

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

Autumn 2 2023 – Week 5

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Hanslope's Autumnal Artwork



Check out these Birch trees that Hanslope's Year 5/6 artclub have created over the past few weeks - they look incredible!

Hanslope School's New Facebook Page

Please follow our **new Facebook page** where we post about upcoming events. It's the best way to keep posted! To join, scan the QR code, or follow the link below!

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



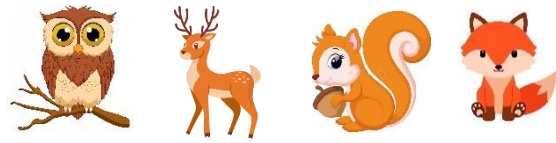
Celebrating the Weekly Winners

TTRockstars



Garage Games winners were Cedar Class!

House-Points



House-Point winners were Owl House!

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.


Christmas Cards Galore!

This year, we will be running the Christmas Post-Box once again. Children are encouraged to bring Christmas cards into school for their school friends. The Post-Box will open from **Monday 4th December** with the last posting day as **Monday 18th December**. We request that specific details are on the front of the envelope in order for sorting to be easier for the Year 6 children. Please ensure there is: the child's full name (if known), year group and class name.



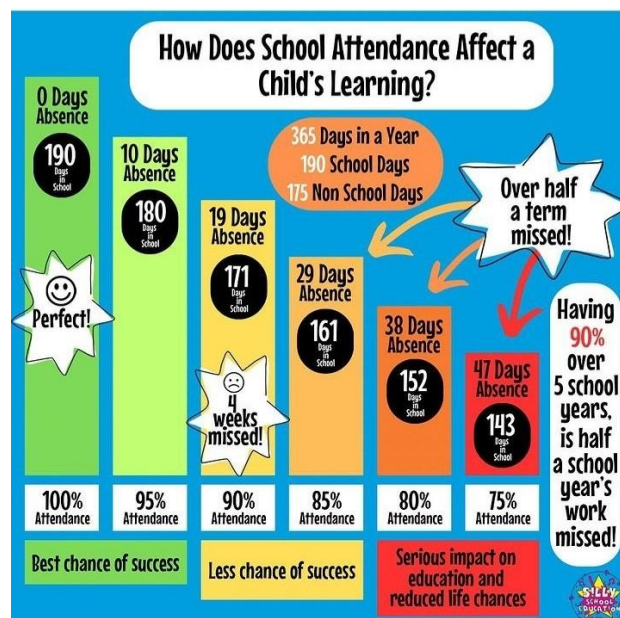
Weekly Attendance Figures

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 **Elm** Class for having the highest attendance rate!

	Holly	94.4%
	Maple	91.7%
	Larch	91.9%
	Laurel	96.7%
	Alder	85%
	Elm	100%
	Oak	94.2%
	Rowan	96.1%
	Cedar	86.4%
	Redwood	94.3%
	Blackthorn	87.6%
	Hawthorn	98.3%
	Lime	93.4%
	Poplar	98.9%

School Total

93.5%

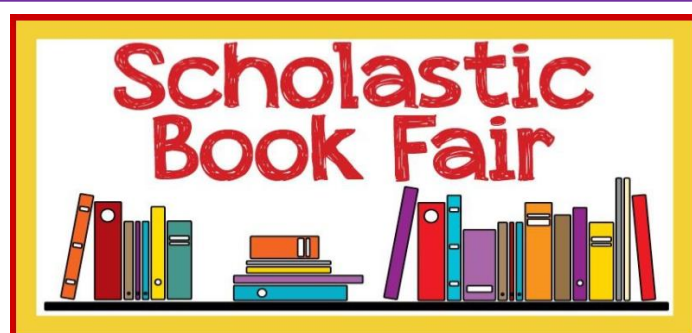


Did you know...

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!



Our Hanslope Book Fair will be a pop-up celebration of reading that **puts the very best books directly into our pupils' hands**, all while raising rewards to spend on **free books and essential resources** for our school. There will be a wide range to choose from and prices start at **just £2.99** per book. Why not get some Christmas shopping done?

The Book Fair will be open from 3.15pm to 4pm on the playground on the 29th November, Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st December, Monday 4th December and Tuesday 5th December. For ideas of the books that will be available, why not have a look at the website:

[The Book Fair selection - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

For the Castlethorpe bus children, they will have an opportunity to buy books on Friday 1st December during their lunch time. Please note, **this will be cash only**.

Author visits Hanslope Primary School



Figure 1: The Reading Ambassadors with 'Red.' Photo by Steph Loake Photography



Figure 2: 'Red' with her children's book. Photo by Steph Loake Photography

Hanslope Primary School were really excited to host a visit from a former pupil, who is now a published author. Red came back to Hanslope to talk to the children and read them her latest book 'Ho Ho Ho! A Pirate's Christmas for me'. She was very engaging and the children had a wonderful time learning about how and why she became an author and the problems she overcame. She read her new book to them and then answered questions. The children enjoyed her new book and many bought a copy for themselves! The Reading Ambassadors have written a piece to tell you more:

Author visits Hanslope Primary School

On Wednesday 22nd November, an author visited our school. Her name is Jennifer, but she goes by the name: Red. She spoke to the children in KS1, Year 3 and Year 4. Red used to learn at Hanslope Primary School. When she became older, and when in secondary education, she got diagnosed with dyslexia. She had a hard time at school because she knew she would not be able to make it as a writer in her wildest dreams because she could not spell. When she realised she just needed to try, she climbed to the top and achieved her goal! She showed lots of determination and resilience. When she was younger and in Beech class, she remembered she loved all the opportunities to let her imagination run free when writing. Also, she remembered making a tea towel in art for her parents to buy!

Red writes equally for adults and children. All her books are interesting and inspiring. As a child, Red's first story was called 'Red's Rainbow'. The theme and message was self-belief and being proud of who you are. Her first published book- that has come out in October 2023- is called 'Ho, Ho, Ho! A Pirate's Christmas for me'. One of her other books is called 'Unicake.'

We all enjoyed the opportunity to hear from a published author. She gave us lots of inspiration and reminders of her visit in a poster or book form. Who knows- maybe there is a published author of the future lurking in our classrooms- just like Red was?

Written by our Reading Ambassadors

Pre-School's Christmas Fayre

Parents and their children can visit Santa and his elves on the **2nd of December, from 11am - 4pm at The Club in Hanslope.**

The cost for entry is £4.50 or 2 children for £7.00. There will be free kids' crafts, a bake sale, guess the teddy, a tombola and an amazing raffle. Tickets for the raffle are on sale at Tompkins Butchers, The Club and Hanslope News. It costs £1.00 per ticket or £5.00 for a book. There are some great prizes! **All proceeds will go to fund experiences and resources for children that attend Hanslope Pre-school.**



Foundation's Salcey Forest Trip

Holly and Maple classes went on a visit to Salcey Forest to find The Gruffalo! It was very exciting as we used the local bus service. After a slow start as the bus was delayed, the first group got there and went for a walk and we found The Gruffalo! We came back, exploring as we walked and, when we got back, the bus arrived with the second group. It was time for lunch. We were very lucky as the rain stayed away, so we had a picnic lunch on the benches. After lunch and the children had played together in the park, the bus arrived to take the first group back to school for hot chocolate! The second group then went on a walk and found The Gruffalo too! It was time then for the second group to return to school for their hot chocolate. We had such a good time and the children were fantastically behaved, many people commented on how well-behaved they all were. We were very proud of them!



Some Exciting Events!

Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 21st December and Friday 22nd December. To take part, simply wear a festive jumper to school instead of your school jumper with your school uniform. Please send in a £2 donation which we will donate to Save the Children. You can find out here <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about> how the money you have donated helps children who need it most.

Christmas Productions

The Foundation and KS1 Christmas production of 'Born In a Barn' by Nikki Lewis takes place on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December starting at 9:30am in Salcey Hall. Please remember to bring your tickets with you.

The doors will open at 8:45am where you can enjoy a drink and biscuit for a donation whilst you wait for the performance to start.

The Year Three and Year Four Production of 'Fireside Nativity' by Mark, Helen and Naomi Johnson takes place on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December starting at 9:30am in Salcey hall. Please remember to bring your tickets with you.

The doors will open at 8:45am where you can enjoy a drink and biscuit for a donation whilst you wait for the performance to start.

The Year Five and Year Six production of 'Christingle Rock' By Sheila Wilson takes place on Tuesday 19th December, at St James the Great Hanslope. The Church will be open from 8:30am to minimize waiting outside in the cold. The performance itself will not begin until 9:30am. There will be an opportunity for the parents of Year Six children to take photographs of their child with their Christingle after the performance.



*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.*

Our School Fundraising Continues!

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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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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 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 Carols on the Playground (see below)

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

Carols on the playground

On Thursday 21st December at 3:00pm there will be an opportunity to join us on Salcey playground for Christmas Carol singing accompanied by some members of Milton Keynes Brass. Hot chocolate and mince pies will be available. We are asking for cash donations which will be sent to Willen Hospice. At 3:30pm we will be drawing our raffle.

The All Weather Pitch entrance will not be open on this afternoon. All children must be collected from Salcey playground. **During this event all children must stay with their parents due to health and safety reasons.**

Your child will be bringing home an envelope with a slip regarding purchasing raffle tickets. Please complete the slip, place it inside the envelope with the correct money and return it to school by Wednesday 20th December for a chance to win a raffle prize. Here is an example of what you could win.

- Voucher from Alex beauty
- Voucher from Beauty by K
- Voucher from JP personal training
- £10 Smyths vouchers
- Chocolate hamper from Made with Love
- Pottery from DL Pottery
- Signed children's book



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