



Hardwick Green Primary Academy

Newsletter



Autumn 1 2026

Message from the Principal

Hello parents, carers and family members,

What a fantastic first half term it has been at Hardwick Green!

Our children have returned with positive attitudes, settled quickly into their new classes and have worked incredibly hard from day one. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm, confidence and determination they bring to school each day.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the new children and families who have joined our SEN Unit, which has now expanded to 24 places. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community.

This week, I enjoyed a flying visit to PGL to see our Year 4 children on their residential. It was lovely to see them embracing new challenges, building friendships and making memories that will last a lifetime.

In just a few minutes, I am heading to Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth to attend the first awards assembly for some of our former pupils, now in Year 7. It is always a proud moment to see former Hardwick pupils continuing to thrive and succeed as they move on to the next stage of their education.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. I hope you and your families have a wonderful, restful half term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term.

As always, if you need anything or have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Chris Story

Principal



Attendance Update

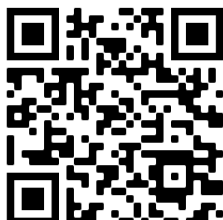
Here is our attendance for the whole academic year so far

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	96.0% ★
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	94.7%
TOTAL	94.7%

We are delighted to see that attendance has improved significantly this term. More children are in school, more often, and that means more time learning, building friendships and taking part in the many opportunities school has to offer.

Good attendance is one of the biggest factors in helping children achieve their potential. Every day in school counts, and the positive improvement we have seen this term is a real credit to our pupils, families and staff. Thank you for your continued support in helping us make attendance a priority.

Let's keep working together to give every child the best chance to succeed. Please remember to phone the school office on 01642 677968 if your child is going to absent.



Remember that we have lots of key information about school, such as term dates and uniform information, on our website. Give the QR code a scan to visit!

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

What's happening at Hardwick?

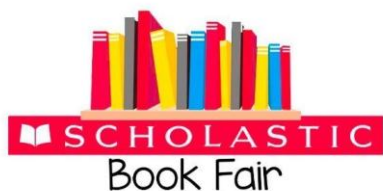
Fire Engine Visit to the SEN Unit:

A few weeks ago, pupils in our SEN Unit enjoyed a special visit from a fire engine and members of the Cleveland fire service.

The visit linked to their learning about *People Who Help Us* and gave pupils the opportunity to learn more about the important role firefighters play in keeping our communities safe. The children loved exploring the fire engine and seeing the equipment up close. It was a fun and memorable experience, and we'd like to thank the fire service for taking the time to visit and inspire our pupils. 🚒 😊

Scholastic Book Fair:

The annual Scholastic Book Fair was a great success! Thanks to your support, we sold an amazing £698.41 worth of books — earning £279.36 in rewards to spend on new books for our school library and classrooms. A big thank you to everyone who bought a book, and a special shout-out to Miss Jowett for organising the event so brilliantly!



Year 5/6 Athletics Competition:

On Tuesday, a group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils represented Hardwick Green at an athletics competition held at Durham University Queen's Campus.

The children took part in a range of events and were a credit to the school throughout the day. Their effort, behaviour and sportsmanship were excellent, and they demonstrated great determination and teamwork in every event.

Well done to all of the pupils involved for representing Hardwick so positively. We are very proud of you!

PGL:

Year 4 had an amazing time this week at their residential trip to PGL Newby Wiske Hall! They took part in exciting activities like canoeing, team building, and more — all while showing fantastic behaviour throughout the trip. A huge thank you to Miss Bower, Mrs Pursey, Ms Ford, and Mr Gerrard for generously giving up their time to make this memorable experience possible!

Joe Fishburn Visit:

This week, we were delighted to welcome **Joe Fishburn**, winner of BBC Gladiators in 2025, to Hardwick Green.

Joe delivered his inspiring **"Adversity is My Superpower"** workshops, sharing his own experiences of overcoming challenges and demonstrating the power of resilience, determination and a positive mindset.

Pupils were thoroughly engaged throughout the sessions and took away important messages about never giving up, believing in themselves and turning setbacks into opportunities for growth. Joe's energy, honesty and enthusiasm made a real impact, and we would like to thank him for spending the day with us.

It was a memorable and inspiring experience for all involved. 🙌 ⭐



KEY DATES

- w/c 26th October – Autumn Half Term Holiday
- Tuesday 10th November – School Photograph Day
- Friday 13th November – Children In Need Fancy Dress
- w/c 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week
- Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day
- 17th – 20th November – Y5&6 Paris Trip

For the latest dates always check the website:

<https://hardwickgreenacademy.org/events>



We use **Instagram** to showcase the learning that goes on in school. Our school account is:

@HardwickGreenPA

Please give us a follow! There are lots of exciting learning opportunities each day. The updates from Instagram are also shared on our website too, so if you don't have

School information and reminders...



Is your child due to start Reception in September 2027? Join us for an open session to see our amazing Reception environment, meet the staff and find out how our curriculum can help your child thrive!

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

3:30 - 4:30PM

Key staff:

If you'd like to speak to anyone in school, just give us a call or Dojo message. Some people you might want to speak to are:



Mrs Hakami

Academy Senior
Wellbeing &
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Carr

SENDCO
Assistant Principal



Mrs Montgomery

Education Welfare
Officer

You can request to contact any member of staff by phoning the office on 01642 677968, or send them a message on Class Dojo



ClassDojo

KEY DATES FOR Y6: Year 6 SATs May 2027

Here are the KS2 SATs dates — those of you with children in Year 6 please make a note of them! It's really important that all children are in school on these days so they can do their very best.

- Monday 10th May - English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2
- Tuesday 11th May – English reading
- Wednesday 13th May – Maths Papers 1 and 2
- Thursday 13th May – Maths Paper 3

More information about KS2 SATs is available on our school website: <https://hardwick-green-academy.schudio.com/information-for-parents/national-curriculum-assessments-sats>



New school dinner menus:

After half term, we'll be introducing our brand-new school dinner menus! The new menus are attached to this email, so please take a look with your child and see what's on offer. There are lots of tasty options to choose from and we're sure they'll be a hit with the children. Keep an eye out for a local favourite too... there's even a parmo on the Week 2 menu! We hope everyone enjoys the new choices on offer. 🍷 😊

Disclaimer: image may not represent the actual school dinner parmo. Expectations should be managed accordingly! 😊 🍷

Other information...



Message from Stockton Borough Council

We are seeking feedback from parents and carers to help us understand how families access information, advice and support.

We know there are many different places to find information, both online and within local services, and it can sometimes be difficult to know where to look or which sources to trust. We want to understand where parents and carers go for information, what platforms they use, and how they would prefer to receive updates and key messages.

Your feedback will help us improve the way we communicate with families and ensure that important information is shared through the channels that work best for you.

The survey takes just two minutes to complete, and your views will help shape how we communicate with parents and carers in the future.

<https://consult.stockton.gov.uk/childrens-services/0032b92a/>



Childhood vaccine pop-up clinics

Childhood vaccine pop-up clinics are taking place on Monday 26 October for children up to the age of 18 who have missed one or more of their routine childhood vaccinations.

Not sure what immunisations your child has missed? Whatever the reason for a missed dose, you can check what they need next. Most missed immunisations can be caught up, and the pop-up clinics are one way to do that.

The clinics are being held on Monday 26 October at the following locations:

- **Thornaby Family Hub**, 5 Tedder Avenue, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees, TS17 9JP **from 9am to 1pm**
- **Best Start Family Hub Redhill**, Roseworth, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 9BX **from 1:30pm to 5pm**

If you have questions about childhood immunisations this is your opportunity to ask. At the clinics you can speak to a healthcare professional about what your child needs and what to expect, in a family-friendly setting.

No appointment needed – just pop in!

Visit the Government website for more information about the routine childhood vaccination schedule:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/routine-childhood-immunisation-schedule/routine-childhood-immunisations-from-1-july-2026>



Stockton HAF- Holidays Are Fun

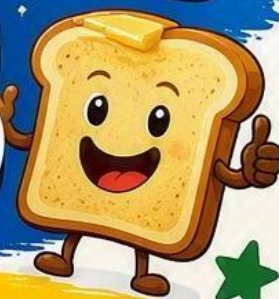
Looking for something fun to keep the children busy over the holidays? Bookings are now open for the Stockton Holidays Are Fun (HAF) programme, offering a wide range of activities, trips and opportunities for eligible children and young people during the school holidays.

To find out more, check eligibility and view the available activities, visit the Holidays Are Fun (HAF) programme - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

You can book here: [Eequ](#) - [After school](#). [In place of school](#). [Beyond school](#).



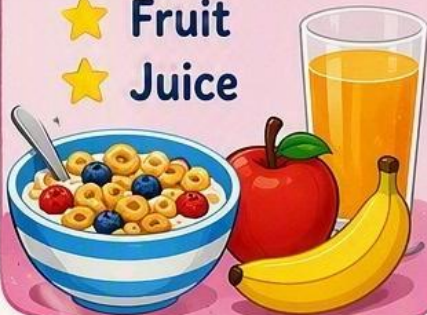
FREE BREAKFAST CLUB



**EVERY DAY
FROM 8:00AM**

TASTY BREAKFASTS

- ★ Cereal
- ★ Toast
- ★ Fruit
- ★ Juice



A GREAT START TO THE DAY!

- ★ Meet friends
- ★ Calm start
- ★ Ready to learn



NO NEED TO BOOK!

- ✓ FREE for all pupils
- ✓ Just turn up
- ✓ Everyone welcome!



★ **FREE** ★ **FUN** ★ **READY TO LEARN** ★

★ **EAT WELL • FEEL GREAT • ACHIEVE TOGETHER** ★