

# Handford Hall Primary School

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## Newsletter – June 2026



### For your diary in June

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 - PD Day no school for children

Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> June- KS2 Science week

2<sup>nd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June - YR 4 TIMES TABLE CHECK

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June - Yr 1 & 2 PHONICS CHECK

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Y6 Crucial Crew trip

15<sup>th</sup> June- 26<sup>th</sup> June – Assessment weeks

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June – Northgate team to meet Y6 pupils

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> June – Y3 West Stow trip

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> June – Westbourne Team to meet Y6 pupils

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day (REC/KS1 am, KS2 pm) – more details will follow

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> ad Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> – Y6 transition days (Y6 pupils attend their high schools)**

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Rendlesham Forest trip

### Headteacher update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are continuing to work together to improve our whole-school attendance, and I am pleased to share that our current attendance stands at 95.5% (September 2025 – May 2026). While this is encouraging, we still have two months remaining, and our Attendance Team will continue to monitor pupils' attendance and punctuality daily. This ensures that no learning is missed and that our children enjoy attending school every day. Our target remains 97%.

As a reminder, our final half term lasts for seven weeks, and **the last day of school will be Friday, 17th July.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs K Blake  
Headteacher

### May 2026 attendance

RB - 92%	RC - 87%	1M - 93%
1L - 98%	2B - 96%	2SM - 96%
3B - 96%	3S - 97%	4S - 97%
4W - 97%	5B - 96%	5G - 98%
6H - 98%	6P - 97%	Target 97%

## Supporting Good Attendance at Handford Hall

"Missing school means missing out!"

### Why attendance matters to our children

**Bright Futures** - Improves further opportunities and academic success by securing the best possible outcomes for our pupils

**Confidence Booster** - Teaches resilience and independence

**Building good habits for future jobs** - creates positive routines and sense of responsibility

**Friendship and Community** - teaches our children to be part of something bigger - preparing future leaders and team players

### Authorised absence

- Illness
- Religious observance (1 day per academic year)
- Medical appointments

### Unauthorised absence

- Holidays during term time
- Birthdays, shopping or days out
- Renewing passports in home countries
- Seeking medical assistance in home countries
- Visiting families in home countries
- Illness of another family member

### Punctuality – Be on time

- Arrive at school 8.30-8.40 every day
- If your child arrives **after 8.40** it will be marked late

### Send your child to school



- A mild cough, cold or runny nose
- A sore throat
- A headache
- Painful tummy/tooth/leg
- Feeling tired

### Keep your child at home

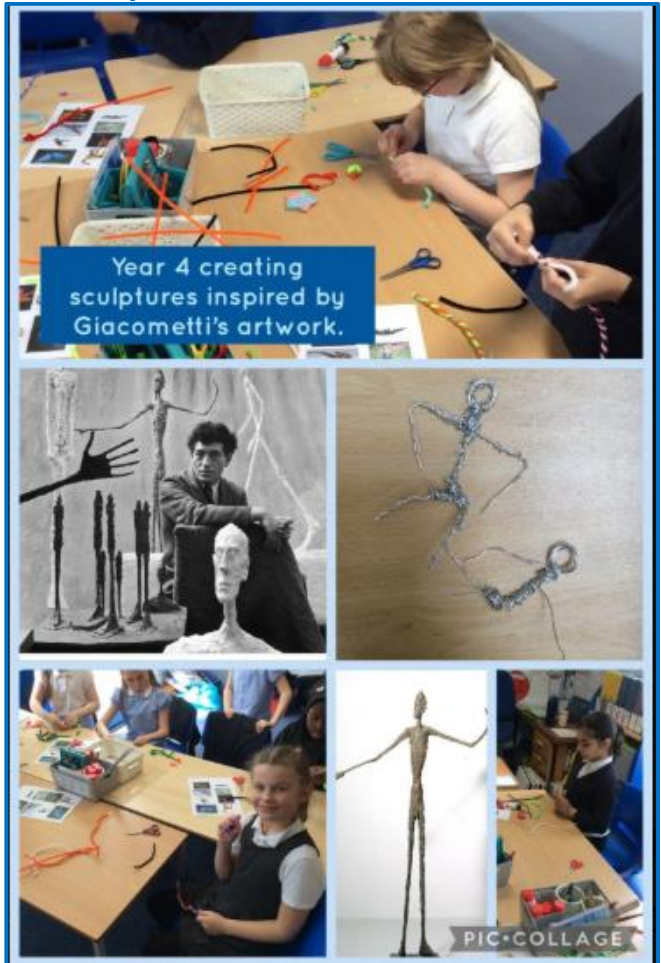


- A very high temperature
- vomiting or diarrhea (24 hours since last episode)
- a contagious illness (measles, chicken pox – see our website for more details)

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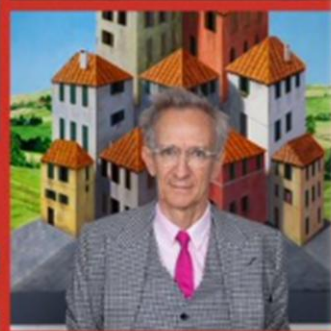
# Why Handford Hall is a place to be!

## ART/DT week in May





Year 6 prints  
inspired by the  
artist Patrick  
Hughes.



Year 5 paintings  
inspired by the artist  
Jim Dine.



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Year 6 were celebrating



**Year 6 post  
SATs Special  
Breakfast**

**It is true when we say that Handford Hall is a place where everyone loves to be!**

Thank you to Mrs Kaluzniak and her Team for preparing our school for the final 7 weeks of this academic year. The sparkly classrooms are awaiting the children to arrive at school on Tuesday and our playgrounds are ready for the summer fun too.



Mrs Foskett's garden, full of pink flowers, will be welcoming our community for the last half term of fantastic learning opportunities.



## 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><b>1.06 – PD day</b>                      Science week                      2.06 - Year 6 Crucial crew                      24-25.06 - Year 6 transition days to high schools  <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 – Leavers' Assembly – 10.00am – for year 6 parents only                      16.07 – End of Year School Reports out to parents (by email)</p>
January 2026	<p>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>
February 2026	<p>17.07 – the last day of term</p>
<p><b>5.01 – PD day – no school for children</b>                      6.01 – school starts                      6.01 – Science week</p>	
<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>Easter break – 30.03 – 10.04.2026</b></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

Rescheduled PD Day – Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June (no school for children)

## Next academic year

### 2026-2027

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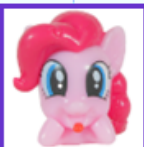

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School holiday and PD days - no school for children

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 