



Hardwick Green Primary Academy

Newsletter



April 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello parents, carers and family members,

I hope you are enjoying the better weather. The sunshine has meant that we can use our field properly at break and lunch times, and the children have been enjoying playing with all of the different equipment on offer as part of our OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) scheme.

Lots has gone on this half term, and there are some important messages about upcoming national curriculum assessments (including Year 6 SATs).

A reminder that we break up for Easter on Friday 11th April. If I don't see you beforehand, have a great Easter Holiday! We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 28th April.

As always, if you need anything from school please catch us on the yard, give us a ring or pop into the office. We're happy to help.

Chris Story 😊

Principal



HAPPY
Easter



Attendance Update

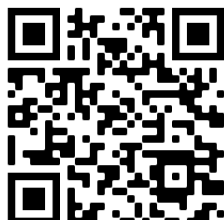
Here is our attendance for the whole academic year so far

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	94.2%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	93.1%
Year 3	93.1%
Year 4	95.6% ★
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	94.5%
TOTAL	94.2%

Year 4 are winning our attendance leader table at the moment as they are close to that 96% target. Let's try to get each class well above 95%!

Every day in school counts!

Please remember to phone the school office on 01642 677968 if your child is going to be absent, or complete the absence reporting form on the website.



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?

Year 3 Speed-Stacking Competition

Last week a group of children from Year 3 took part in a 'Speed Stacking' competition, as part of the Stockton School Sports Partnership. Everyone had great fun, and the Hardwick Green Team won the overall competition! Well done Year 3!



Year 6 First LEGO League

Since January, a group of Year 6 children have been working after school on the 'First LEGO League Challenge'. This is a global STEM robotics and life skills competition that is delivered in over 100 countries around the world. It introduces science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM) to children aged 9 to 16 through fun, exciting hands-on learning. Each year students explore a real-world theme, fostering skills in teamwork, confidence, and learning habits. The programme includes coding, research, design, teamwork and presentation elements. In March, our group of Year 6 students took part in the final challenge at Redcar & Cleveland college. Well done Year 6!



Year 1 Smoothies

In Design & Technology, Year 1 have been cutting and tasting fruit and then making their own smoothies. Delicious!



REMINDER: Statutory Assessments for Y1, Y4 and Y6:

In the summer term, Years 1, 4 and 6 have some key national assessments that it is VITAL that they are in school for. The dates are as follows:

- Year 6 SATS – w/c 12th May 2025
- Year 4 Multiplication Check – w/c 2nd and 9th June 2025
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – w/c 9th June 2025

Your child's class teacher will provide more information about these assessments at the start of the summer term. Additionally, more information about each assessment is available on our school website: <https://hardwick-green-academy.schudio.com/information-for-parents/national-curriculum-assessments-sats>



KEY DATES

- w/c 14th April and 21st April – Easter Holidays
- w/c 12th May – Year 6 SATS
- w/c 26th May – May half Term Holiday
- 2nd – 13th June – Year 4 Multiplication Check

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...



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.

Breakfast Club Update:

Our standard Breakfast Club will be remaining FREE to all from 8am - no need to book!

After Easter, we will be operating an extra part to Breakfast Club. Children can attend from 7:30am, but this will need to be booked in advance on MCAS and will cost £4. Entry will be the via the main entrance.

We hope that some families will find this useful, and those that don't need the early morning childcare can still access regular breakfast club from 8am for free as usual.



Letter from The Enquire Learning Trust re: Class Dojo

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an important change in how we will be communicating with you about your child/ren using Class Dojo.

While Class Dojo has been a valuable tool for communication, we feel that there are alternative, more secure methods available that will better support our safeguarding protocols. We are going to move to trialing using MCAS for communication, through the 'Messages' function. In the meantime, we are happy for you to continue to use Class Dojo to see children's behaviour points however our staff will not be replying to individual, private messages. Should you need to raise a concern or speak to staff we ask you do this via MCAS, the office or in person at drop off or collection or phone school.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

SEND Unit Consultation:

We have recently received a confirmation letter from the Local Authority that our submission to open a SEND Unit from September 2025, has been successful. This will be for up to 16 children of school age with Communication & Interaction and Cognition & Learning needs. Access will be via the Local Authority. Although this is primarily a Local Authority funded initiative, The Enquire Learning Trust has consulted with Stockton-on-Tees Council and will submit plans to the DfE. Our intent is to support the children in our community and the borough in achieving the best outcomes they can, in what is an increasingly difficult landscape; and this includes children with complex needs.

We welcome feedback and comments on this proposal by the Tuesday 22nd April 2025 via info@enquirelearningtrust.org



HAF – Holidays Are Fun:



HOLIDAYS ARE FUN

Free, fun activities for school age children from Reception to Year 11 during the Easter school holidays.

To be eligible, families must be in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, Universal Credit or experiencing financial difficulties.

Check if you are eligible for free school meals and apply at www.stockton.gov.uk/free-school-meals.

Scan to register:

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

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Don't be idle!

Attention Drivers
Avoid idling and help improve air quality, protect our health and save money.

Idling for even 10 seconds uses more fuel and creates more pollution than restarting the engine.

Idling is bad for your vehicle
When idling, a vehicle's fuel is only partially combusted because the engine isn't at peak temperature.

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CARE ABOUT YOUR AIR!

Protect the environment and children's health, switch off your engine when parked.

- An idling car generates enough emissions to fill 150 balloons every minute. This can lead to poor local air quality, particularly around schools at drop off and pick up times.
- Children breathe more rapidly than adults absorbing more of these harmful emissions.
- Children are especially vulnerable to the effects of air pollution, which can aggravate conditions such as asthma and can be linked to other lung conditions including respiratory infections.

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Eco Schools Update:

Stockton's Environment Health team have asked us to share with you messages about not keeping your car engine idling if you pick your child up from school in the car. Don't forget we are also part of the Walk To School Challenge from Living Streets – getting to school an active way means that you'll earn rewards!




WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge 2024/25

LIVING STREETS LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

WALK TO SCHOOL = EARN BADGES

REDUCE CONGESTION AND POLLUTION

SUPPORT PUPILS' PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH



@Sticky Questions

If you could make one new law, what 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