



HANDFORD HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – June 2025

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Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely break, despite the unpredictable weather. We have many events and activities planned for the coming half term (the last 7 weeks of this academic year) including celebration assemblies, sports day, and many exciting summer trips.

We will keep you up to date with news and events through Arbor (our messaging system), but please also do take a look at our X feed which is regularly updated.

We are hoping for a fantastic weather therefore outdoor learning, Expressive Arts and Enrichment sessions will be our focus for this half term. Please ensure children bring to school their summer hats and wear a suncream if weather is hot.

Let's make the last 7 weeks of 2024/25 academic year the most enjoyable for all.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Blake
Headteacher

7 weeks till end of this academic year

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Sports Day

Last day of term

Meet your new teacher

Dates for you diary:

- ◆ 2.06.2025—Westbourne transition visit to HH
- ◆ 12.06.2025—Year 6 Crucial Crew trip
- ◆ 18.06.2025—Sports Day (EYFS/KS1 am, KS2 pm)
- ◆ 24 - 25.06.2025—Carnival Enrichment Days
- ◆ 25 and 26.06.2025—Year 6 transition days (visits to highs schools)
- ◆ 30.06.2025—Year 3 West Stowe trip
- ◆ 2, 3, 4.07.2025—Year 5 and 6 residential trip
- ◆ 14-15.07.2025— Year 6 production
- ◆ 16.07.2025 -'Meet you class teacher' sessions
- ◆ 17.07.2025 - Y6 Leavers Assembly and reports to parents
- ◆ 18.07.2025 - Celebration Assembly at 10am(parents welcome)
- ◆ **18.07.2025 - last day of term**

Our Stars in Summer 1:

RC	Suzie - Suzie is a focussed and resilient member of our class. Her behaviour for learning is excellent and as a result she is making outstanding progress with her reading, writing and problem-solving skills. Suzie is kind and thoughtful and is a friend to everyone.
RB	Logan - Logan tries his best every day and always works hard to complete his work. Logan is a super star. He always follows the class rules and is kind to his friends and the adults. Well done, Logan.
1M	Darius - Throughout the year, Darius has worked exceedingly hard in all areas of the curriculum and loves to be challenged to reach his highest potential! Darius demonstrates exceptional kindness and support to his peers and is a fantastic role model for behaviour to the whole school. We are so proud of Darius' hard work and sensational efforts this year; he has made exceptional progress! Well done, Darius!
1L	Andrei – Andrei is a kind and thoughtful boy whose behaviour for learning is outstanding. Andrei is a new pupil in 1L this year and is an excellent role model for other new pupils. He listens carefully and always tries his hardest. The progress he has made this year has been very good and I can't wait to see what he will achieve in the future. Well done Andrei - you are a superstar!
2B	Evelina - Evelina has shown great focus this term. She is curious about her learning and is keen to use an articulate voice to engage in the learning. She is kind and friendly and can always be found following school rules. An excellent behaviour for learning role model. Well done
2SM	Ianis- Nicolas - Ianis has made amazing progress with his behaviour; he is working hard to be focussed and resilient in all lessons and remaining on green for the whole day. He is improving his writing, using finger spaces, full stops and interesting vocabulary and he is getting 100% on <u>all of</u> his quizzes. We are so proud of you Ianis, well done!
3B	Aylla - Aylla has really shone this half term and I am extremely proud of her. Her behaviour for learning is exemplary and she is a fantastic role model to others at Handford Hall. Not only this, but Aylla is also extremely kind and patient with those around her. Aylla also continues to have 100% attendance, and this shows in the progress she is making. Well done, Aylla!
3A	Alina - Throughout this half term, Alina has approached each lesson with a positive attitude and a great appetite for learning, within the whole curriculum. This is evident in the quality of the work that she now produces. It is wonderful to see her sharing her work with her peers and to watch her confidence growing in all areas of school like. Keep it up Alina!
4W	Sara-Sofia - Sara-Sofia has made fantastic progress this term. She is developing in confidence and using more English and sharing her ideas with the class. She is a helpful member of the class and is always keen to get on with her work and show what she can do. Sara-Sofia is working hard to learn her times tables and can use practical equipment independently to support her maths. Sara-Sofia should be very proud of her achievements, it is fantastic seeing her lovely smiley face every day.
4S	Brwa - Brwa has worked very hard since he arrived a year ago, not only learning English from scratch but working hard in every lesson, completing his work to his best ability so that he can improve as fast as he can. This has resulted in Brwa making exceptional progress in maths and he is now completing challenges in Year 4, plus he also learned <u>all of</u> his times tables! He will challenge himself in English and topic lessons and uses support around him to complete his work to his best ability. Brwa enjoys learning and working very hard. Well done, Brwa.
5B	Emilija - Emilija works exceptionally hard every day and shows tremendous curiosity. Always asking questions and trying her best, her passion for learning is inspiring. She's kind to everyone around her and is a fantastic role model for all. What a wonderful year you have had Emilija!
5G	Leticia - Leticia is an incredibly dedicated student who truly shines in all her lessons. Her engagement and curiosity make learning enjoyable for everyone, and she articulately expresses her thoughts whether working independently or in a group. It's impressive to see how she consistently challenges herself, always meeting our expectations and inspiring her peers to do the same. I have no doubt Leticia will continue to progress and excel in all aspects of her learning for the rest of the year. Congratulations!
6H	Sofia - All through the last term, Sofia has consistently always pushed herself. Whether it was in lessons, breakfast clubs or during after school tuition, Sofia has shown resilience, determination and an indefatigable spirit. Personal motivation, effort and determination are all qualities that are needed at High school, and consequently, the future looks very promising indeed for her. Excellent effort, Sofia – Bravo!
6P	Nma - Nma has shown great resilience and focus since the beginning of the year. And, just when she thought she could do no more, she has given that extra 10% in the run up to SATs. She has shown what it means to 'do your best!' As the term has progressed, Nma has been willing to take more chances in her learning and step out of her comfort zone (always with a smile!) Nma, you have stood taller, and you should feel very proud of all you have achieved so far: it has been a privilege to be part of your journey. Well done – I can't wait to see you stand even taller in your last half-term at Handford Hall.

School starts

TERM DATES 2025-2026

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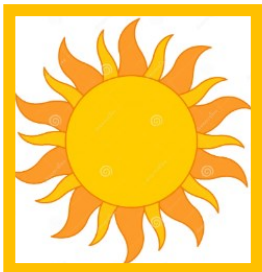
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 School holiday and PD days - no school for children



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.

May 2025 Attendance figures

RC 98%	RB 96%	1L 94%
1M 96%	2B 96%	2SM 95%
3A 92%	3B 98%	4S 97%
4W 94%	5B 94%	5G 96%
6H 95%	6P 97%	School end of year target 97%

Working together in securing the best possible attendance

Pupil absences/term time holidays/visiting relatives abroad/renewing passports abroad

At Orwell Multi Academy Trust, we expect all children to be in school every day, unless they are too ill to attend.

Following government attendance guidelines, term time holidays, visiting relatives abroad during term time, renewing passports abroad during term time will not be authorised and will result in a fine. Unauthorised absences will also result in legal intervention.

Every school in the Trust has staff who can support you with your child's attendance, so we ask that you work with us to ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day.

ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.

4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE 10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

4 If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment

3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

Handford Hall School Uniform

Please ensure children do not wear PE kit on their PE days, thank you

Uniform

Children should wear:

- Black/dark blue trousers or skirt
- A white shirt or polo shirt
- A navy cardigan or a jumper with the school logo (this can be purchased from [PMG Schoolwear](#), Westgate Street)
- Black shoes

Please label EVERYTHING.

(Jewellery should not be worn)



2024/25	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 will not be allowed on school premises.
Bringing/collecting pupils to/from school	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 are permitted to bring/collect pupils to/from school.
Pupils walking to school/walking home on their own	Year 6 pupils can apply for permission to walk to school/home on their own. Please request forms at the school office, thank you.

What to bring to school



HH School book bag

Bottle of water



HH PE kit in PE bag



Packed lunch if required (KS2 only)



What not to bring to school



No rucksacks if possible please



No fizzy drinks or sweets please



No bikes/scooters /home toys please



No pencils cases please

