

Handford Hall Primary School

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Special Edition Newsletter – July 2026

Headteacher update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful school year and stand on the verge of the summer holidays, we are all looking forward to spending some well-deserved time with our families and friends.

What a fabulous year it has been! We have so many achievements to celebrate. As always, our children have made outstanding progress across the curriculum, demonstrating enthusiasm, resilience and a genuine love of learning. Our results speak for themselves – Handford Hall pupils performed above the national average in all statutory assessments. These achievements do not happen by chance. They are the result of the dedication, commitment and hard work of our entire school community.

I would like to thank our incredible staff team – teachers, teaching assistants, reading volunteers and support staff – for their unwavering commitment to helping every child thrive. I would also like to recognise the invaluable contribution of our parents and carers. Your encouragement, partnership and support play a vital role in our pupils' success. We are incredibly proud to serve such a wonderful school community, and we are truly grateful for everything you do. Thank you.

This year, we are also saying goodbye to several valued members of staff. Mrs Pearl and Mrs Bacon are retiring after 25 remarkable years in education. We thank them for their dedication to the children and families they have supported throughout their careers and wish them a very happy and well-deserved retirement.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Cabras, who is moving on after 13 years at Handford Hall to work in a much smaller educational setting. We thank her for her many years of service to our school and wish her every success and happiness in the future.

Miss Keaney, our Year 4 Teaching Assistant, will be leaving us to pursue teacher training at Ruskin University. We are delighted that she is taking this exciting next step in her career and wish her every success with her studies.

Finally, I would like to wish all our pupils, parents, carers and staff a wonderful summer break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Enjoy making special memories with your loved ones, stay safe, and have a fantastic summer.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026.

Have a wonderful summer and see you then!

Mrs K Blake
Headteacher

Statutory results July 2026

Department for Education Statutory tests 2025/26	<u>Whole cohort including 63 new arrivals across year groups</u>	<u>Handford Hall home grown children excluding 63 new arrivals</u>
<u>EYFS GLDs</u>	62%	77% (above national)
<u>Year 1 phonics test</u>	69%	85% (above national)
<u>Year 2 phonics test</u>	92%	100% (above national)
<u>Year 4 Multiplication test</u>	65% Average score 23.4 out of 25	85% (above national)
<u>Year 6 SATs</u> <u>Reading, Writing, Maths</u>	73% (National 63%)	75% (above national)

Mrs Foskett's Expressive Arts reward for Year 6 pupils

Emilia But. (6P)
Esmeralda (6P)
Kemi (6H)
Muheeth (6H)

Mr Trotter's Award – Reading Champions in 2025/26

Reception	Marinel (RB) and Saule Meile (RC)
Year 1	Eva D (1L) and Ryan (1M)
Year 2	Estera (2B) and Henry (2SM)
Year 3	Anna (3S) and Eliana(3B)
Year 4	Ana-Maria (4S) and Aria (4W)
Year 5	Roel (5G) and Eliane (5B)
Year 6	(6H) and Christian (6P)

End of Year Stars 2025/26

RC	Mia Rey	<u>100 % Attendance - whole year</u> Zuko, Lukas U, Emili U, Shayne, Ianis-Nicolas, Evie-Mae, Noah P, Casey P, Patrick O, Fortune, Shayla, Jasmine K, Lucas AFN, Blossom, Chenuli, Leticia, Emilija But., Audrey, Newness, Greatness, Praise
RB	Oliver	
1M	Ishwa	
1L	Ciara	
2B	Amanee	
2SM	Rebeca	
3B	Matei O	
3S	Salma	
4S	Josephine	
4W	Sona	
5B	Gabriela	
5G	Poppy	
6P	Audrey	
6H	Chenuli	

Accelerated Reader Word Count Millionaires 2025/26

WORD COUNT Millionaires	Number of words in this academic year
Dilek (5B)	1, 065, 154
Jasmine (5G)	1, 610, 106
Roel (5G)	2, 239, 112
Muheeth (6H)	2, 983, 576
Grant (6H)	1, 687, 721
Bailey (6H)	1, 537, 806
Leticia (6H)	1, 305, 414
Chenuli (6H)	1, 132, 963
Amelia (6H)	1, 104, 824
Theo (6H)	1, 386, 194
Fortune (6H)	3, 054, 118
Temidayo (6P)	1, 053, 155
Aya (6P)	2, 126, 021
Emilia Ban. (6P)	1, 110, 601
David (6P)	1, 148, 258
Esmeralda (6P)	1, 130, 786
Sofia L (6P)	1, 138, 929
Christian (6P)	2, 454, 194
Masskel (6P)	1, 494, 552
Emilia But. (6P)	1, 003, 056
Audrey (6P)	1, 026, 974

Next academic year

2026-2027

September 26

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August 27

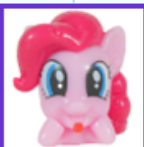
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 School holiday and PD days - no school for children

2026/27 classes and teachers:

Reception RB	Mrs Barnett
Reception RE	Mrs Elsdon
Year 1 1B	Miss Bryan
Year 1 1L	Mrs Larkins
Year 2 2B	Miss Manners
Year 2 2S	Mrs Southgate
Year 3 3B	Miss Bodkin
Year 3 3SW	Mrs Watkins (Mon, Tue) Mrs Simpson/Wed-Fri)
Year 4 4I	Mrs Izzard
Year 4 4S	Ms Sterling
Year 5 5B	Miss Blake
Year 5 5G	Miss Gilardi
Year 6 6H	Mr Harraway
Year 6 6W	Miss Worley
Interventions	Mrs Morrisons, Mrs Reid and Mrs Scales Kennedy

2026/27	HH protocols
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)	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are expected to have school dinners or school packed lunches. No home packed lunches.
Pupils' mobile phones	Pupils' mobile phones are not 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 