



Working in partnership with our families, so every child thrives in school.



NEWSLETTER

December 19th, 2025



Academic excellence



Positive relationships



Growth through grit

Providing an exceptional education for every child.

Headteacher message

As we come to the final week of a very busy and exciting term, I want to thank you sincerely for the warm welcome you have given me. I feel truly privileged to be Headteacher of such a special school, where high expectations for learning sit alongside strong relationships and a shared determination to give every child the very best.

Our Christmas Carol Concert this week was a real highlight of the term and, quite literally, a sell-out. It was wonderful to see so many families in school celebrating the children's achievements together. Moments like this reflect the pride we take in our community and the effort that goes into creating opportunities where children can shine. I am very much looking forward to many more events like this as we move into next term.

As the term draws to a close, we also say goodbye to valued colleagues. Mr Wazir has made a significant contribution to our Reception team, supporting our youngest children with care, patience and dedication. We thank him for all he has given to the school and wish him every success. We are also saying farewell to Mr Rose, whose impact over many years has been substantial. His commitment to the school and to the children he has taught will be deeply missed, and we wish him well in his next chapter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you and your families a joyful Christmas break and a happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term.

Warm regards,
Mrs Schofield

Friends of Hodge Hill

We are looking for different ways to make the most of the skills of our families to build upon the fantastic work we do in school.

If you are interested in joining a Friends of Hodge Hill fundraising group, please contact school using the enquiry email address. We are hoping to arrange several community events over the year.

We have lots of exciting plans this year, so your support will be very welcome!



**Inset day
(School closed)**
Monday 5th January 2026

Money raised for the library:
(from the popcorn and raffle sale)
£275



Safeguarding news

We would like to remind parents and carers that if you have a safeguarding concerns, then you can raise it with school by emailing safeguarding@hodgehill.create.org.uk and we will aim to respond to you within 5 working days.

Alternatively if you are concerned about a child then you can contact CASS on 01213031888 or the police on 999.

Early Help- School can support and signpost families for support with parenting courses, financial advice, housing advice, food banks and much more, for further information please speak with our safeguarding team within school.

Important Safeguarding Reminder

It has been brought to staff's attention that parents have used inappropriate language on the playground whilst dropping off and collecting their children. Please be mindful of this and all work together to continue to make the school site a safe and friendly place to be.



SEND support



We know how challenging it can be for parents of our SEND children. To support you, Mrs O'Rourke holds a SEND Surgery every Wednesday 8:45 - 10:30.

If you prefer to email, please use the enquiry email and she will reply within 3 working days.

Upcoming Events



SEND surgery
Wednesday 7th January
8:45AM



Baby Talk
Tuesday 6th January
2PM



Inset day
(School closed)
Friday 13th February



Half term break
Thursday 12th February



Inset day
(School closed)
Monday 5th January 2026



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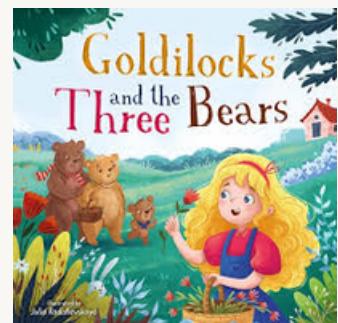


This week in class...

This week in Reception we have been creating Christmas cards for our families. We used finger painting to create reindeers and Christmas lights. We had so much fun doing this activity!



This week in year one we have had our Christmas parties with party games in the hall. We sang our song at the Christmas Carol concert and roll played the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. Merry Christmas to all those celebrating over the next two weeks and a Happy New Year to all. We look forward to seeing you in the new year



In Year 2 this week we have been making Snow Globes, Split Pin Santas and singing our Christmas song. We have been enjoying Christmas Stories and we had a last at our Christmas Party. What a fantastic festive time!





This week in class...

In Year 4 this week, we enjoyed singing our songs for the Christmas carol concert and taking part in our Christmas parties. Alongside the festive fun, we continued developing our art skills by practising how to draw human features, focusing on the eye. In maths, we worked hard on practising division and using different strategies to solve problems. It has been a busy and enjoyable week of learning and celebration.



In year 5 We've been busy rehearsing for our Christmas concert, which was a fantastic celebration of music and festive cheer. The excitement continued with our Christmas parties, and we rounded off the week by watching The Jungle Book—a perfect complement to our reading focus this half term. Of course, we've also kept our brains active with some fractions and grammar lessons sprinkled throughout. It's been a brilliant way to end the term!



Year 6 have had a wonderful week full of festivity and learning. There were joyful renditions of classic songs at our concert. Election fever also took hold as the school sought to elect a Prime Minister; MPs from year 5 and 6 positively canvassed for votes ahead of our polling day. Academic progress was an additional highlight with children, inspired by Benjamin Zephaniah's Talking Turkeys, performing poetry in their writing lessons.





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Star of the Week

Reception

R1 Hayaat
R2 Amaal
R3 Aayat Mahmood

Year 4

4A Mahnas
4M umme- Aiman & Sophia
4S Saira

Year 1

1J Matthias
1R Duaa
1T Yousaf
1Q

Year 5

5A Aneesa
5F Sumayyah
5E
5R Hasan

Year 2

2A
2NK Yunus
2SK Aaminah

Year 6

6H Esha
6I Ume- Fatimah
6Q Subhaan

Year 3

3F Emaan
3W
3Z Fatima

Pastoral:
Humaidah
Duaa





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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Reception- Amaal

Year 1- Elione

Year 2- Aaminah

Year 3- Fatima

Year 4- Hadiya

Year 5- Aneesa

Year 6- Samara & Ume Fatima





STAY AND PLAY PROJECT.

**NOVEMBER 2025| WEEKLY 45 MINUTE .
EVERY TUESDAY AT 2PM**

HODGE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Join us for our Stay and Play project every Tuesday afternoon. An activity-led program. This 45-minute weekly session is perfect for parents of babies and toddlers and allows you to connect with other parents, share experiences, and learn from one another in a relaxed and friendly environment. Enjoy interactive play sessions for children, informative discussions on early language development, and a variety of engaging activities aimed at nurturing your child's growth.

For more information or to sign up, please contact us at:

Email: enquiry@hodgehill.create.org.uk

Phone: 0121 464 2189

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mr. Clayton. Senior Learning Mentor.



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Medical Reminders:



A Friendly Reminder for Parents and Carers

If your child has had an injury that affects how they move or causes discomfort (such as a broken arm in a cast), please let us know before they return to school.

On their first day back, we'll need to complete a medical risk assessment together. This helps us understand your child's needs and make any necessary adjustments so they can stay safe and comfortable in school.

We've had a few situations where children have come back with injuries without prior notice, which makes it harder for us to support them properly. By working together, we can make sure your child has the best possible experience.

What to do:

Contact the school before your child returns.

Bring them in for a quick risk assessment on their first day back.

Thank you for helping us keep every child safe and happy!

Is Your Child Returning to School After Major Trauma?

If your child is returning to school after a serious injury (such as a broken bone), they **must enter through the school office** on their first day back. This allows us to carry out a full **risk assessment** to ensure your child's safety while in school.

School will follow National Health Service Guidance when ensuring the safe return to school of children who have experienced Major Trauma, such as the guidance below;

Safely Returning to School: Key Considerations, the 3 R's

RETURN TO SCHOOL READINESS:

1

- Medical Fitness: Is the child or young person (CYP) ready to return to school?
- Rest Period: Determine any necessary time off before resuming school activities.
- Return Plan: Decide between a phased or full-time return.



NECESSARY RESTRICTIONS:

2

Avoidances:

- Identify activities to avoid, such as:
 - Specific physical activities (e.g., weight bearing on an injured foot)
 - Crowded spaces like corridors, canteens, or playgrounds
 - Activities with a risk of head injury, including PE and sports



Duration:

Set a timeline for these restrictions or plan a clinic review.

3

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION:



- Pain Management: Ensure access to pain relief or adjust medication as needed.
- Facilities Access: Provide access to a rest area or hub.
- Passes and Systems: Implement hall, corridor, toilet, or lift passes, and consider a buddy system.
- Timetable Adjustments: Allow flexibility in start and finish times, and permit leaving classes early.
- Uniform and Exam Adaptations: Make necessary adjustments for comfort and performance.
- Symptom Monitoring: Regularly check for issues like headaches, reduced concentration, and evolving behaviour concerns.
- Transport: How is the child getting to and from school, is public transport safe, do parents have transport?

Ensuring a safe and supportive return to school requires careful planning and ongoing communication with parents, medical professionals and school staff.



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Thank you

MR ROSE

We will miss YOU!

After more than a decade at Hodge Hill Primary School, Mr Rose is setting off on a new adventure. To say we are going to miss him, is an understatement.

As safeguarding manager he has been a constant source of reassurance and wisdom. His unwavering commitment to the well being of every pupil has been outstanding.

Thank you Mr Rose for everything ; you will be missed by our pupils , parents and all our staff.





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COME JOIN OUR

CHRISTMAS CAMP



FREE FOR THOSE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

10AM
-
3PM

8-14
YEARS

SOLIHULL
22ND & 23RD DECEMBER
NORTH SOLIHULL SPORTS CENTRE, B37 5LA

BIRMINGHAM
22ND, 23RD, 29TH, 30TH DECEMBER
BIRMINGHAM STIRLING SEA CADETS, B34 7PT

JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE CHRISTMAS CAMP FILLED WITH
MULTISPORTS, SWIMMING, ARTS & CRAFTS, FUN FOOD
WORKSHOPS AND MORE! BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED DAILY.

PANTO TRIP TBC





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HODGE HILL PRIMARY'S:

High Tea & Christmas Carols

CONCERT



Thank you to all the parents who attended- we hope you enjoyed the concert as much as we did! The children worked really hard , their performances were amazing - Well done!





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Our Raffle winner:



Faariyah - Year 2

Congratulations!

Our Prime Minister

Qamber- Year 6

Congratulations!