

Community Resilience
Respect Learning Creativity
Integrity Potential

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

Autumn 2 2024 – Week 1

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

We Will Remember Them

This week, there have been a number of **Remembrance events** throughout school. On Monday, we took part in the 2 minutes silence at 11am in varying places across the school. During their creative afternoon, Year 1 and Year 2 made a remembrance wreath, which is currently adorning our school reception area! Take a look at their fantastic communal piece of work by popping by the office.

Year 5 and 6 were working on blackout poetry this year – some examples of which will be in next week's newsletter. In Lime and Poplar, children started the week by analysing a tricky poem: *Dulce et Decorum est*. Our resident student newsletter editor, Ivy in Lime Class, has written some opinions about the poem below:

***Dulce et Decorum est** is one of my favourite war poems because of how deep and heartfelt it is. 'Dulce et Decorum est pro patria mori' translates from Latin to 'It is sweet and fitting to die for your country.' But this poem flips this on its head – instead, Wilfred Owen is talking about how the war isn't always about it being heroic, and instead brings your attention to the horrible things about the war. One of the stanzas talks about someone not being able to get their gas mask on in time and how the sight of that was terrible to experience; war is not something to suggest to young soldiers/impressionable children to partake in – war is not a good thing for allied or axis forces. You can read or listen to the poem [here](#).*



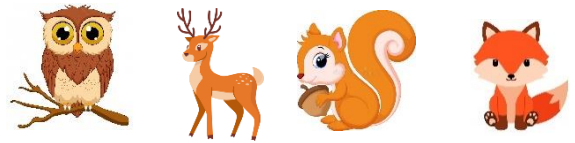
Weekly Winners

TTRockstars



TTR winners were Lime Class! This week is maths week and it is students vs teachers!

House-Points



House-point winners were Squirrel House!

Hanslope's Christmas Performances

The dates for our Christmas performances are as follows:

EYFS/KS1 performances to parents: Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December (in school)

LKS2 performances to parents: Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December (in school)

UKS2 performance and Y6 Christingle to parents: Tuesday 17th December (at Hanslope Church)

Christmas Performances

Hanslope School's Official Facebook Group

Please join our [Facebook group](#) where we post about upcoming events. It's the best way to keep posted! To join, follow the link below!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/385370060554710/>



Coffee and Cake at Hanslope Primary School



COFFEE AND CAKE AT HANSLOPE PRIMARY



We would like to invite parents/ carers into school for a chance to meet with others in our school community.

Foundation Stage: Thursday 14th November- 8.50am - 10am

Year One and Two: Thursday 21st November- 2pm-3.10pm

Year Three and Four: Friday 22nd November- 8.50am - 10am

Year Five and Six: Friday 29th November- 8.50am- 10am

Please write confirmation in your child's Home/School Book if you are able to attend OR email the school office:

Catherine.jackson@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk

We will look forward to seeing you there!

Tea

Coffee

Cakes

Biscuits

School Council's Food Bank Donations!

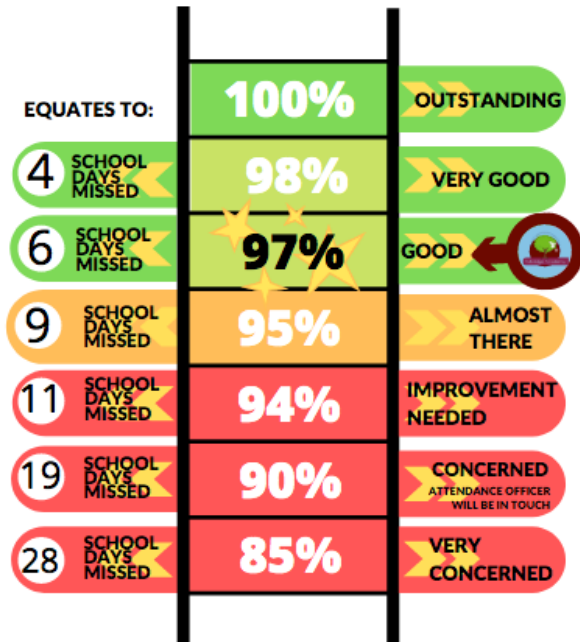
Thank you so much for your donations towards the Food Bank – school council delivered these last week!



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 percentage **from last week**. Well done to Elm class for having the highest attendance rate!

Holly	97.4
Maple	98.8
Larch	99.3
Laurel	92.4
Alder	97.4
Elm	99.5
Hazel	96.5
Rowan	95.7
Cedar	96.3
Redwood	95.6
Blackthorn	96.2
Hawthorn	86.4
Lime	97.6
Poplar	89.6
Total	95.4%



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!

Attendance will be celebrated in assemblies and through certificates every half-term!

A Lunchbox Reminder



Please remember we are a **nut free** school. We have had an increase in nut products being brought into school in children's packed lunches.

Please check ingredients' labels carefully and ensure your child's lunchbox is **healthy and nut-free!**

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

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WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Hanslope School's Christmas Fayre

HANSLOPE PRIMARY
SCHOOL

**MERRY &
BRIGHT**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Join us for an afternoon of Christmas Cheer

Refreshments

Hamper raffle

Ride on train

Craft corner

Bottle tombola

Christmas photoshoot with Steph Loake

Lots of stalls to purchase things like handmade gifts, toys, toiletries, sweet treats, books, cuddly toys and lots more...

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

2PM-5PM



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.

Wednesday 13th November – School Photos

Friday 15th November – Children in Need

Friday 15th November – Wear your pyjamas/spots to school day for Children in Need

Thursday 21st November 2024 – Non-Uniform Day

In exchange for a non-uniform day, we kindly ask that your child bring any of the following into school and hand them to their class teacher on the morning of the 21st: *bottle of wine, bottle of spirits, bottle of fizzy drinks/cordial, shower gel/bubble bath etc.*

Tuesday 26th November – Bridgebuilder Assembly

Thursday 28th November – Christmas Fayre from 2pm

(Information about Christmas Performances above)

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December – Term Ends



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