



Hardwick Green Primary Academy

Newsletter



Autumn 1 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello parents, carers and family members,

We're pleased to welcome everyone back for the start of a new school year at Hardwick Green Primary Academy.

It's been a smooth and positive return, with children settling well into their new classes and routines. We're especially happy to welcome our new Reception and Nursery pupils, along with new staff members who've joined the team — it's great to have them with us.

We're also proud to have opened our new SEND unit and would like to extend a warm welcome to the children and families who are joining us through this provision.

There are plenty of events coming up over the next few weeks, including residential trips and a book fair. You'll find key dates on the next page, and you can subscribe to our school website calendar to keep track of events on your phone.

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	89.1%
Year 1	93.2%
Year 2	91.3%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 4	91.9%
Year 5	94.7% ★
Year 6	91.6%
TOTAL	92.6%

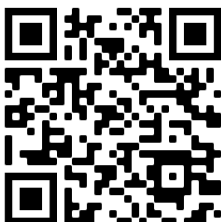
We've noticed that our overall attendance is currently too low, and we'd love to work together to improve it.

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.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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!

What's happening at Hardwick?

SEND Unit:

We're thrilled to announce that our SEND Unit officially opened on 1st September 2025! This marks a wonderful step forward in providing inclusive, high-quality support for our learners. We're proud to offer a nurturing and well-equipped environment where every child can thrive. A very warm welcome to all our new learners and their families — we're so happy to have you with us!



PGL:

Year 5 had an amazing time 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 Jowett, Mrs Bignell, and Mr Gerrard for generously giving up their time to make this memorable experience possible!



Scholastic Book Fair:

The annual Scholastic Book Fair was a great success! Thanks to your support, we sold an amazing £601.88 worth of books — earning £266.69 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!



Cleveland Police Visit:

This Thursday Cleveland Police visited school to deliver a powerful knife crime awareness workshop for our KS2 pupils. Through an informative assembly and interactive activities, children learned about the dangers of knife crime, how to stay safe, and the importance of making positive choices. We're grateful to Cleveland Police for supporting our pupils with this important message.



KEY DATES

- w/c 28th October – Autumn Half Term Holiday
- w/c 10th November – Anti-Bullying Week
- 10th November – Odd Socks Day
- 11th – 14th November – Y6 Paris Trip
- 14th November – Children In Need Fancy Dress

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...

Communication:

Just a reminder - if you need to get in touch with staff, please use one of the following methods:

- MCAS
- Telephone
- School's Enquiries email for non-urgent messages – enquires@hardwickgreenacademy.org.uk

We're really sorry, but we're not able to respond to messages sent via Class Dojo. If you need any help using MCAS, feel free to contact the school office — they'll be more than happy to assist you!

Halloween Fun Day – Friday 25th October

Get ready for some spooky fun this Friday! We're having a Halloween fancy dress day along with a special spooky-themed menu — it's going to be a frightfully good time! Please note: children in our SEND unit are going to come to school in normal uniform to support their emotional regulation. They will have some additional Halloween fun activities in their classrooms.

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.

KEY REMINDER: Year 6 SATs

Here are the KS2 SATs dates — 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. We kindly ask that holidays are not booked during this time to avoid any disruption to their learning and progress.

- Monday 11th May - English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2
- Tuesday 12th May – English reading
- Wednesday 13th May – Maths Papers 1 and 2
- Thursday 14th 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>



After-School Clubs:

Exciting news — our new after-school club programme will be launching soon!

Keep an eye out for more details, including how to sign up and what's on offer. Examples include martial arts, football, cycling and street dance.

After-school clubs are a fantastic way for children to explore new interests, build confidence, and make friends — all while having fun outside of the classroom. Many of our clubs are free or very low cost, making them accessible to everyone.

Healthy Schools Update:

HOLIDAYS ARE FUN

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

To be eligible, families must be in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

BOOK NOW!

Scan to register and check eligibility:

www.stockton.gov.uk/haf
 01642 527752
HAF@stockton.gov.uk

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

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

- Multi sports
- Horse riding
- Youth clubs
- 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**, which features helpful articles on age ratings in games and apps, the risks and realities of deepfakes, and online safety tips for platforms like Roblox. It's packed with useful advice to help keep children safe online.

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:

We're proud to share that we've been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag for the third year running!

This fantastic achievement recognises our ongoing commitment to sustainability, environmental awareness, and empowering pupils to make a positive impact on the world around them. It's a reflection of the hard work and enthusiasm shown by our Eco Club members throughout the year.

A huge thank you to **Mrs Newton** for leading Eco Club with such passion and dedication — your team's efforts continue to inspire us all!



If you dig up
buried treasure,
is it yours?



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