

# Handford Hall Primary School

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## Newsletter – February 2026



### For your diary in February:

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Year 4  
Egyptian Day**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February- Parent  
Consultation Day (school closed  
for the children)**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February – RE day**

**Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> February –  
ART and DT day**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer  
Internet Day**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – last day of  
school**

**Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> February –  
half term**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – OMAT  
PD day (school closed for  
children)**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – children  
are back at school**

## Headteacher update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to welcoming you to our second Parent Consultation Day on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February. We have invited several local organisations to join us, and you will have the opportunity to book free dental and eyesight appointments for your children on the day.



**Ipswich Tooth Club** will be available to our parents to book dentist appointments for free between 9.00-12.15 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February (Dome).



**Specsavers** will be available to our parents to book eyesight appointments for free between 9.00 -2.00 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February (Dome).



**BME Suffolk Group** will be providing support and advice on Employment, Housing Benefits, Immigration, Mental Health / Wellbeing Support (9-2pm, Dome).

See you all on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Mrs K Blake  
Headteacher

## Young Voices 2026

HH choir enjoyed rehearsing and taking part in the largest choir, Young Voices 2026.

Special guest included Aneesa Folds, Alex Spencer, Ruti, Connie Talbot, and Harriet Rose. And of course, the best choir ever – Handford Hall choir!

Thank you to all HH adults for making this visit possible. Our children had the most fantastic time.

**Well done Team HH!**



## January 2026 Fab Science workshops



## January 2026 attendance

### January 2026 attendance

RB - 92%	RC - 90%	1M - 97%
1L - 90%	2B - 90%	2SM - 97%
3B - 96%	3S - 95%	4S - 97%
4W - 93%	5B - 95%	5G - 95%
6H - 94%	6P - 95%	Target 97%

### Working together in securing the best possible attendance

Following government attendance guidelines, **term time holidays, visiting relatives abroad during term time, seeking medical support in home countries, renewing passports abroad during term time** will not be authorised and may result in a fine by Suffolk County Council.

Unauthorised absences may also result in legal intervention.

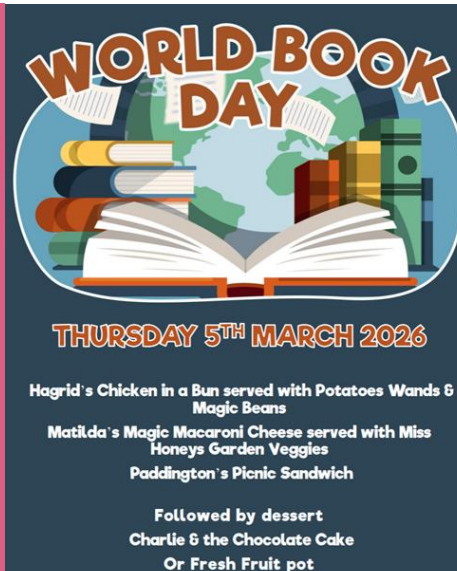
## Our themed menus for Valentine's Day and World Book Day:



**VALENTINE'S DAY**

THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

Delightful  
Valentines  
Cookies  
freshly homemade  
by your talented kitchen team



**WORLD BOOK DAY**

THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

Hagrid's Chicken in a Bun served with Potatoes Wands & Magic Beans  
Matilda's Magic Macaroni Cheese served with Miss Honeys Garden Veggies  
Paddington's Picnic Sandwich

Followed by dessert  
Charlie & the Chocolate Cake  
Or Fresh Fruit pot

## Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

This year's Safer Internet Day will be February 10th where we will be celebrating and learning around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. We will be helping our children to use new technology in safe and responsible ways as well as providing parents with advice on how to talk about AI with your child.

## 2025/26 academic year - calendar

September 2025	April 2026
<p><b>1.09 - PD day – no school for children</b>  <b>2.09 - PD day – no school for children</b>  <b>3.09- school starts</b>                      15.09 – KS2 science week                      TBC – individual photos</p>	<p><b>13.04 – school starts</b>                       13.04 – Science week</p>
October 2025	May 2026
<p><b>8.10 – no school for children - Parent Consultation Day (9.00-6.00)</b>  <b>8.10 – Flu vaccinations for children will be available at HH 9.00-6.00</b>  <b>HALF TERM (27.10 – 31.10.2025)</b></p>	<p><b>4.05 – Bank Holiday</b>  <b>5.05 – school starts</b>                      Week beginning 11.05 – Year 6 SATs   <b>HALF TERM (25.05 – 29.05.2026)</b></p>
November 2025	June 2026
<p><b>3.11 - PD day – no school for children</b>  <b>4.11 – Science week</b>                      5.11 - 9.15am Reception open mornings (new intake 2026)                      14.11 - 9.15am Reception open morning (new intake 2026)</p>	<p>1.06 – Science week                      Year 6 Crucial crew – date tbc                      Year 6 transition days to high schools – date tbc   <b>17.06 – SPORTS DAY</b></p>
December 2025	July 2026
<p>Trips to Theatre to see Panto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am</li> <li>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.30pm</li> <li>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am</li> <li>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.30pm</li> <li>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am</li> </ul> <p>15.12 – Reception Share Morning and Christmas production 2.30 for Y2 parents                      16.12 – Christmas production 2.30 for Year 1 parents                      18.12 – Christmas dinner                      19.12 – 9.15 KS1 Celebration assembly, 11.00 – KS2 assembly  <b>CHRISTMAS BREAK (22.12– 5.01.2026)</b></p>	<p>1.07 – New Reception Induction meeting for Parents (6.00pm)                       14.07 – Year 6 Production                       15.07 – 'Meet your new class teacher' transitions sessions                       16.07.2026 – Leavers' Assembly – 10.00am – for year 6 parents only                       17.07. – Celebration assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.15 for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2</li> <li>11.00 for Years 3, 4 5 and 6</li> </ul> <p>17.07 – the last day of term</p>
January 2026	
<p><b>5.01 – PD day – no school for children</b>                      6.01 – school starts                      6.01 – Science week</p>	
February 2026	
<p><b>4.02 – no school for children- Parent Consultations Day (9.00-6.00)</b>  <b>HALF TERM (16-02 - 20.02.2026)</b>  <b>23.02 – PD day – no school for children</b>                      24.02 – Science week</p>	
March 2026	
<p>5.03 - World Book Day  <b>16.03 – PD day – no school for children</b>                      Easter break – 30.03 – 10.04.2026</p>	

School starts

## TERM DATES

### 2025-2026

September 25							October 25							November 25							December 25						
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 School holiday and PD days - no school for children

# Next academic year

## 2026-2027


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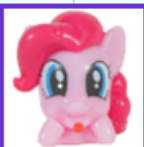

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 School holiday and PD days - no school for children

2025/26	HH protocols
<b>NEW</b> - Free Early Drop Off for working parents	8.00-8.30 Pedestrian gate opens between 8.00-8.10. <i>Late arrivals will not be permitted on school premises.</i>
Start time	School gates open <b>8.30</b> School gates close <b>8.40</b>
End time	School gates open <b>3.30</b> (Mon– Thurs) School gates close <b>3.45</b> (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.  <b>No home packed lunches.</b>
Pupils' mobile phones	Pupils' mobile phones will not be allowed on school premises.
Bringing/collecting pupils to/from school	Only <b>parents</b> and identified by the family <b>adults (18 years +)</b> will be allowed to bring and collect children to and from school.  <b>No under-age siblings/under-age family members</b> are permitted to bring/collect pupils to/from school.
Pupils walking to school/walking home on their own	<b>Year 6 pupils</b> 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 	What not to bring to school 
HH School book bag	No rucksacks if possible please 
Bottle of water 	No fizzy drinks or sweets please  
HH PE kit in PE bag 	No bikes/scooters /home toys please   
Packed lunch if required (KS2 only) 	No pencils cases please 