



# Hardwick Green Primary Academy

Newsletter

October 2023

## Message from the Principal

Hello parents, carers and family members,

I'm sitting writing this at the end of October wondering where the time has gone! Already the first half term is nearly over and we will be breaking up for the half term holiday on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

This has been a busy half term, as ever, with lots of hard work in classrooms supplemented with school trips, instrument tuitions, visitors and after-school clubs.

And of course, once we return it won't be long until Christmas! The dates for all the parties and concerts are on the school website – scan the QR code below or visit [www.hardwickgreenacademy.org.uk](http://www.hardwickgreenacademy.org.uk) to view them. Reminders will also be sent on Dojo and via Newsletter in November.

As always, you know where we are if we can help with anything. Have a great half term and we will see you all back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Chris Story

Principal



## Attendance Update

Our school attendance for the start of the year has been...

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	90.4%
Year 1	91.9%
Year 2	90.4%
Year 3	93.6%
Year 4	92.3%
Year 5	90.5%
Year 6	92.0%
TOTAL	91.9%

Attendance in October has been much higher than September, so well done!

We would love as any children in school as possible and for our attendance to be above 95%.

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

Don't forget to speak to Michelle, our Education Welfare Officer,



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!

[www.hardwickgreenacademy.org.uk](http://www.hardwickgreenacademy.org.uk)

# What's happening at Hardwick?

## Staff Changes:

Sadly, **Miss Fawcett** (or Mrs Price as she is now known) is leaving us after half term. Miss Fawcett has been a huge part of life at Hardwick Green over her years here, having taught across KS1 and KS2 and being the school's SENDCO since last September. We will miss her so much!



Miss Fawcett's departure means that **Miss Featherstone** will be the school's SENDCO after half term. If your child has Special Educational Needs or a Disability (SEND), she is here to coordinate the support in school for your child. You will be able to message her on Class Dojo or phone the office on 01642 677968 to speak to her.

Miss Featherstone being SENDCO means that she will no longer teach Turing class. Fortunately, **Mrs Phillips-Nunn** is returning from her maternity leave and she will be taking over teaching Turing class until the end of the school year.



**Sam** who has worked in our school kitchen for many years now left our school last Friday. She will be missed and we wish her good luck in the future.



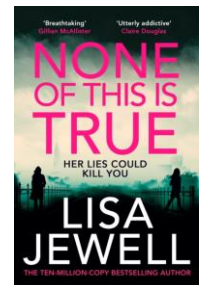
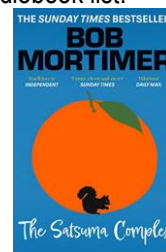
Our school has been awarded the **Eco Schools Green Flag Award** (with distinction!) for the hard work that our Eco-Club has put in to reducing their carbon footprint and helping the environment! Thank you to our Eco Club and to Mrs Newton for coordinating their work.

**Year 5** children went on a special school trip to see the **Coldstream Guards** perform at The Globe in Stockton. This was kindly organised by Tees Valley Music who provide our instrument tuition. Some children were even lucky enough to share the stage with them!



## What is everyone reading?

Miss Iles has just finished **The Satsuma Complex** by Bob Mortimer. This one is on my audiobook list!



Miss Bower is reading **None of this is True** by Lisa Jewell.

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

- 30 October – 3 November – HALF TERM!
- w/c 13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 Paris Residential
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children In Need
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Fancy Dress Day

Remember, all key dates are on the website under the 'events' section and 'calendar' section. You can subscribe to the calendar on your smartphone, so you are always aware of what's going on.



Remember you can see on Class Dojo's Class Story and on X (formerly known as Twitter!) what's going on in each class! There are lots of exciting learning opportunities each day. The updates from X are also shared on our website too.

@HardwickGreenPA – School's X

@HardwickMrS – Mr Story's X

# Information and reminders...

## Flu vaccination:

The free NHS nasal spray flu vaccine will be offered to children on 9th November at Hardwick Green Primary Academy through IntraHealth, who have been appointed by the NHS to deliver the vaccine. Please complete the online link E-Consent form for your child following the link below:

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/3af1a1bc>

Please complete by **Thursday 2nd November 2023** if you would like your child to receive the flu vaccination. If you do not wish your child to take part, please ensure you complete the form to withdraw your child. If you have any queries about the national flu program, please telephone IntraHealth on 0333 358 3397 and one of their specialist team will be happy to assist you further.

## National Online Safety:

There is still time to sign up to our National Online Safety resources. Click the link below and create an account to be able to access more E-Safety resources and complete courses to learn how to keep your child safe online.

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/hardwick-green-primary-academy>

## 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

Safeguarding  
Officer



Miss Featherstone

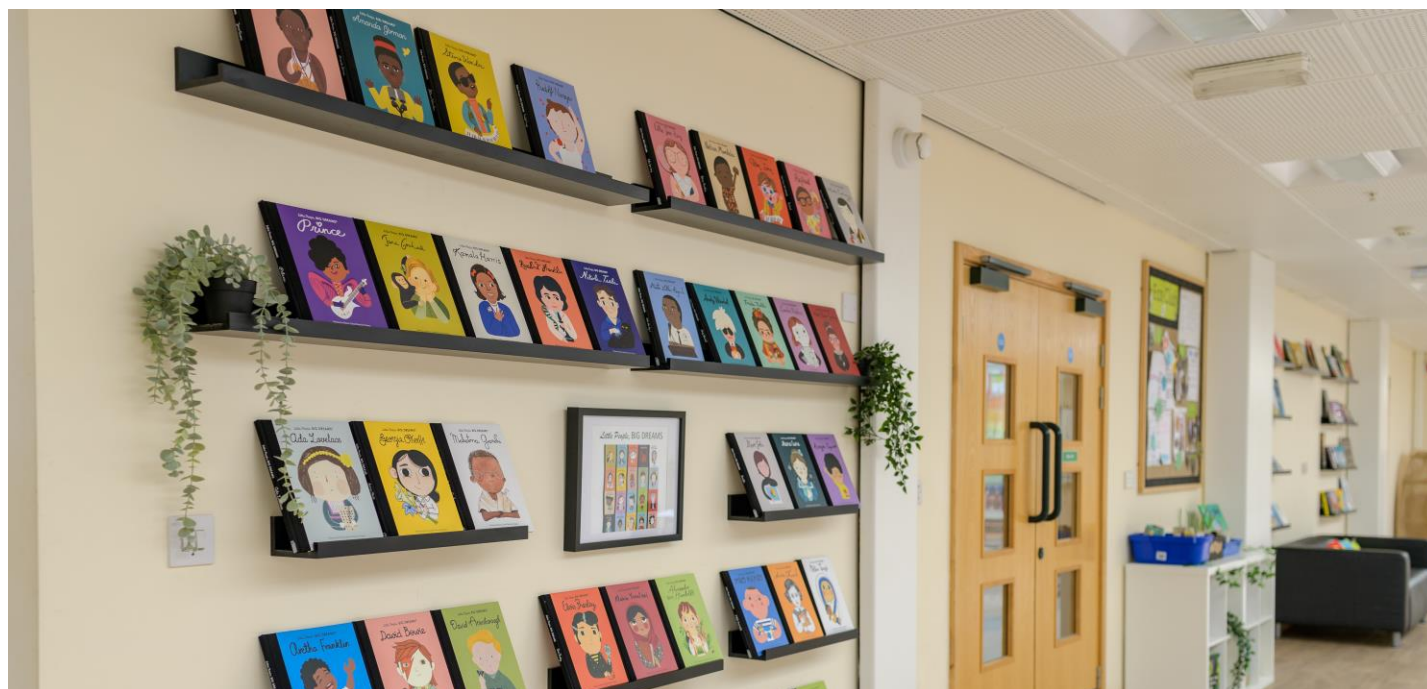
SENDCO



Mrs Rankin

Education welfare  
Officer

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



## Did you know?

At Hardwick Green, we learn about different inspirational people through our exciting curriculum. We call them our 'fifty famous faces! Each year group in school has identified people to study, who have either made a difference to the world or overcame adversity. We use the 'Little People Big Dreams' series to learn about these people. The books we use are on display in our atrium. Ask your child which famous people they have learned about!