



# Hardwick Green Primary Academy

## Newsletter

Autumn 2 2025

## Message from the Principal

Hello parents, carers and family members,

What a wonderfully busy Autumn term it has been! The classrooms have been buzzing with learning, and now the festive spirit is truly in the air. Over the next couple of weeks, we have so much to look forward to. Our Christmas parties and performances are just around the corner, giving the children a chance to shine and celebrate all their hard work.



On **Friday 12th December**, we'll enjoy our traditional Christmas dinner and **Christmas Jumper Day**—a favourite for staff and pupils alike! Then, on **Tuesday 16th December**, we're delighted to welcome a theatre company into school for a special performance of *Robin Hood*. It promises to be a magical experience and a wonderful way to round off the term.

Thank you for your incredible support throughout this half term—it truly makes a difference. School will close for the holidays soon and reopen on **Tuesday 6th January**. Until then, from all of us here at school, we wish you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Chris Story

Principal



## Attendance Update

Here is our attendance for the whole academic year so far

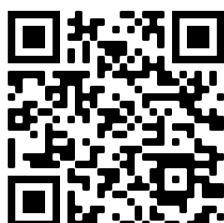
Year Group	Attendance
Reception	89.1%
Year 1	91.0%
Year 2	91.6%
Year 3	91.2%
Year 4	92.1%
Year 5	93.7%
Year 6	90.3%
TOTAL	91.7%

Our overall attendance is currently too low, and we must work together to improve it.

Being in school every day is so important — it helps children stay on track with their learning, build strong friendships, and feel part of the school community. Even missing a few days can make it harder to catch up and affect progress over time.

We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable, but we kindly ask families to avoid taking holidays during term time and to aim for regular attendance wherever possible.

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?

## Anti-bullying week:

The second week back after half-term was Anti-Bullying week. The week started with Odd Socks Day to celebrate our differences. Over the week, children across school worked with Bigfoot Arts Education to take part in 'Power for Good' workshops, reminding us that we all have the power to make school and the world a positive place to be. We ended the week with fancy dress for Children In Need and raised £138 for the cause. Thank you to those that donated.



## Sports Trips:

Our school takes part in all of the events ran by the Stockton School Sports Partnership. Recent trips included a Speed Stacking event for Year 3 and an athletics event for KS2.



## Paris residential:

Our annual Year 6 trip to Paris took place from 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November. As always this was a roaring success, with the children having a full day of sightseeing in Paris (including the Eiffel Tower and The Louvre) and a day at Disneyland Paris ending with the firework show. What a once-in-a-lifetime trip! Thank you to Mr Laing, Mr Pottinger and Mrs Laverick for giving their time to make the trip possible,



## School Logo:

Thank you to that commented in our consultation. Our school logo is going to change over to the new logo below from September 2026. Please do not worry about uniforms – we will write about uniforms after Christmas but please know you can **continue to wear the uniforms that you have** now and if we change uniform for September 2026, you would be given free items so there is **no additional cost** for you.



## KEY DATES

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – School re-opens
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – World Book Day
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Red Nose Day
- w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> March & w/c 30<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Swimming Block 2

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



## Information and reminders...

**THE POLAR EXPRESS**  
**PRIVATE SCREENING**  
Showcase Cinema · Teesside Park  
Friday 19th December 2025

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

SWAP YOUR CLASS DOJO POINTS FOR RAFFLE TICKETS TO BE IN FOR A CHANCE OF WINNING A PLACE ON THE BUS!

WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN ASSEMBLY ON THE MORNING OF FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

**A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE AWAITS!**

### 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:



Miss Howarth

Academy Senior Wellbeing & Safeguarding Lead



Miss Carr

SENDCO Assistant Principal



Mrs Montgomery

Education Welfare Officer

You can contact any member of staff by phoning the office on 01642 677968.

### MCAS – Consents:

Please ensure your child's consents are up to date on MCAS. This is for photographs but also things like School Trips etc. If you need help, please phone the office on 01642 677968 or pop in and see us.

### School Meals / Christmas Dinner:

Just a reminder to please select your child's meals on MCAS.

This Friday (12<sup>th</sup> December) is Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day! As we do each year, EVERY child will receive a FREE Christmas Dinner.



### Behaviour Awards:

See the above poster for details of our amazing behaviour prize this half term! Children earn DoJo points for good behaviour – they can then swap these for raffle tickets for a chance to win tickets to a private screening of Polar Express on the last day of term! Please note your child will need to have consents on MCAS for school trips if they win – see opposite.



### Lost Property & Names - A PLEA!

PLEASE write your name in your child's clothing! Just with any old pen you can find! We have a huge number of winter coats, and jumpers in particular in our lost property, none of which have names in. We really want to help get them back to their owners but without names in this is an impossible task. If you've not already done so, please could you do this at the weekend? This will help us should items get lost.

## Healthy Schools Update:



**HOLIDAYS ARE FUN**

**Free, fun activities for eligible school age children from Reception to Year 11.**

To be eligible, families must be in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. Check if you are eligible for free school meals and apply at [www.stockton.gov.uk/free-school-meals](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/free-school-meals).

**Scan to check eligibility and book online:**

- [www.stockton.gov.uk/haf](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/haf)
- 01642 527752
- [HAF@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@stockton.gov.uk)

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### Bookings are now live for the Christmas Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme!

There are a wide range of activities on offer across Stockton including:

- Multi sports
- Ice Skating
- Gymnastics
- SEND specific sessions
- Family activities

Book here: [Holidays Are Fun \(HAF\) programme - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council](#)

### E-Safety Newsletter:

You will also find attached our E-Safety Newsletter. In this newsletter we're taking a look at sextortion, Roblox age verification, updated Android parental controls and a handy Xmas gift guide.

Just another reminder that we are part of **National Online Safety** – a service that can provide you with guidance and support in managing your child's use of mobile phones and online services. Use this link to register for free: <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/hardwick-green-primary-academy>

## Eco Schools Update:

Hardwick Green takes part in Living Streets' **WOW – the walk to school challenge** to help encourage as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking to school. WOW is a pupil-led behaviour-change initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scooter or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy! You can read more here: [Walking To School | Hardwick Green Academy](#)



**If you could make one community tradition permanent, which would it be?**



**Challenge**  
Disagree or present an alternative argument

**Start by saying:**

- I disagree because...
- To challenge you X, I think...
- I understand your point of view, but have you thought about...?

**Challenge**