

Handford Hall Primary School

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Newsletter – July 2026



For your diary in July

Wed 1.07.2026 – 5G Pin Mill River Trip and Year 2 trip to Felixstowe

Wed 1.07.2026 – New Reception parents' induction evening (6 pm)

Thurs 2.07.2026 – 5B Pin Mill River Trip

Thurs 9.07.2026 – Year 4 trip to Rendlesham Forest

Tuesday 14.07.2026 – year 6 production to parents (6 pm)

Wed 15.07.2026 – 'Meet your new class teacher' sessions

Thurs 16.07.2026 – End of Year school reports emailed to parents

Thurs 16.07.2026 – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (more information will follow)

Fri 17.07.2026 – End of Year Celebration assemblies

- 9.15 – EYFS, Years 1 and 2
- 11.00 – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

**Last day of school:
Friday 17.07.2026**

**School starts:
Thursday 3.09.2026**

Headteacher update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents and family members who attended our annual Sports Day. I hope you enjoyed it as much as our children and staff did. A special thank you to the parents who stepped in and participated in the sporting events alongside our staff members. It was wonderful to see the HH community spirit shining throughout the day.

Following the final count of points, I am delighted to announce that the winners were Bannister House. Congratulations to everyone in Bannister House for this fantastic achievement.

Most importantly, well done to all our children for being such excellent sports. They demonstrated outstanding skills, determination, compassion and resilience throughout the day, and we are incredibly proud of them all.

I would like to thank Suffolk One College for organising a fantastic visit for our Year 6 students, helping them to explore and map out their future educational opportunities. Our Year 6 pupils also attended their high school transition meetings last week. They are incredibly excited about taking the next step in their educational journey and beginning their secondary school experience.

We are now entering the final two and a half weeks of the academic year. We have recently completed our final pupil assessments, and over the next two weeks, staff will be meeting for our end-of-term pupil progress meetings. These discussions will focus on each child's attainment and progress, while also helping us to plan and prepare learning journeys for the next academic year, ensuring that every pupil is supported to achieve their full potential.

Children will find out their new classes on Wednesday 15th July during our Meet the Teacher Morning and on Thursday 16th July, we will share pupils' end-of-year reports. These will be emailed to parents and carers at the end of the school day.

HH Special Edition Newsletter will follow in the last week of term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs K Blake

Headteacher

Why a good attendance is important for your child to succeed at school

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)

Handford Hall is a place where everyone loves to be!

June 2026 attendance

RB - 91%	RC - 88%	1M - 95%
1L - 96%	2B - 96%	2SM - 96%
3B - 96%	3S - 97%	4S - 94%
4W - 96%	5B - 93%	5G - 94%
6H - 96%	6P - 97%	Target 97%

HH SPORTS DAY

The winner: Bannister







Year 6 Activity Week

Visit to Suffolk One



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There are so many possibilities, so many opportunities... Our year 6 students were inspired by what Suffolk One has to offer and are already planning their A level pathways....



Y6 day at Christchurch Park



Handford Hall PS @HandfordHallPS · Jun 10



Year 6 Activity week - wow! So much fun!



Y6 trip to Felixstowe by train



Year 6 Art Day





Year 3 trip to West Stow



June Heatwave



Next academic year

2026-2027

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 School holiday and PD days - no school for children

Summer Holidays Offer by Ipswich Fit



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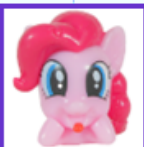


SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

For more booking information please see link below:

https://www.ipswichfit.co.uk/summer-holiday-programme-026/?mc_cid=830b3dc9a1&mc_eid=52f760dde9

2025/26	HH protocols
NEW - 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 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 family 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	<u>Year 6 pupils</u> 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 