

To prepare our children to reach their full potential in a modern, evolving and diverse world.

Autumn 2 2023 – Week 1

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Hanslope's Poppy Appeal

Year Six will be selling poppies at lunchtimes **from Thursday 2nd November**, with all the funds donated going to the Royal British Legion.

The suggested donation is £1 per poppy/poppy product. Please bring in your child's donation in a named envelope.

Children are able to bring in money to purchase these, and all children from Foundation to Year 6 will have the opportunity to purchase.



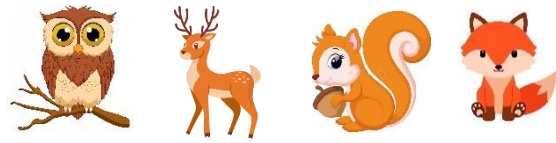
Celebrating the Weekly Winners

TTRockstars



Garage Games winners will be available from Week 2 onwards

House-Points



House-Point winners will be available from Week 2 onwards

Your Child's Learning



To keep up to date with what your child is learning in Autumn 2, head to the school website, where you will find the Knowledge Organisers and Newsletters for each year group.

Fundraising for Children in Need

This year for Children in Need we will be raising money in two ways.

- Non school uniform-dress in spots or stripes- **Donations required.**



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

BE SPOTACULAR

BBC Children in Need is back this year on Friday 17th November 2023

The best dressed of each class- voted for by the School Council- will win a prize.

- A mega bake sale.

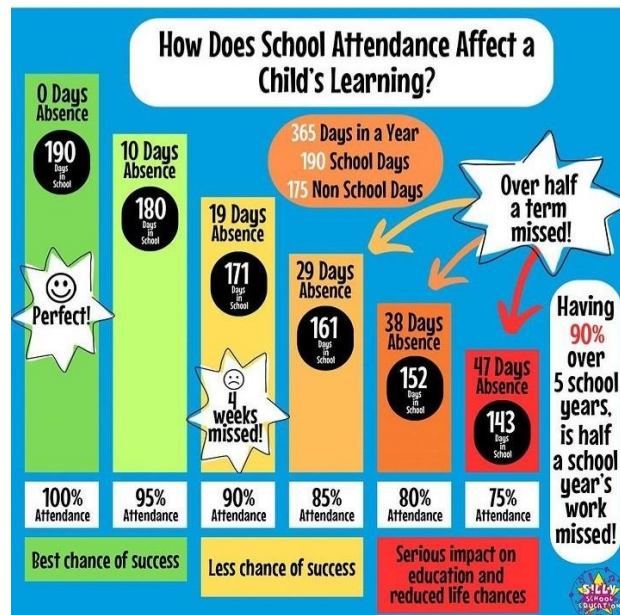
This will take place at the end of the school day on Salcey playground. Plates will be given out to all pupils nearer the time.



Weekly Attendance Figures

Our whole school attendance target is 95% or more for the end of this academic year. Below is a breakdown of each class's attendance **from last week**. Well done to **Larch** and **Elm** Classes for having the highest attendance rate!

	Holly	95%
	Maple	92.5%
	Larch	100%
	Laurel	97.2%
	Alder	98.9%
	Elm	100%
	Oak	93.8%
	Rowan	97%
	Cedar	98.1%
	Redwood	99%
	Blackthorn	97.2%
	Hawthorn	97.5%
	Lime	93.8%
	Poplar	99.5%
School Total		97%



Did you know...

If your child finishes the year with **95% attendance** they will still have missed 10 school days, which equates to around **55 hours of learning time**?

In fact, if your child misses just one day in the week it equates to them missing **20%**, with their weekly attendance sitting at just **80%**.

Remember: every day counts!

Aut Term 1 Class Attendance Top 5:

Redwood 99%
Cedar 97.9%
Holly 97.7%
Hawthorn 97.5%
Larch 97.1%

FOHS – Facebook Page

Please follow the FOHS Facebook page where we post daily about upcoming events, including the end of term leaving party and various summer fundraising events, all raising money for the school. It's the best way to keep posted!

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofHanslopeSchool>



A Puzzling Poem Workshop – Years 5 and 6

On Thursday 19th October the pupils in Poplar, Lime, Hawthorn and Blackthorn classes took part in an online poetry workshop to celebrate National Poetry Day 2023 by the poet, Ian Bland. The session began with an exciting performance of Ian's poems. 'The Dinner lady dance' appeared to be a clear favourite! This was then followed by a fun workshop where the children had the opportunity to write their own poems and to evaluate others' performances. The workshop focussed on Puzzle Poems which use rhythm and rhyme to explore and describe everyday objects/ people/ animals etc.

Here are some of the children's thoughts on the workshop:

'This morning's session was very fun and interactive. The man's poems were terrific and funny'
(LH, Lime)

'I really enjoyed writing the poems because I got to set my imagination run wild. I'd love to do it again' (IH, Hawthorn)

'I enjoyed the Dinner Lady poem and when the other children shared their poems' (CC, Hawthorn)

Two of the puzzling poems- can you work out the puzzles?

What am I?

I can be translucent or transparent,
You can pick me in any colour you like,
I'll shatter and break in one single strike,
I glisten and gleam in the sunlight. (Poets: PP and JL, Poplar)

What am I?

The shiny tint of my glass,
Is held up by some plastic parts,
My frame can be of any colour,
I could be worn by your brother,
These things are propped in front of your eye. (Poets: HW, TA, KH-H, Lime)



Our School Fundraising Continues!

Scan, Join, Shop: To Unlock the Hanslope Primary School



We have some fantastic news to share with you! Now, you can support our school effortlessly and help raise funds every time you shop online - and the best part is, it won't cost you a penny!

We've teamed up with easyfundraising, a fantastic platform with over 7,000 participating brands, including popular names like Tesco, ASOS, eBay, M&S, Boots, Just Eat, and many more.

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1. Download the Easy Fundraising app.
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3. Shop as usual.
4. The brands you love send us FREE donations based on your spending. 💰
5. No extra spending required! Use easyfundraising and support us without any additional cost to you. 🔄

Plus, EasyFundraising will donate £3 every time a new supporter registers in the next month and shops within their 30 days (T&Cs apply)

There's much to fear within the digital environment, especially for children who are particularly vulnerable online. Please use some of the information above to see as to how best to support your child online. From finding out what your child knows, setting limits, finding a balance and being resilient. Have those conversations with your child. Take the time to ensure they are being safe online.

Outdoor Learning at Hanslope

We are continuing our journey to be an Outdoor Learning School. We do lots of learning outdoors in school. In reception at Hanslope School, there are some leaflets that give you information on the sorts of activities we do to support your child in school and information on how you can support your child with this.

As a school, funding and budgets are tight so if you have anything to donate that can help with this or you can offer any expertise to help enrich the curriculum opportunities for our children, please contact Mrs Lovegood
(Harriet.Lovegood@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk)

Thank you in advance!



More incredible work from Hanslope's Art Club

Here are some more amazing spider's web creations from Art Club in the final week of last half term! Mrs Watkins and Mrs Pink-Hatt were really impressed that all the children managed to complete their spider webs, including the spiders, within 45 minutes!

It's been a busy and very productive term, thank you to all our budding artists. This term we look forward to welcoming Year 5 and 6 for lots of Christmas creative fun.

This term, Mrs Pink-Hatt and Mrs Watkins will be joined by Mrs Duffield.



Dates for your calendar

Remember, it is possible to sync the school calendar on our website onto your phone by following this link: <https://www.hanslopeschool.co.uk/calendar-help>

Here is a reminder of the upcoming diary dates for you to plan ahead. Please note that all the dates and times shown here are accurate at the time of publication - alterations to the information listed below may happen due to unforeseen circumstances; if this does occur, we will endeavour to let you know as quickly as possible.

Monday 6th November – School photos (individual and sibling) *Please wear school uniform and bring PE kit to change into if this falls on your PE days*

Thursday 16th November – Foundation at Salcey Forest

Friday 17th November – Children in Need

Wednesday 22nd November – Whole School Flu Immunisations

Wb. Monday 27th November – Assessment Week

Wednesday 29th November–Wednesday 6th December – Book Fair is at Hanslope School (more details to follow)

Tuesday 5th December – Bridgebuilder Assembly

Wednesday 6th December – Visitor in for Year 5 from Hazard Alley

12th December Foundation Years 1 and 2 Christmas play 9:30 am

13th December Foundation Years 1 and 2 Christmas play 9:30am

14th/15th December – Years 3/4 Christmas play 9:30 am

19th December Years 5/6 – 9:30am St James Church Christmas Christingle

Thursday 21st December/Friday 22nd December Christmas jumper Day

On Sunday 19th November 9am-11am, Hanslope Primary School will be hosting a car boot sale! Pitches will be available to rent and tables to hire at an extra cost. Sausage baps and hot drinks are available to order in advance for collection at the sale and more details will be sent out soon on how to order/hire a pitch for the morning. It will be a great opportunity to get in some Christmas shopping bargains!

On Thursday the 21st December, from 3pm there will be Christmas carols on Salcey playground and we invite you to come and sing along. Hot chocolate, mince pies and Christmas cookies will be available to buy and enjoy during the singalong. During the performance, a Grotto will be set up as we are fundraising for new play time equipment for the children. A wish list will be sent out closer to the time and any donations are very gratefully received. At 3.30, a Christmas raffle will be drawn and the winner will be announced! Tickets will be available for purchase in the week before and more details about the raffle will be sent out closer to the time. We hope to see you there for some festive good feeling!

It is a long way off, but Hanslope Primary School are excited to say that this school year, we will be having a Summer fête extravaganza! Food trucks, cream teas, games, stalls and activities will all be happening at the school on **Saturday 13th July 2024**. We have not been able to have a summer fête in a long time due to the pandemic so this year we will be going all in. We hope to see you and your families there.



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