

Handford Hall Primary School

Special Edition Newsletter

18th July 2025

Achieve, Believe, Celebrate

As we head into summer, we reflect on our achievements and successes throughout this academic year. Our school have been buzzing with achievements and events that showcase the hard work of our children and staff. From inspiring school projects, memory making trips and community events, there's so much to celebrate.

Growing future doctors, paramedics, politicians, musicians, poets, athletes at Handford Hall



What an incredible summer term it has been at Handford Hall! Our Sports Day in June was nothing short of spectacular. Watching our children throw themselves wholeheartedly into every activity – from sprinting and javelin to the egg and spoon race, football dribbling, boccia, netball shooting, hockey slalom, and our challenging long-distance run – filled our hearts with joy. The competitive spirit was alive and well, but what struck us most was how every single child supported one another. We truly all had the best time, and we could see future athletes being born right before our eyes!



The musical adventures this term have been truly extraordinary. Taking our children to London's O2 Arena to perform as part of Young Voices – the biggest choir in Europe – was an experience none of us will ever forget. The pride on their faces as they sang alongside thousands of other young people was magical.

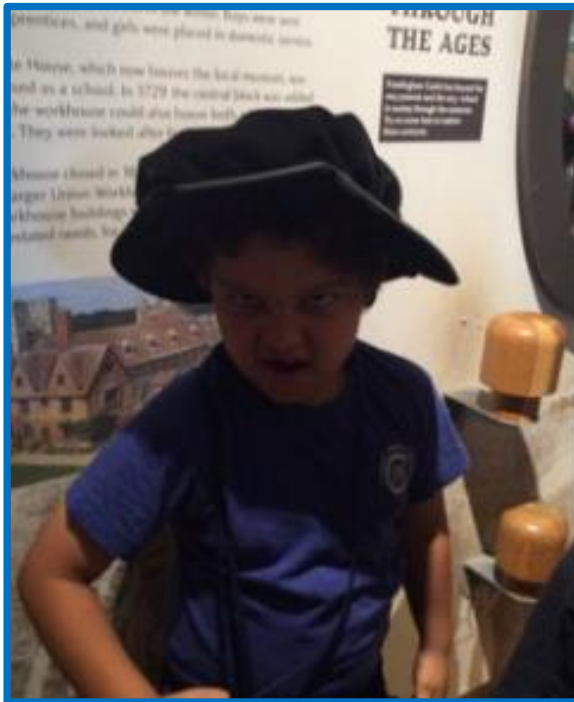
Equally wonderful was our participation in 'Travelling by Tuba', organised by Ipswich School. Our pupils had the most fantastic time learning about the fascinating history of brass instruments from around the world. Under the watchful eye of some brilliant musicians, they had the opportunity to try playing these magnificent instruments themselves, and their enthusiasm was infectious.

Every single one of these experiences plants seeds for the future. Whether our pupils become doctors, paramedics, politicians, musicians, poets, or athletes, they are discovering their passions and building the confidence to pursue their dreams.

Year 5/6 Residential



Framlingham Castle 'invaded' by Year 1 in July 2025



Year 6 Production – The Tempest



Class of 2024/25 - Year 6 SUPER STARS

Denzel (6H)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
Erin (6H)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
Sofia D (6H)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
Oliver (6H)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
Rehan (6H)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
Noah (6H)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
Simeon (6H)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
Thor (6P)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
David C (6P)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
Sophie (6P)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
Nma (6P)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
Anty (6P)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
Shaunice (6P)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
Hibah (6P)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects
Lidia (6P)	Amazing progress and learning behaviours across all subjects

Mrs Foskett's Expressive Arts reward for Year 6 pupils

Adina (6P)
Abdulla (6P)
Sareen (6H)
Sofia D (6H)

Mr Trotter's Award – Reading Champions in 2024/25

Reception	India (RB) and Ciara (RC)
Year 1	Ahmad (1L) and Henry (1M)
Year 2	Luna (2B) and Enoch (2SM)
Year 3	Miriam (3A) and Omar A (3B)
Year 4	Poppy (4S) and Dilek (4W)
Year 5	Fortune (5G) and David F (5B)
Year 6	Oliver (6H) and Shaunice (6P)

End of Year Stars:

RC	Arthur	100% Attendance Evelina (2B), Gisela (2B), Ianis (2SM), Mufaro (2SM), Evie-Mae (3B), Andreea (4S), Alban (4S), Emmanuel (4S), Dilek (4W), Karolina (4W), Casey (4W), Noah (4W), Eliane (4W), Noah (5B), Masskel (5B), Emilija (5B), Wayne (5B), Audrey (5B), Chenuli (5B), Fortune (5G), Erin (6H), Denzel (6H), Thor (6P), Marian (6P)
RB	Miruna	
1M	Sara M	
1L	Aleyna	
2B	Luna	
2SM	Salma	
3B	Regina	
3A	Andrei	
4S	Newness	
4W	Eliane	
5B	Esmeralda	
5G	Chenuli	
6P	Samuel	
6H	Erin	

Accelerated Reader Word Count Millionaires

WORD COUNT Millionaire	Number of words in this academic year
Luna (2B)	1, 016, 588
Alyssa (4S)	1, 024, 375
Jasmine (4S)	1, 359, 230
Aya (5B)	1, 022, 869
Christian (5B)	1, 041, 540
Erin (6H)	1, 832, 821S
Simeon (6H)	2, 243, 916
Rehan (6H)	2, 466, 572
Noah (6H)	1, 352, 738
Oliver (6H)	3, 045, 847
David C (6P)	1, 070, 099
Samuel (6P)	1, 372, 631
Eshaan (6P)	1,156, 130
Thor (6P)	1, 095, 662

2025/26 classes and teachers:

Reception RB	Mrs Barnett
Reception RC	Mrs Cabras
Year 1 1M	Miss Manners
Year 1 1L	Mrs Larkins
Year 2 2B	Mrs Bacon
Year 2 2SM	Mrs Southgate/Mrs Morrison
Year 3 3B	Miss Bodkin
Year 3 3S	Mrs Simpson
Year 4 4S	Ms Sterling
Year 4 4W	Miss Worley
Year 5 5B	Miss Blake
Year 5 5G	Miss Gilardi
Year 6 6H	Mr Harraway
Year 6 6P	Mrs Pearl

Fond farewells

As we approach the end of another wonderful academic year, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared together as a school community. While there is always much to celebrate about our pupils' achievements and growth, today we write with mixed emotions as we prepare to say goodbye to two truly exceptional members of our Handford Hall family.

It is with great fondness, yet a heavy heart, that we bid farewell to Mrs Isles and Mrs Grew, both of whom have been integral to the heart and soul of our school. Their departure marks the end of an era, and I know that many of you will share in both our gratitude for their service and our sadness at their leaving.

Mrs Isles, our beloved teaching assistant and librarian, will be retiring after an absolutely remarkable 23 years of dedicated service to our school community. Twenty-three years! Can you imagine the countless young lives she has touched, the stories she has shared, and the love of learning she has nurtured? Mrs Isles has been instrumental in creating that warm, welcoming environment that makes Handford Hall so special - a place where every single child feels supported, valued, and encouraged to flourish. Her passion for reading has been truly infectious, igniting a love of books and storytelling across generations of Handford Hall pupils. From the youngest reception children taking their first tentative steps into the world of phonics, to our confident year six pupils discovering new worlds through literature, Mrs Isles has been there, guiding and inspiring them all. Her gentle wisdom and unwavering dedication have been cornerstones of our school's success.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Grew, who has served as our office manager for seven wonderful years. Mrs Grew has been so much more than just an office manager - she has been our IT guru, our Health and Safety specialist, and quite frankly, the person who has kept everything running smoothly behind the scenes. Her hard work, unwavering support, and dedication to our vibrant and diverse school community have been absolutely invaluable. Both Mrs Isles and Mrs Grew have contributed immeasurably to making Handford Hall the special place it is today. While we will miss them terribly, we wish them both every happiness in their future endeavours. Mrs Isles, may your retirement be filled with relaxation, new adventures, and the fulfilment of pursuing your passions. Mrs Grew, we wish you all the best as you embark on your next chapter.

Thank you both for everything.

We are also saying our goodbyes to Miss Bryan and Miss Polley, our amazing teaching assistants, who are both starting their teacher training in September 2025. We wish them all the best!

Mrs Blake and HH Team

Wishing our school community a very sunny and relaxing summer holidays.



School starts on Wednesday 3rd September 2025



**TERM DATES
2025-2026**

School starts

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School holiday and PD days - no school for children