADEMY

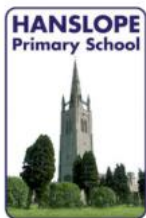
OCTOBER CAMP VENUES

26TH – 30TH OCTOBER

Camp Activity	Venue	Price
Forest School	Collingtree	£30 per day
Inflatable Sports	Wootton Park	£25 per day
Performing Arts	Wootton Park	£27 per day
Arts & Crafts	Blisworth	£28.50 per day
Kids Club	Blisworth	From £30 per day
Multi Sports	Blisworth	£24 per day
Rhino Activity Camp	Pattishall Hunsbury Park Bridgewater	£28.50 per day

You can also book wraparound care at Hunsbury Park School!

OPEN TO CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6



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AUTUMNFEST

SPECIAL EVENT DAYS

26TH - 30TH OCTOBER



GLOW IN THE DARK DISCO - PUMPKIN DECORATING - SCARECROW MAKING - MONSTER EXPERIMENTS - THEMED SPORTS & MORE!



**MONDAY - BLISWORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY - BRIDGEWATER
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

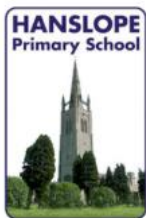
**WEDNESDAY - PATTISHALL
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**THURSDAY - COLLINGTREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY - WOOTTON PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**WE ENCOURAGE DRESSING UP ON THE SPECIAL EVENT DAYS IN
ANY SPOOKY COSTUMES YOU HAVE!**



Community Resilience
Respect Learning Creativity
Integrity Potential

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R AVAILABLE FROM RECEPTION TO Y6

RHINO OCTOBER CAMP

26TH – 30TH OCTOBER
6 VENUES

RHINO ACTIVITY CAMP

ARTS & CRAFTS

SPORTS

PERFORMING ARTS

INFLATABLE SPORTS

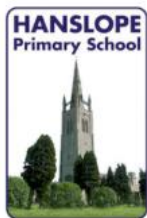
FOREST SCHOOL

KIDS CLUB

AUTUMNFEST SPECIAL EVENT DAYS ON EVERY DAY!
FIND OUT MORE DETAILS ONLINE...

BOOK ONLINE NOW:
Scan the QR code or visit:
rhinosportsacademy.co.uk/camps

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT / INFORMATION
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
10 th November	School photos - If your child has PE on this day, please can they come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit with them.
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

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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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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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.