

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

Autumn 1 2025-26 – Week 3

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome (or welcome back) to Hanslope!

We're so glad to have you with us for the start of another exciting school year! We hope your summer was full of rest, fun, and special memories with family and friend



As we dive into the new term, we look forward to seeing our school community come together with fresh energy and enthusiasm. This year brings so many opportunities—for learning, creativity, growth, and connection—and we can't wait to share them with you.

With the support of our families, staff, and students, we're confident this will be a year filled with achievement, collaboration, and joy. Here's to making it our best year yet!

Join Our Primary School PTA – Make a Difference!

Are you a parent, guardian, or staff member passionate about enhancing our school community? We are looking for enthusiastic, dedicated individuals to join our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved, make a positive impact, and help enrich the educational experience for all our children.

What does the PTA do?

- Organises fun events and activities for students and families
- Raises essential funds for school projects and resources
 - Builds a strong sense of community

What we're looking for:

- Willingness to contribute time and ideas
- Teamwork and a positive attitude
- No previous experience is necessary – just enthusiasm!

By joining the PTA, you'll have the chance to meet other parents, work closely with school staff, and directly support your child's school life. Whether you can offer a few hours or more, your involvement will be greatly appreciated.

Interested? Contact Mrs Lovegood via email (harriet.lovegood@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk) to find out more and help make a difference!

Packed Lunch Expectations

This is an important reminder that Hanslope is an **entirely nut free school**. There are a number of students, and some staff, with **extremely severe** allergies, and it is of the utmost importance that there is no risk of cross-contamination from nuts or nut-based products (eg. chocolate spread, nutty granola bars etc.) in packed lunches.



Lost Property

We kindly remind you that all items of school uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's full name. This will ensure that, in the event of an item being misplaced, it can be promptly returned to its rightful owner.

Your cooperation in labelling your child's uniform helps us to efficiently manage lost property and reduces the likelihood of items going missing permanently. Any lost property that remains unclaimed by the end of each half-term will be disposed of accordingly: items bearing the school logo will be discarded, while those without will be donated to charity.



Board Game Donations Plea!

Do you have any board games at home that your children have outgrown? Our Key Stage One classrooms would love to give them a new lease of life! We're looking for complete, good-condition games that are fun, age-appropriate, and help build social and thinking skills. 🎲 If you have any to spare, please drop them off with your child's teacher. Thank you for your support!

Hanslope School's Official Facebook Group

Please join our [Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/385370060554710/) where we post about upcoming events. It's the best way to keep posted! To join, follow this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/385370060554710/>



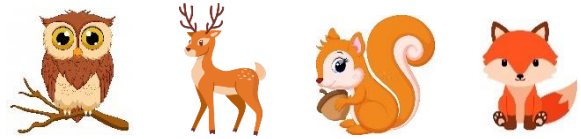
Celebrating Hanslope's Winners!

TTRockstars



TTR winners will be available from **next week!**

House-Points



Housepoint winners from last week were **Owl House!**

Weekly Attendance Figures

Our whole school attendance target is 95% or more for the end of this academic year. Every week, we will share the percentage attendance for each class! **Congratulations to Larch, Laurel and Alder!**

	Larch	100.0
	Laurel	100.0
	Alder	100.0
	Hazel	96.7
	Rowan	94.3
	Redwood	98.0
	Beech	97.6
	Blackthorn	97.5
	Hawthorn	97.3
	Lime	95.9
	Poplar	96.3
School Total		97.6



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!

Key Stage Assemblies in Hanslope

This year, some of our assemblies will be linked to the *No Outsiders* charity. *No Outsiders* is all about helping children understand and celebrate diversity, ensuring that everyone feels valued and included. **The key message of *No Outsiders* is:** to provide an inclusive education that promotes kindness, respect, and community cohesion—preparing young people to grow into confident, compassionate global citizens. Through these assemblies, we'll explore themes such as friendship, respect, and acceptance, helping our children see that there truly are *no outsiders* in our school community.

In-School Updates: KS2 This Week

New year, new leaders! One of the brilliant things about being in **Year 6** (as well as the SATs!) is having the opportunity to run for House Captain and Vice-Captain - the students and Year 6 teachers have appointed this year's role models - the children are currently writing a short piece about themselves, ready to share in the next week few weeks of the Newsletter!



Year 4 have settled back into school life with great enthusiasm, showing eagerness, curiosity, and a real zest for learning. We have proudly chosen our school council members, who will represent our classes with responsibility and care. In addition, we have begun our exciting new topic on the Amazon Rainforest, which has already captured our interest and sparked lots of fascinating discussions.

This week **Year 3** started their history learning with some fun and engaging activities. We looked at Stone Age artefacts to see what we could learn from them. They used i-pads to look at a 3D sketch of Skara Brea; a ruin of the Stone Age, did a word search and used a dictionary to look up any new or unfamiliar words and they looked at existing Stone Age art before creating their own!



In geography, as part of their mountains topic, **Year 5** have been studying how mountains are formed and learning the names of different mountains. They then created models out of plasticine to show the various features of the mountains discussed in the lesson. They also learnt some interesting facts, such as that the Andes mountain range is the longest in the world.

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 22nd September – Radcliffe School visitors in to talk to Y6

EYFS phonics workshop from 2-3pm

Tuesday 23rd September – Macmillan Coffee and Cake – 2.45pm (FS, Y1, Y2)

Wednesday 24th September – Macmillan Coffee and Cake – 2.45pm (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)

Monday 29th September – Parent ICT Workshop (email aylsa.downard@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk to secure your place)

Tuesday 7th October – KS1 parents invited to school to see writing progression (more details to follow)

Wednesday 8th October – Yr 3/4 parents invited to school to see writing progression (more details to follow)

Thursday 9th October – Yr 5/6 parents invited to school to see writing progression (more details to follow)

Monday 20th October – Harvest Assembly (school community only)

Wednesday 22nd October – Parents' Evening (more details to follow)

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Friday 24th October – Term Ends

Tuesday 4th November – Term Starts



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