

Handford Hall is a place where everyone loves to be!

"A picture tells a thousand words" – Autumn Term in photos



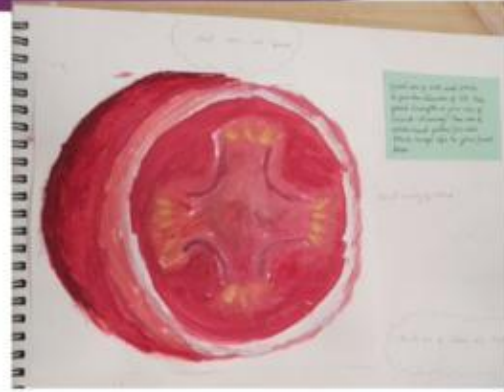




ART at HH

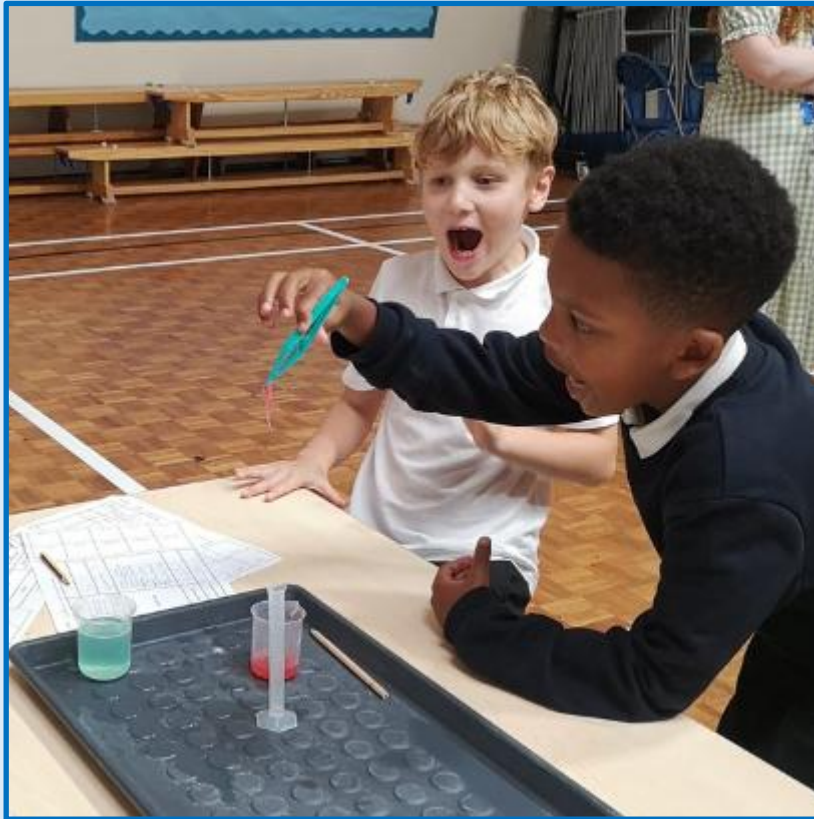
Evaluating and improving

Developing skills



Future Scientists











Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible start to the academic year we've had at Handford Hall! I am so proud of our remarkable school community, which continues to push boundaries to provide the very best for our children. At Handford Hall, learning is not just a process, it's an adventure: exciting, memorable, and deeply meaningful.

Our Curriculum: Inspiring Lifelong Learning

At the heart of our success lies an ambitious, bespoke curriculum, a dynamic framework that continually evolves under the expert guidance of our dedicated subject leaders. We go beyond teaching knowledge and skills; we nurture deep understanding and empower every child with the confidence to thrive.

Our mission? To spark a lifelong passion for learning, broaden horizons through diverse cultures and societies, and instil a profound respect for individual rights and responsibilities.

Our school community is a vibrant tapestry of backgrounds and experiences, and our curriculum celebrates this richness. Through skilful adaptation of teaching methods and learning opportunities across all subjects, our committed staff ensure that every pupil makes exceptional progress on their unique learning journey.

Enrichment

This term, pupils have enjoyed a wide range of enrichment experiences: travelling to Duxford to learn about World War II, exploring local landmarks such as our local Christchurch Mansion, transforming our dome into a Mayan Museum, and delving into ancient civilisations. Inspiring Fab Science workshops have sparked curiosity in physics and beyond, while our art curriculum continues to nurture a new generation of talented artists. Learning at our school extends far beyond the classroom. At Handford Hall we're not just teaching, we're inspiring the next generation of innovators and leaders.

Ahoy There, Me Hearties!

This December, our children had the wonderful privilege of experiencing Treasure Island, brought to life by the talented Eastern Angles theatre company.

This brand-new adaptation of the timeless tale of pirates, lost treasure maps, mutiny, and heroism sailed into Suffolk, inspired by the mysterious lost town of Dunwich for Christmas 2025.

One of the greatest stories in English literature, featuring unforgettable characters like the cunning Long John Silver and the brave Jim Hawkins, came to Ipswich and Woodbridge. Our HH children were fully immersed in this festive production—a magical coming-of-age adventure that captivated both young and old.

With all the hallmarks of an Eastern Angles Christmas show—innovative staging, storytelling, music, puppetry, and a cast of fabulous actors—Treasure Island was a true theatrical treat.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a strong connection with our local theatre, inspiring a new generation of performers and storytellers.

Humph the Camel: A Nativity to Remember

This year's nativity was an incredible success! Humph the Camel is usually the picture of indifference, never showing much interest in anything. But to everyone's surprise and delight, when he encounters the newborn King, his excitement and joy are impossible to contain! Our talented Year 1 and Year 2 children brought this lovely story to life in a fresh, fun, and heartwarming way. The audience was captivated and absolutely loved every moment.

None of this would be possible without you, our wonderful parents and carers. You are key partners in this educational journey. Together, we foster a strong sense of community, promote achievement, boost self-esteem, and cultivate pride in our school. Your engagement has been phenomenal, from the 100% attendance at Parent Consultation Day to your enthusiastic participation in events, workshops, and enrichment activities.

As we move forward, let's celebrate our achievements, embrace challenges, and look ahead to the exciting journey to come. Together, we're not just shaping the future of our children; we're shaping the future of our community and beyond.

At Handford Hall, we truly believe this is a place where everyone loves to be!

Christmas Greetings:



We would like to wish you a very happy and joyful Christmas. Hope you get a much-deserved break this holiday season!

We look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday **6th January 2026**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Blake

Headteacher

Our Stars this term

Autumn Term Accelerated Reader – Word Count Stars:



2B – Amanee (12, 618)	4W – Sarah (290, 195)
2SM - Henry (13, 561)	5B – Matilde (320, 238)
3S – Anna (61, 337)	5G – Roel (383, 345)
3B – Luna (102, 871)	6H – Muheeth (1, 440, 774)
4S - Victoria (152, 239)	6P – Aya (896,788)

Well done!

Finishing Autumn Term in style:



















Merry Christmas from us all at Handford Hall