



Hardwick Green Primary Academy

Newsletter

March 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello parents, carers and family members,

I hope you had a good February half term. It's great to be back in school after my paternity leave. Thank you for all your good wishes whilst I've been away. I think I may need to update the photo at the bottom of this page (which was taken in 2017 before I had *any* children) to reflect the receding hairline and bags under my eyes that fatherhood has brought with it these past seven years...

Back to school! And it's been a busy half term with lots going on – including a fantastic residential for Years 3 and 4 to Whitby – which you can read about in the Newsletter. I'm also pleased to say that our attendance is – for the most part – still strong and is certainly better than this time last year. Thank you for your support with this.

I hope to see you all soon on the playground on the mornings and after-school, especially as the weather improves. If you need anything from school – please get in touch and we will be happy to help.

Chris Story

Principal



Attendance Update

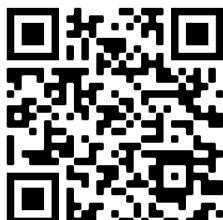
Here is our attendance for the whole academic year so far

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	94.2%
Year 1	96.0% ★
Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	93.6%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	93.7%
Year 6	94.7%
TOTAL	94.8%

A slight dip from the Autumn term but we are still broadly in line with the national average. BUT – we want to be back up to 96%! Well done to Year 1 who are currently at this target.

Every day in school counts!

Please remember to phone the school office on 01642 677968 if your child is going to 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?

New Business Manager

This week, Mrs Alix Brown has taken up post as our new Academy Business Manager. Alix joins us from another local school where she has worked for a number of years. Alix is part of the Senior Leadership Team in school and oversees the school office and all of our academy finances, amongst other responsibilities. Say hello next time that you are in the main office!



Year 3 and 4 residential to Whitby

Just before half term, Years 3 and 4 took part in a residential visit to Whitby. This was our first visit to "Streonshalh" – The Enquire Learning Trust's new residential centre. We were really pleased to be able to offer this exciting experience for FREE this year. The children took part in activities such as fossil hunting, and visited landmarks around Whitby. Their behaviour was excellent and we are looking forward to visiting again next year.



World Book Day

World Book Day took place this year on Thursday 6th March 2025. Children across school dressed up as their favourite character or came to school in their pyjamas ready for a cosy bedtime story.

Children have also received their special World Book Day Book Token, which they can exchange for a £1 World Book Day Book from selected retailers, or put it towards a more expensive book of their choosing.



Year 2 enjoying World Book Day

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

- Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day
- w/c 24th March and 31st March – Year 5 swimming
- w/c 14th April and 21st April – Easter Holidays
- w/c 12th May – Year 6 SATs

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 Instagram, you can still see everything going on in school.

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.

After-School Clubs:

Each term we offer a full, exciting range of after-school clubs. The latest timetable is here: please book on MCAS. Thank you.



Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Martial Arts with Yarm Martial Arts [20 spaces] Years 3 and 4 – Football with Ronan [12 spaces] Year 6 Maths Tutoring [by invitation] Year 5 / 6 LEGO League Challenge with Mr Pottinger [by invitation]
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception, Years 1 and 2 – Outdoor Multiskills with Ronan [12 spaces] Year 5 and 6 - Book Club with Mrs Laverick [12 spaces]
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 5 and 6 – Bike Club with Wheel Education [10 spaces] Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Family Yoga with Kalma Life Teesside [12 spaces] Years 3 and 4 – Multiskills with Ronan [12 spaces]
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3, 4 and 5 and 6 – Dodgeball with Ronan [12 spaces]
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 5 and 6 – Football with Ronan [12 spaces] Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Street Dance with DanceFuzion [18 spaces]



Online Safety

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>

Click here to view this half term's Online Safety Newsletter:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xLI_QbV0aTuHrGcXXAzNM7-PVSlurLEA/view



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Healthy School Update:



In March 2023, we became one of the first accredited 'Healthy Schools' in Stockton-on-Tees. Each month, we will provide an update on our work to ensure we are promoting good physical and mental health for our young people and families.



We are a partner of The Junction Multibank which means we have a bank of resources in school we can provide you and your family with, such as cleaning, washing and hygiene products. Please contact Ally in school if you would like to access this support.



Eco Schools Update:

This year, Eco Club are thinking about how we can reduce our waste and recycle more. We have paper recycling bins located around school and are trying to increase the amount of paper and card that we recycle.

What do you recycle at home? Is there anything else that you could recycle? Have a look at the Stockton household recycling guide and see if there is more that you could recycle from the curbside each fortnight.

NHS Mental Health e-learning:

Follow the link for free E-Learning for parents and families. Some of the courses include:

For Parents/Carers

- * Understanding your Teenagers Brain
- * Understanding your child with additional needs
- * Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- * Moving up to Secondary school for children with additional needs

For Young People:

- * Understanding Your Brain
- * Understanding your feelings

For Adults:

- * Understanding your own Trauma

<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/courses>



Can anything be true
and false at the same
time?