



HANDFORD HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – July 2025

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Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are entering the last 3 weeks of this academic year. And what fantastic 3 weeks we are going to have!

Sports Day

Thank you for joining us at our annual Sports Day. I hope you enjoyed it—our children loved participating in various activities organised and led by Premier Education and our Year 6 students. Well done to them all.



Pupil Progress meetings

This week, we are starting our last Pupil Progress meetings of this academic year. We will be discussing children's attainment and progress and preparing for the next academic year. The next 3 weeks are very busy and very important for HH students and their teachers. There will be a lot to celebrate!

What to look out for

Last week of term is our transition week when children will have an opportunity to spend time with their new class teacher.

In the last week of term we will be entertained by our Year 6 pupils who are currently rehearsing for their end of year production (Tempest)). We look forward to it.

Please note that school reports will be emailed to you on Thursday 18th July. Please contact our school office if you have recently changed your email address or require a paper copy. Thank you.

I will write to you in the last week of term.

Your sincerely,
Mrs K Blake
Headteacher

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 17th July 2025 at 10 am
(Dome doors open between 9.45am-10am)

We would like to invite you to our Year 6 Leaver's Assembly.

Please come along to help celebrate your child's successes throughout their time here at Handford Hall Primary School. It will be a morning of reflection, celebration, awards and songs.

We look forward to seeing you all.



End of Year Celebration Assembly

Friday 18th July 2025 at 10 am
(Gates and Dome doors open between 9.45am-10am)

We would like to invite all parents to our End of Year Celebration assembly on Friday 18th July 2024 at 10am. Come and join us!

Please note that the gates and Dome door will be open between 9.45-10am (due to Health and Safety, gates will be closed promptly at 10am and any latecomers sadly will not be able to enter school premises, thank you for your support).

July 2025

2nd July 2025—New Reception Induction meeting

2nd July—years 3 and 5 school trip to Ipswich School (musical event)

8th July—Year 1 trip to Framlingham Castle

8th and 10th July—Year 5 River Trip

9th, 10th, 11th July—Year 5 Residential trip

14th /15th July - Year 6 production

16th July —Meet the class teacher morning

17th July - Reports home to parents (electronic/paper copies on request)

17th July - Y6 Leavers' assembly 10.00

18th July - Celebration assembly 10.00

Friday 18th July - last day of school

Importance of punctuality—be at school at 8.30am

At the very beginning of each school day, children get straight to learning tasks whilst the teacher calls the register. These often involve rehearsing key mathematical skills vital to your child's success. This is also the time that many children read one to one with an adult or receive additional help.

It is very important that children are on time for these sessions by being in the playground at **8.30 am**.

Please help children to be ready and arrive in good time for the start of the day. Setting a morning routine, preparing the night before and being consistent in expectations support children in the important skills of responsibility and time keeping necessary throughout life.

Attendance

At Handford Hall, we expect all children to arrive on time at 8.40am (gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am) and attend every day. Children have only 190 school days in a year, and we believe that each one is important. Evidence shows there is a clear link between poor school attendance/punctuality and low levels of achievement. We expect all individual pupils to achieve at least 97% attendance. Children who arrive late not only miss a vital part of the day but also disturb the learning of the rest of the class.

Please note

We do not authorise holidays taken during term time or any visits to home countries during term time therefore any absence/(s) taken for this reason will be marked as unauthorised. Unauthorised means the school is not satisfied with the reason of absence provided.

Thank you for your support.

New in 2025/26

EARLY DROP OFF facility for our Working Parents

From September 2025, in order to support our working families, parents will be able to drop their children off at 8.00am every day (free of charge). The online form for booking our Early Drop Off will go live on Monday 1st September 2025.

The pedestrian gates will be opened between 8.00-8.10 and children will be able to enter the school via our Dome door.

Please note that any late arrivals, after 8.10, will not be permitted to enter school facilities. Thank you

School starts

TERM DATES 2025-2026

September 25

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June 26


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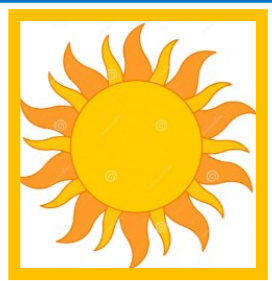
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 School holiday and PD days - no school for children



Planning ahead to avoid fixed term penalties

This academic year, we are finishing school on **Friday 18th July 2025 (18.07.2025)**.

In the academic year 2025/26 school starts on **Wednesday 3rd September 2025 (3.09.2025)**, therefore parent will have **6 weeks and 2 days (47 days)** of the summer holidays.

If you are planning to travel abroad, please start planning now to avoid paying high prices for your flight tickets and return to school on time in September.

Thank you for supporting our school in raising pupil attendance.

June 2025 Attendance figures

RC 98%	RB 97%	1L 95%
1M 98%	2B 95%	2SM 95%
3A 98%	3B 97%	4S 95%
4W 97%	5B 97%	5G 95%
6H 95%	6P 96%	School end of year target 97%

	HH protocols
Start time	School gates open 8.30 School gates close 8.40
End time	School gates open 3.30 (Mon– Thurs) School gates close 3.45 (Mon– Thurs) School gates open 1.00 (Fri) School gates close 1.15 (Fri)
School office opening hours for parents	8.30-9.30 (Mon—Fri) 3.00-4.00 (Mon—Thurs) 1.00-2.00 (Fri)
Lunches for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Universal Free School Meals)	From September 2023 pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have school dinners or school packed lunches. No home packed lunches.
Pupils' mobile phones	Pupils' mobile phones are not allowed on school premises.
Bringing/collecting pupils to/from school	From September 2023, only parents and identified by the families adults (18 years +) will be allowed to bring and collect children to and from school. No under-age siblings/under-age family members will be permitted to bring/collect pupils to/from school.
Pupils walking to school/walking home on their own	Parents of Year 6 pupils can apply for permission for their children to walk to /from school on their own.

What to bring to school



HH School book bag

Bottle of water
Please ensure they are not big bottles of water, thank you



HH PE kit in PE bag



Home Packed Lunch if required (KS2 only)



What not to bring to school



No rucksacks please



No fizzy drinks or sweets please



No bikes/scooters /home toys please



No pencils cases please

