

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

Autumn 2 2025-26 – Week 1

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A warm welcome back!

We hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved break over the October half term and is feeling refreshed and ready for the busy weeks ahead. As we step into this next half term, there's an awful lot to look forward to — from exciting learning opportunities and special events to festive celebrations as we head towards the end of the year.

As always, the **Hanslope School Newsletter** and our **Hanslope Facebook group (see below)** are the best places to stay up to date with everything happening across the school. We can't wait to share all the wonderful moments and achievements that this half term will bring!



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 this link:

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



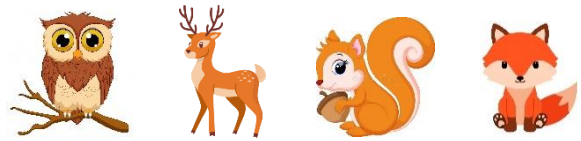
Celebrating Hanslope's Winners!

TTRockstars



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

House-Points



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

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 class!**

	Larch	95.7
	Laurel	94.3
	Alder	92.7
	Hazel	89.5
	Rowan	82.7
	Redwood	83.3
	Beech	86.8
	Blackthorn	85.8
	Hawthorn	83.8
	Lime	84.1
	Poplar	82.6
	Totals	87.5



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!

In-School Updates: This Week



To conclude our topic on *Living Things and Their Habitats*, **Year 4** enjoyed a woodland walk around the school grounds to explore the different plants and animals in our environment. Pupils created a tally of their findings and later analysed the results back in the classroom, discussing the variety of habitats and living things they discovered.

In **Foundation**, we read the story 'Leaf Man' and we created our own leaf people out of the leaves we collected on our autumn walk. We went on an autumn walk around our school field. We collected lots of leaves that were red, orange, yellow, brown and green. We searched for leaves that were big and small. We used the leaves to sort them into two groups, big and small. We also used the leaves we collected to make leaf rubbings using crayons. We used our hand and arm to create the trunk and branches of a tree. We used our fingers to select autumn colours and print the leaves.



Year One have been enjoying the story *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr. Inspired by the story, the children have been busy creating their own party food lists and writing descriptive sentences about the tiger using a range of exciting adjectives. In the creative area, they've let their imaginations run wild by making their very own colourful tiger faces.

Donations for the food bank – a great success!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to MK food bank this year! We had a truly fantastic haul that we were able to send to those in need

~School Council



External Advertisements



THE WATTS ARMS
HANSLOPE

**First Annual Mini
Christmas Market!**

Saturday 13th December, 1-5pm

stalls, local produce & gifts, hot
festive food, beers, soft drinks, or
enjoy a glass of mulled wine! face
painting, tombola, charity Christmas
meat raffle, children's fun & games,
carols AND Santa's Grotto!

Come and join the festive fun!

Followed by Christmas
themed Disco Bingo



Hanslope Church – Remembrance Concert



*"When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today."*

**A Concert of Remembrance
in music, song and words.**

**Saturday
8th
November
2025
6.30pm**

**Hanslope
Church of
St James
the
Great**

**Free Admission - retiring collection in aid of
Diocese of Ho and The British Legion**

We're so lucky to have such amazing neighbours in our community! The team at **Hanslope Church of St James the Great** have been busy preparing a very special **Remembrance concert**, and we're thrilled to be part of it.

Our children have been working thoughtfully and creatively in school to produce some beautiful **Remembrance-themed work** which will be proudly displayed in the church for everyone to see.

It's a wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect, and appreciate the heartfelt efforts of our pupils and the wider community as we remember together.

Library News and more information...



Library News

Just before half-term, our library had a frightfully fun makeover! Just in time for Halloween and *Dia de los Muertos*, our shelves are now filled with **"Spooky Stories"** — a collection of creepy (but not too scary!) tales for brave readers to enjoy. From *Ten Spooky Skeletons* to *Seriously Spooky Stories*, there's something to give everyone a delightful shiver!

Children have loved exploring the themed display, complete with pumpkins, ghosts, and even a few cheeky skeletons keeping watch! It's been wonderful seeing pupils so excited to dive into these eerie adventures.

We are encouraging everyone to keep reading for both progress and pleasure. Regular reading at home makes a real difference to confidence, fluency, and imagination. Don't forget, every time children read at home, they can earn golden tickets for a chance to win a special prize in our next draw.

Library Days:

Each class visits the library weekly to change books. Please help your child remember to bring theirs back on their library day so they can choose a new one.

Book Donations:

We always welcome good-quality children's books that are no longer needed at home. Donated books help keep our library bright, fresh, and full of exciting stories for everyone to enjoy.

As the weather turns milder and the evenings draw in, it's the perfect time to get cosy with a good book. We encourage all our pupils to keep reading over this term — share a story together, visit your local library, or create a cosy reading corner at home.

PE and general uniform reminder

As the weather begins to turn, we'd like to remind you that, like most primary and secondary schools, we cannot always guarantee that PE lessons will take place indoors. Wherever possible, we aim to continue PE and break/lunch outdoor activities outside, even during colder or damp conditions.

With this in mind, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for all types of weather. Suitable outdoor clothing — such as a warm jumper, waterproof jacket, and appropriate footwear — will help them stay comfortable and enjoy their lessons. It may also be useful for your child to bring a change of clothing in case items become wet or muddy.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all children active and prepared for learning in every season.

Children in Need



**CHILDREN IN
NEED 2025**

This year Hanslope Primary School
will be celebrating Children in Need
on **Friday 21st November.**

We would like you to come to school
dressed as **'Your grown ups!'**

Alternatively, if you do not wish to dress up
you can wear something yellow with your
school uniform.

We are suggesting a £1 donation to go
straight to Children in Need.

Please contact
l.goodwin@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Dates for your calendar

Hanslope School Choir will be singing with **MK Brass** at **St James** on **Saturday 6th December at 7pm.**

Please see the poster below for more details, including where you can purchase tickets from.

A Christmas Concert
in aid of Willen Hospice, St James the Great and Milton Keynes Brass

Milton Keynes Brass
and
Hanslope School Choir
Saturday 6th December 2025, 7pm
St James the Great, Hanslope, MK19 7LR

Tickets: Adult £10, Child £1
Available from: Hanslope News (cash only)
Or order online: QR code or <https://tinyurl.com/mr8fwxy7>

miltonkeynesbrass.com
MK Brass Reg Charity number 289504

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.

Please note: the dates for our Christmas performances are as follows:

EYFS/KS1 performances to parents: Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December (in school)

LKS2 performances to parents: Thursday 11th and Friday 12th December (in school)

UKS2 performance and Y6 Christingle to parents: Tuesday 16th December (at Hanslope Church)

All of the performances start at 9:30am.

Tuesday 4th November and Wednesday 5th November – School Nurse in for EYFS and Y6

Thursday 6th November – Bridgebuilder Assembly

w/b November 10th November – Anti-bullying week

Monday 10th 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.***

Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Wednesday 12th November – Hanslope School Open Day (for prospective parents)

Thursday 13th November – PTA presents School 'Glow' Disco (more details to follow)

Friday 21st November – Children in Need

Thursday 27th November – PTA presents the Christmas Fayre (more details to follow)

Saturday 6th December – Choir @ St James for concert (more details to follow)

9th and 10th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance (more details to follow)

11th and 12th December – LKS2 Christmas performances (more details to follow)

Tuesday 16th December – UKS2 Christmas performance (more details to follow)

Friday 19th December – Christmas Jumper Day and end of Autumn Term



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