

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

Spring 2 2024 – Week 1

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Animal Magic at the Zoo with Year 2

On Thursday 15 February Year 2 visited Whipsnade Zoo to continue their learning on *Animals and their Habitats*. We were very fortunate and had lovely weather. Overall, the trip was a huge success and enjoyed by all. Check out some photos below!



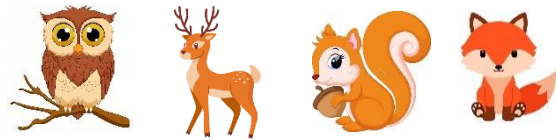
Celebrating the Weekly Winners

TTRockstars



Garage Games winners from last week were **Hawthorn Class!**

House-Points



House-Point winners from last week were **Squirrel House!**

Hanslope School's Facebook Group

Please join our [Facebook group](#) 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!

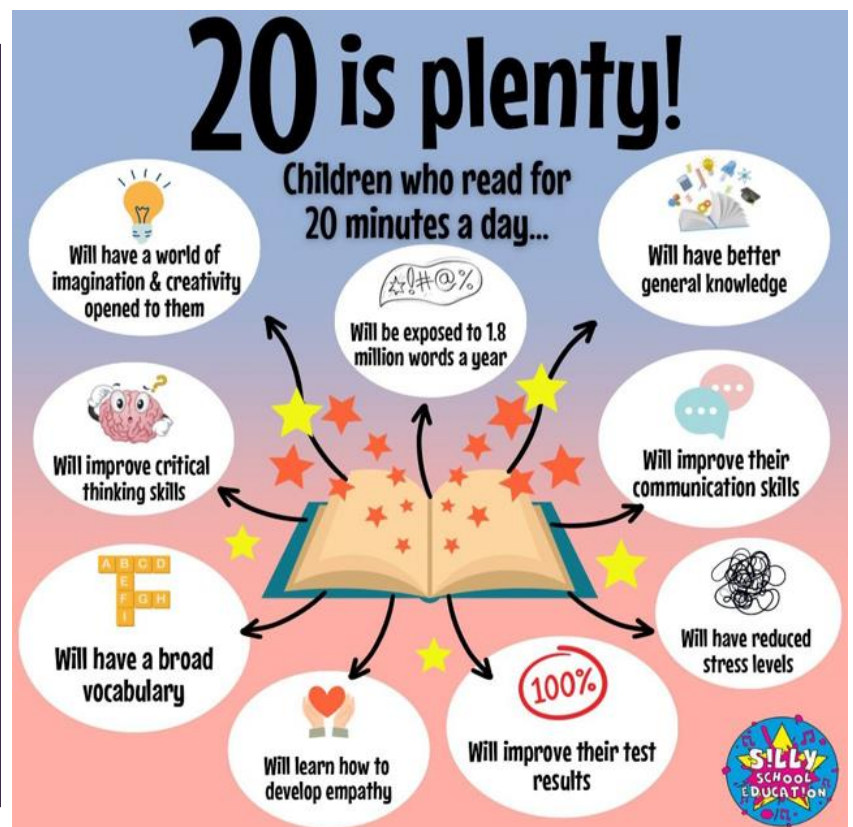
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/385370060554710/>



DID YOU KNOW?

If your child has a Library Card, they can download an app called '**Libby**' that gives them free access via their Library to audiobooks, e-books and magazines?

Another useful app they can use is '**Borrowbox**,' which you can connect to your library card to access free audiobooks.



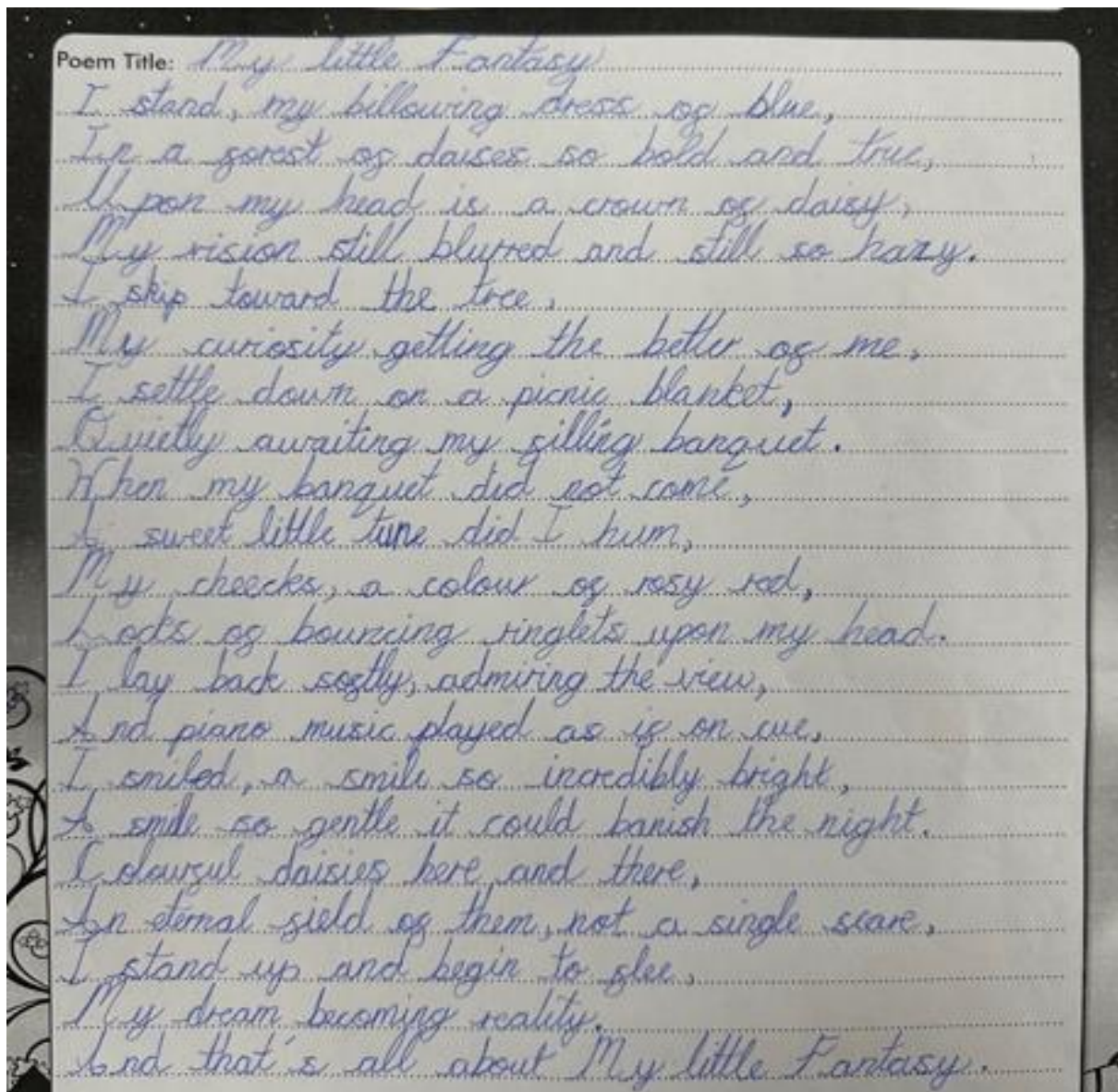
Hanslope's Student Newsletter Editor



My name is Ivy and I'm a student at Hanslope Primary School. I love reading and writing, especially when I get to free-write a story. I am going to be writing a small paragraph in every Newsletter. Hopefully, it will give a taster of Hanslope School from the perspective of a student!

Our Student Spokesperson's Column This Week

Last half term, I entered a creative poetry writing competition that Miss Norris shared with me. Take a look at my entry! The theme was 'Once Upon a Dream...'



World Book Day – and Week!

World book day - Thursday 7th March

This year we will be dressing up as book covers. Over the half term you can choose your favourite story and draw the front cover onto the front of the t-shirt and write the blurb on the back. On World Book Day wear your book cover t-shirt over your uniform to school so that we can make a human book shelf in each class.



Bookie Events throughout the week – logistic details to follow

Year 1 and 2- Parents are invited to come in on **Thursday 7th March 8.30-8.55am** to read and share a book with their children. This will be held in **Salcey Hall**.

Years 3 and 4- Parents are invited to come in on **Tuesday 5th March 8.30-8.55am** to read and share a book with their children. This will be held in **Salcey Hall**.

Years 5 and 6- Parents are invited to come in on **Wednesday 6th March 8.30-8.55am** to read and share a book with their children. This will be held in **Salcey Hall**.

If you have children in different year groups we suggest coming to your youngest child's book share so that they can share books with them. In the above events, there will be books available to share. However, it would be lovely to see children bring in their own books to share too.

Competition time!

We want children to become creative and inspired by books for this year's competitions. There are two competitions if the children would like to take part in one or both.

Option 1: Create a book character from a fruit or vegetable.



There are lots of ideas on Google.

Option 2: Can you turn a shoebox into a book, so we can guess what book it's from?



Please bring in your competition entry on **Tuesday 5th March** so that we can all appreciate your creations before judging. For each class, there will be a winner, who will be awarded with a book voucher.

We really hope the children will enjoy the week and the book-themed inspired activities that are taking place across the school as part of their learning.

A Reminder of Uniform Expectations

Please remember that the PE uniform consists of:

Plain black or navy shorts (no lycra gym shorts)

Plain black or white t shirt

Black plimsolls or trainers: no bright colours. The trainers also need to be sports trainers and not fashion trainers for health and safety reasons. If your child wears fashion trainers, they are increasing the risk of injuring themselves or others.

Plain dark tracksuit (winter only)

Earrings: if your child had their ears pierced they **are not** to be worn on PE days. If they cannot be taken out they need to be **taped at home** not in school.

Long hair must also be tied up **at all times** due to health and safety.

This information is also clearly set out in the Home School Book.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Miss Goodwin – PE Lead

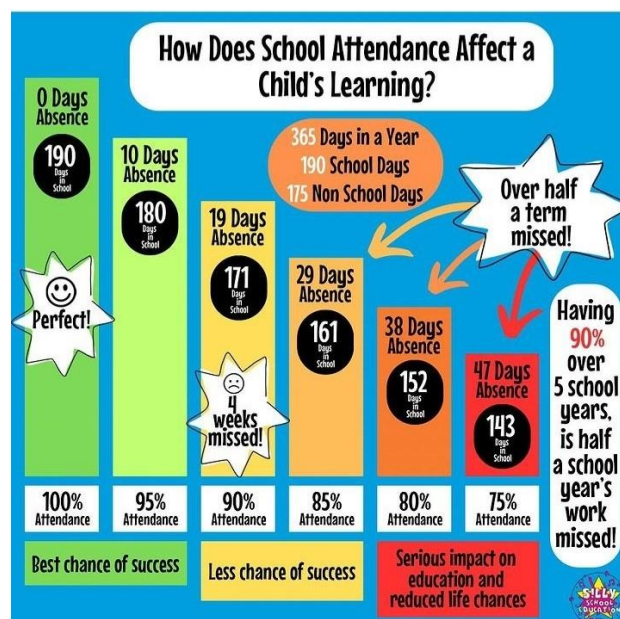
Weekly Attendance Figures

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 term**. Well done to **Cedar** Class for having the highest attendance rate!

	Holly	95.5%
	Maple	93.9%
	Larch	95%
	Laurel	95.6%
	Alder	93.8%
	Elm	93.9%
	Oak	92%
	Rowan	93.7%
	Cedar	96.6%
	Redwood	95.5%
	Blackthorn	94.9%
	Hawthorn	95.2%
	Lime	91.7%
	Poplar	92.2%

School Total

94.2%



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!

Comic Relief

This year, to raise funds for Comic Relief, the children of School Council have been working on some ideas to bring the charity to the forefront of Hanslope's fundraising plan.



In the week leading up to, and on Friday 15th March:

It has been noted by the children that purchasing Red Noses in supermarkets has become increasingly difficult. **In school, in the run up to Red Nose Day, we will be selling a limited number of Official Red Noses.** These will cost **£2 each**, with the proceeds going towards the Comic Relief fund. There will only be a limited stock (as they are quite difficult to get hold of!) so it will be first come, first served.

On Red Nose Day itself (Friday 15th March), **the children are invited to come into school in Mufti - with a Red Nose theme.** Children who wish to take part are to wear one or more red item(s), for a suggested donation of **£1**.

The children are also invited to enter '**Hanslope's Best Comedian' Competition** - an idea innovated by the school council. For **50p**, children can enter their favourite joke to the competition. School Councillors will shortlist a number of entries, before Mr Brown (or should we say Simon Cowell...) will judge and reveal the competition winner in a Celebration Assembly before the end of Spring Term. The winner will receive a joke book to keep! Please hand your entries in to your class teacher, who will pass these on to School Council organisers, Miss Norris and Miss Hudson.

Further into the term, on Thursday 21st March:

We will be holding '**The Big Comic Relief Event.**' Throughout the day, classes will be invited to Salcey Hall to participate in various activities, games and stalls run by the School Councillors. These will include things like: a soft toy sale, activity stalls, 'Guess the name of the Teddy,' some Art Club creations (like Comic Relief-themed book marks) and more! Children will need to bring in some small change as most stalls will need between **20p and 50p** to enter.

School Council have been really excitedly planning these activities during their Monday lunchtimes and we look forward to having your support!

Miss Norris and Miss Hudson (on behalf of School Council)

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.

★ Did you know you can support us and raise money effortlessly every time you shop online? 🛒

Introducing easyfundraising, the FREE platform that lets us earn donations when you shop at 7,500+ brands like Tesco, ASOS, M&S, and more. 🧑‍🎓

➡️ How it works:

1. Download the Easy Fundraising app.
2. Join today.
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)

Don't wait! Join today and make a difference while you shop. 🌟

Download the app, join us, and let's create #everydaymagic together! ✨

An Art Club/Comic Relief Plea



If anybody has any going spare...

The children who attend art club will be making Red Nose Day calm jars in art club to either sell, or use for a tombola. Small jars (like the ones pictured) around 50-80g would be best, if possible. We're also on the lookout for medium sized cardboard boxes and especially paper packing used inside parcels. We would particularly like anything that we can use for texture, to use for hair etc (as Year 6 will be making 3D self-portraits). Thanks in advance!

Would you like to play in an orchestra?

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
supported using public funding

Bedfordshire Music Trust

inspiring music
in Central Bedfordshire

Bedford Music Hub

Luton Music Service

FOUR HUBS ORCHESTRAL JAMBOREE 2024

Do you play a string, brass, woodwind or percussion instrument at pre-grade and grade 1 standard ?

Then this free music making day could be for you!

Sign up here...



**Sunday March 17th
10am-4pm**
Shenley Brook End School
Walbank Grove, Shenley Brook End
Milton Keynes, MK5 7ZT

<https://forms.office.com/e/Ha8sxE2hAU>

Bedfordshiremusictrust.org.uk

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 28th February – PTA Meeting @ 3.45pm
Wednesday 28th February – SATS Information Evening – 5pm
Friday 16th February – Term Ends
Saturday 2nd March – Cross Country Competition
Tuesday 5th March – Bridgebuilder Assembly
Monday 11th March – KS2 Indoor Athletics
WB Monday 11th March – Science Week
Friday 22nd March – Parent/Carer MKMHST workshop – Anxiety and Strategies to Support
Thursday 21st March – The Big Comic Relief Event
Wednesday 27th March – Year 1 travelling to Woburn Safari Park
Thursday 28th March – TERM ENDS

*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.*



Website: <https://www.hanslopeschool.co.uk/>



Contact: 01908 510245



Email: ryan.brown@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk