

# HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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## Message from Mr Hingley

It has been a busy week in school on the run up to half term. Many of your children have been undertaking assessments which is an important part of the teaching cycle. There has been lots of excellent learning going on throughout the whole school, from Reception all the way through to year 6. I have been impressed with your children's determination to finish things whilst also doing a really high quality 'job'. Year 6 have created some excellent dragon eyes out of clay whilst writing, rehearsing and delivering their speeches. They also had a visit from the police and a lawyer from TicToc today – please ask them to tell you about it! Reception have been studying space with a focus on 'Earth'. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. May have asked that you continue to practise their phonics at home please. Year 2 have been learning all about Kenya so far this term and had a very special visitor today – again please ask them to tell you about it! Year 4 have been debating! They have been discussing a subject close to my heart – the use of plastics – I can't wait to read their finished pieces too Mrs. Mir! This week we also say farewell to Mrs Hernandez who is moving on to pastures new, she will be sadly missed but we wish her all the best for her new role at the HighCrest Academy.

Enjoy your half term and I do hope the weather is kind to us. I am looking forward to getting out on some walks and finding some snowdrops to look at!

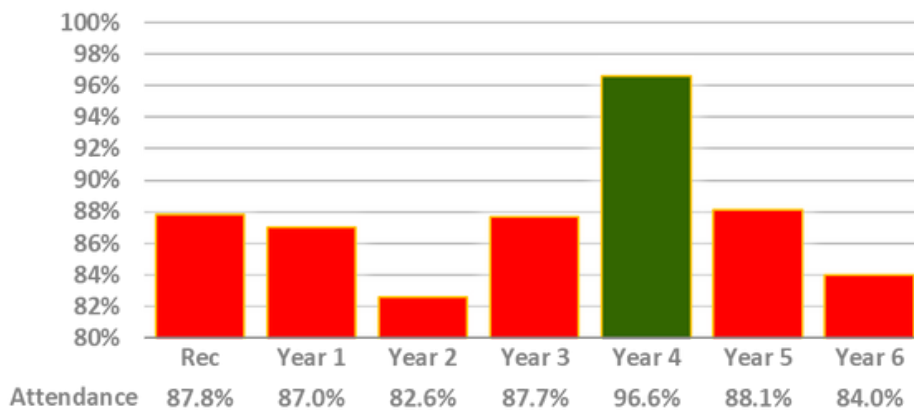
## Attendance – information for parents

In the event that your child is unwell, we ask that you contact the school to let us know. To notify us of your child's absence, please use the email address: [office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk) or phone the school office on 01494 522476 giving your child's name and class and the reason for absence.

This email address is monitored by Mrs Sullivan who deals with daily attendance matters.

Thank you.

## This weeks attendance



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ONE CAN TRUST FOODBANK!**

Here's a list of the most urgently required items for families and individuals in need of food support.

**Tinned fish**  
**Tinned tomatoes**  
**Tinned vegetables**  
**Tinned potatoes**  
**Tinned pulses**  
**Pasta sauces**  
**Cooking sauces**

**Tinned meat meals**  
**Tinned ham**  
**Tinned corned beef**  
**Shampoo**  
**Toothbrushes**  
**UHT milk**  
**Size 6&7 nappies (no smaller sizes needed)**

**SORRY WE CAN'T ACCEPT:**  
**Alcohol, homemade food, opened packets, out of date food**

**Places Where Kids Eat Free (or for £1)  
 February Half Term 2023**



**ASDA CAFE**

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of March 2023

**HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays. Then Tuesday to Friday between 3 - 5pm selected Kids' meals are £1 & larger meals are £1.50.

**PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

**WHITBREAD INNS**

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

**ANGUS STEAKHOUSE**

One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

**TABLE TABLE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

**THE REAL GREEK**

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

**SIZZLING PUBS**

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

**BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

**MORRISONS**

Spend £4.99 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

**PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto during Half Terms

**BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

**YO! SUSHI**

From February half term, kids eat free all day at YO! Sushi with any adult £10 spend

**SA BRAINS PUBS**

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

**FUTURE INNS**

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

**IKEA**

Kids get a meal for 95p or £1.50 from 11am - All day, every day.

**FARMHOUSE INNS**

Kids eat for £1 is currently on until Jan 31st but expected to be extended

**TESCO CAFES**

Likely but not yet announced

# Star of the Week



## **RECEPTION**

**Musa for now beginning to write some words and a short sentence independently, using his sounds. Keep up the hard work Musa!**

## **YEAR ONE**

**We are so proud of how Sakinah has now settled into year 1. She is making great progress in her maths and is showing resilience in English - even when she finds some things really tricky! Well done Sakinah!**

## **YEAR TWO**

**Phoebe for reaching the next level in Cracking Times Tables and for being a great friend.**

## **YEAR THREE**

**Alicja for persevering in maths when it was tricky and never giving up, Well Done!**

## **YEAR FOUR**

**for being responsible and well mannered all the time. You are a pleasure to teach and are a great role model to others.**

## **YEAR FIVE**

**Fredrik: For excellent swimming skills and always listening carefully to the instructor.**

## **YEAR SIX**

**Aahil for his excellent attitude towards his learning and for earning over 7000 points on Mathletics over the last 2 weeks!**

## MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

### RECEPTION

This week in reception we have been busy being scientists! We have completed an investigation on whether different materials are reflective or not. We made predictions and then tested different materials to find the answer. We have also continued learning about space and in particular 'Earth'. We thought about facts that we already know and then learnt some new ones to add to our mind map. Over the half term please continue to read with with your children. You will also have been given all the phase 3 sounds and harder to read and spell words. Please make sure you take 5-10 minutes a day to just go through these with your children. It will make their reading and writing so much more accessible to them. Also please check Tapestry as there are lots of new observations for you to see showing you how busy your children are when they are at school! Have a lovely week and see you after half term.

### YEAR ONE

In year 1 this week we have been carrying on with our number addition to 20 in Maths and writing a recap about our new story 'Leaf' in English. In PSHE this week we have been talking about our feelings and that it is ok to feel different to our friends. We read a lovely story about feelings and emotions called 'The Colour Monster'. We wish you all an amazing time over the half term break with your families and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20th February.

## YEAR TWO

To conclude our topic this half term, the children have been writing a fact file all about Kenya this week. They have used everything they have learnt about in their Topic lessons to write the fact file. They learnt how to set out a fact file including an introduction, sub headings, a fact box, pictures with captions and a summary. It has been lovely to see how much they have learnt about Kenya and now using this to write really interesting fact files in English. In Maths the children concluded their money topic by using their addition and subtraction skills to work out money problems. They were working out how to give change and completing 2 step problems. This has been a challenging and exciting topic for the children. In Science this week, the children carried out an investigation to find out whether the older you get the bigger your feet are. First they made predictions and then they went around the school to ask the children and staff their names, ages and shoe size. Once they had gathered enough data, they came back to class and explored their findings. They came to the conclusion that usually the older you get, the bigger your feet are. The children have worked really hard this half term and I hope they all have a wonderful break!

## YEAR THREE

The children have worked hard this week especially in maths and English. We have been looking closely at adding and have been trying to use efficient methods which has involved partitioning (seperating) numbers to make these additions easier. We would like you to support at home by accessing Mathletics over half term which will really help with basic skills in maths. We have also been reading 'How to wash a Woolly Mammoth' by Michelle Robinson. The children have started some excellent work on instructions - they are using imperative verbs and time adverbials. Well done year 3 - what a successful week!

## YEAR FOUR

It has been a busy week and the children are feeling tired ready for half term! They have worked extremely hard in English, writing a diary entry from the point of view of a Pilgrim or a Native American. We have had some interesting conversations around the Pilgrims arriving in America in the 17th Century and conducted a debate with the points of view from both sides (Pilgrim vs Natives) to help us get into character.

The children really enjoyed this and it helped them feel emotion about the beginnings of 'thanksgiving' and why it is celebrated in America today. Our theme of debating also continued into Science this week with the children writing about the positives and negatives of using plastic and if plastic bags should be banned? I am looking forward to reading the final outcome of this debate. Well done year 4 for working hard this term, have a wonderful break over half term!

## YEAR FIVE

This week in English we have been investigating balanced arguments – on the theme of: Homeschooling. Everyone came up with interesting ideas for both sides of the argument.

In PSHCE we have been discussing and sharing dreams and goals and overcoming obstacles to achieving them.

We have just started a new Maths topic – Multiplying Fractions, so keep learning your times tables and using Mathematics.

Finally, over the half term – Do continue to keep reading during the week and record what you have read. Have a safe and happy half term everyone.

## YEAR SIX

This week, in English, year 6 have been continuing with their work on our class story, 'Darwin's Dragons'. They have written a setting description, a first person account from the perspective of the dragon and a conversation between two characters to practice their speech writing skills. They then planned their own endings for the story which they will be writing for their 'hot write task'. There were some wonderful plans with many different ending ideas so I can't wait to read the finished stories! In Maths, year 6 have begun their new topic : Algebra. They have been looking at function machines, forming expressions and substituting letters for numbers to solve an expression. In topic this week, year 6 have been designing their Dragon Eyes which they created today out of clay. They look amazing and year 6 loved making them! Well done for all of your hard work this half term - enjoy your 1 week break

Year 6!







**CERTIFICATES WILL GO TO THE FOLLOWING PUPILS WHO HAVE SCORED OVER 1000 POINTS THIS WEEK! WELL DONE!**

## **Y2**

**ALEEZA  
ISABELLE**

## **Y4**

**ABU SAFYN  
ADIVA  
ANAUM  
LOGAN  
SHAMMAH**

## **Y5**

**AARON  
ALEEMA  
FREDRIK  
IBRAHIM N  
MIA  
NICHOLAS  
POPPY**

## **Y6**

**AAHIL  
AMANA  
AREEB  
CASSIE  
DE'SHAWN  
HARLEY  
HAYDEN  
ISHA  
ISRAA  
MADIHA  
MARIA  
SHAZAIN  
NASTEHA  
NATHAN  
OLIVIA  
RUBY  
ZAKRIYA**

# PARENT SURVEY

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL IN OUR PARENT SURVEY IF YOU HAVENT DONE SO ALREADY, IT IS A CHANCE TO GIVE US YOUR VIEWS OF THE SCHOOL . IT IS ANONYMOUS AND IT DOES NOT COLLECT EMAIL ADDRESSES –PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK OR USE THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY –  
THANK YOU

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**HALF TERM**  
**SPORT CAMPS**  
**13TH / 14TH FEBRUARY 2023**  
**10AM - 3PM EVERYDAY**  
**FOR BOYS & GIRLS 5-12 YRS**

Activities include rugby, football, dodgeball, cricket, arts and crafts

**£25 PER DAY**

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LOCATION: High Wycombe RFC, 181 Kingsmead Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1JB

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# Buckinghamshire Family Learning



## FREE SCHOOL'S COURSES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

You must book by clicking on the QR code, [click the link](#) or phone 01296 383582.

Do you want to help support your child's learning in school?

Do you want to develop your own understanding in a fun way?

Do you want lots of helpful ideas and resources to help your child learn with you at home?

### RECEPTION COURSE



Imagination

#### DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S EARLY READING by CREATING A STORIESACK

How to encourage your child's love of books and ways to support their understanding of stories.

[Monday 20 February - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)

[Tuesday 21 February - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)

[Wednesday 22 February - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)



### YEARS 1 & 2 WORKSHOPS and COURSES

#### STORY WORKSHOP

Helping your child learn to read with fun reading activities using the book:

'Tale of the Whale' by Karen Swann

[Monday 20 February - 7pm to 9pm](#)

[Tuesday 21 February - 12:30pm to 2:30pm](#)

[Wednesday 22 February 9:30am to 11:30am](#)

[Thursday 23 February - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)



Reading

#### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH READING AND COMPREHENSION

Learn simple, fun activities to develop important reading skills and understanding of stories.

[Monday 27 February - 7pm - 9pm](#)

[Tuesday 28 February - 12:30pm to 2:30pm](#)

[Wednesday 1 March - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)

[Thursday 2 March - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)



### YEARS 3 & 4 WORKSHOPS and COURSES

#### READING and WRITING SKILLS WORKSHOP

Learn simple, fun activities to develop important reading and writing skills using 'Revolting Rhymes' by Roald Dahl

[Thursday 23 February - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)



Writing

#### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH WRITING, GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

Ideas to improve your child's writing and how to support their understanding of grammar and spelling.

[Monday 27 February - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)

[Wednesday 1 March - 12:30pm to 2:30pm](#)

[Thursday 2 March - 7pm to 9pm](#)



### YEARS 5 & 6 WORKSHOPS and COURSES

#### DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S WRITING, GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

Ideas to improve your child's writing and how to support their understanding of grammar and punctuation.

[Wednesday 1 March - 7pm to 9pm](#)

[Thursday 2 March - 9:30am to 11:30am](#)



Writing



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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
<b>February 2023</b>		
Mon 20th February	Start of half term – School Opens	Whole School
<b>March 2023</b>		
Friday 17th March	Tower of London Trip	Year 5
Fri 31st March	End of Spring Term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
<b>April 2023</b>		
Mon 17th April	INSET DAY – School closed	Whole School
Tues 18th April	Start of Summer term – School Opens	Whole School
<b>May 2023</b>		
Monday 1st May	May Bank Holiday	Whole School
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation	Whole School
Mon 8th – Thur 11th May	SATS WEEK	Year 6
Fri 26th May	End of half term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
<b>June 2023</b>		
Mon 5th June	INSET DAY – School Closed	Whole School
Tues 6th June	Start of half term – School Opens	Whole School
<b>July 2023</b>		
Tues 4th July	Transition day	Whole School
Wed 5th July	Transition day	Whole School
Fri 21st July	End of Summer Term (Timings tbc)	Whole School
<b>September 2023</b>		
Mon 4th September	Start of Autumn Term (tbc)	Whole School