

# HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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## Message from Mr Hingley

What a wonderful time we have had this week in Hannah Ball School!

Lots of us broke our own school uniform rules on Monday by wearing odd socks. Why, I hear you ask? Well, because of course it was anti bullying week and we wore odd socks to make a statement that being different is ok. We had assemblies throughout the day and some very thoughtful reflections on what it means to be different. I also look forward to seeing all of the anti-bullying posters that everyone has made - lots of them will be able to be displayed around the school.

We have been celebrating Children in Need day today, and I would like to thank-you in advance for your generous donations. There will still be time to donate using our parent pay link:  
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8025>

As you know, we are working hard to improve our whole school attendance. Some of you will be receiving letters to discuss your child's attendance. Remember that we are here to help you to get your children into school. Well done everyone for the improvements you have already made. Remember, if your child is off school, they are not learning! Mrs. Sullivan will share some exciting news about rewards in due course.

As you know, Mrs. Bewsick has been successful in her application to the Foyles foundation and we have been busy spending the £5,000 donation. There is still some money left but we are so excited to have books arrive seemingly everyday. Thank-you for all of your hard work with this application Mrs. Beswick.

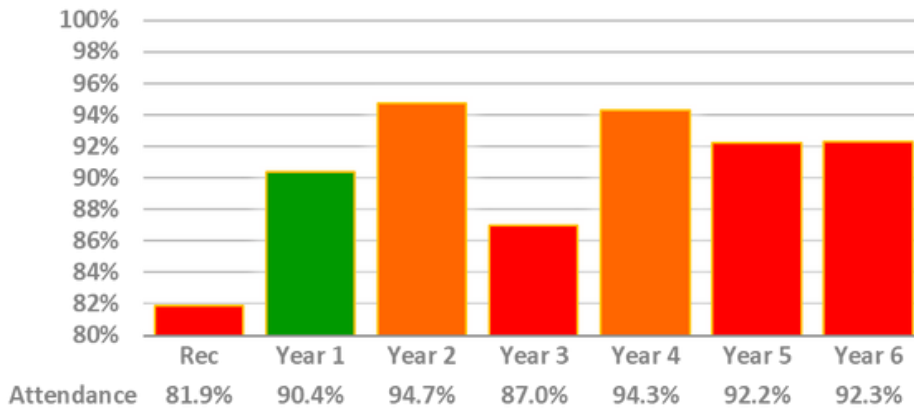
On a slightly sadder note, we bid farewell to Mrs. Beswick today. She is moving to The Beaconsfield School as a finance manager. We wish her well and I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all of her hard work.

# ATTENDANCE

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.



## Star of the Week

### Reception

Isra, for trying really hard to learn her sounds and now beginning to use these to help her read simple words. Great job Isra!

### YEAR ONE

Mukundi for working very hard in maths lessons and working independently to complete his work and supporting others around him.

### YEAR TWO

Isabelle for writing an excellent letter to King Charles and always approaching her learning with an enthusiastic attitude.

### YEAR THREE

The whole class for resilience in lessons especially in Maths where we learnt how to add 1's across a 10. Year 3 have all practised showing kindness to their peers & adults by helping each other in lessons, welcoming new teachers into the classroom & listening to all their adults.

### YEAR FOUR

Anaum for focusing extremely hard on her swimming and showing progression and for also showing great confidence performing drama in front of the class.

### YEAR FIVE

Luiz for his improved confidence in writing and maths over the last few weeks

### YEAR SIX

De'Shawn for his use of stem sentences to explain his mathematical thinking when working with ordering and comparing fractions.

# MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

## RECEPTION

This week Reception have consolidated their learning of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children made porridge and learnt how to follow a recipe. They learnt about how important it is to keep themselves, and others, safe when learning in a kitchen environment. The children tasted the porridge and were able to choose from honey or sugar as a topping. The children also learnt about Children in Need and how important this cause is, especially this year, with the cost of living crisis upon us. The children decorated pictures of Pudsey Bear and watched a video all about Children in Need. Please continue to listen to your child read and make a small comment in your child's planner about how their reading is coming along. Please also continue to go over your child's sounds and 'Harder to Read and Spell' words - this will help them when they come across the sounds and 'Harder to Read and Spell' words in their reading books.

## YEAR 1

This week Year 1 have been continuing their learning on the four seasons. Year 1 previously went on an Autumn walk where they collected different coloured leaves and other objects which reminded them of the Autumn season. This helped them to produce beautiful pieces of work using their creative skills to showing how trees change across the seasons.

## YEAR 2

We have had another busy week in Year 2! In English the children have been working hard to write their letters to King Charles. I am really proud of all of their efforts. They also really enjoyed walking to the post box on Healy Road to post their letters. We are now eagerly awaiting our response from the King! In Maths the children have been learning to add and subtract in 10s using a range of different methods including on a hundreds square, using base 10 and adding or taking away the numbers in the tens columns. In science the children learnt about what apes need to survive, and designed their own conservation areas based on this. The children were really interested in this and had beautiful designs. In PSHE, continuing with anti-bullying week, the children learnt about bullying and how to recognise it. They acted out different scenarios and had to decide if they thought it was bullying or not. We also discussed how someone who is being bullied might feel and how these feelings are not good. The children dealt with the topic really sensitively. Well done Year 2!

## YEAR THREE

This week Year 3 have researched life as a Roman soldier using the internet in Topic. In computing Year 3 discussed the importance of age appropriate content online in school and at home. In maths the children have worked very hard to add 1's across a 10. In Science we are learning about animals including humans and have been recording a food diary at home and learning how our bodies get nutrition from what we eat.

## YEAR FOUR

Another week has flown by with year 4 working very hard. They have been producing some excellent drama in our English lessons demonstrating great confidence and oral skills. In Maths we have been studying area and looking at rectilinear shapes. In Design and Technology we are moving onto designing and building a Pyramid. We hope to create a prototype first where the children can analyse and discuss the best way to make their structure strong and sturdy. In Science we have planned an experiment to see if different amounts of ice affect the rate at which it melts. We will be carrying out the experiment and recording our results next week. Thank you year 4 for another great week!

## YEAR FIVE

Year 5 have had quite an exciting week this week. They observed some chemical reactions which have resulted in materials undergoing irreversible changes and have begun to think about why this is. They will continue to explore this through an experiment next week. On Wednesday we had a drama workshop and play from the theatre company all about our Egyptian topic which was very entertaining. In art, we have begun to look at the different types of Egyptian art and the purpose of it, learning how to make clay pots with Egyptian style engravings in preparation for making our cartouches in the coming weeks. The children have made some lovely anti-bullying posters for anti-bullying week ready for display around the school. They've been working really hard in all areas of the curriculum.

## YEAR SIX

Year 6 have shown an excellent attitude towards their learning this week. We have been looking at the harrowing reality of what the Jewish population in Germany endured during WWII. The children had very thoughtful questions and showed a great interest in learning about Anne Frank. They will be showing what they have learnt in a double page spread they will be creating, all about her, in history next week. In English, year 6 have been writing setting descriptions and considering what our main character Rose should do to help - using drama to generate ideas and writing a letter to advise her. In maths this week, year 6 have started their new topic of fractions and I have been impressed with their use of mathematical vocabulary to explain their thinking. In science, Year 6 carried out the experiments they planned and designed last week, relating to changing a component in a circuit. Ms Harris and I were impressed with the independence and initiative they displayed when carrying out their own individual experiments. Well done year 6 for a great week!





**ONE CAN TRUST - COMMUNITY CAFE - WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER  
3:30 - :5:30**



**THE ONE CAN TRUST ARE PROVIDING HOT DINNERS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS – NEXT WEEKS MENU IS CREAMY TOMATO SOUP, ITALIAN VEG SOUP AND CHEESE TOASTIES – THEY ALSO OFFER**

**TEA, COFFEE, JUICE, FRUIT AND BISCUITS.**

**ALTHOUGH THIS IS A SERVICE PROVIDED AND OFFERED TO THEIR FOOD BANK CLIENTS, THIS INITIATIVE IS ALSO AN OPEN DOOR AND ANYONE IS WELCOME.**



# Christmas collection

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- 1  
Christmas biscuits  
and / or  
puddings
  - 2  
Mince pies  
and / or  
custard
  - 3  
Packet gravy  
and / or  
stuffing mix
  - 4  
Cooking oil  
and / or  
UHT milk
  - 5  
Baked beans  
and / or  
jam
  - 6  
Cooking sauces  
and / or  
chutney
  - 7  
Healthy cereals  
and / or  
sugar
  - 8  
Tinned fish  
and / or  
tinned veg
  - 9  
Tinned corned beef  
and / or  
tinned ham
  - 10  
Instant coffee  
and / or  
tea
  - 11  
Tinned potatoes  
and / or  
rice (500g)
  - 12  
Condiments  
and / or  
sauces
  - 13  
Tinned meat meals  
and / or  
pasta (500g)
  - 14  
Tinned veg soup  
and / or  
tinned pies
  - 15  
All donations  
to One Can  
by today  
please

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ONE CAN AT CHRISTMAS!

Do feel free to donate alternative items if you prefer - these are just our suggestions.  
Please drop off specific Christmas items to us by **Friday 2nd December**.  
Our final day to receive essential items is **Thursday 15th December**.

### SORRY WE CAN'T ACCEPT:

Alcohol, homemade food, opened packets, out of date food, refrigerated or frozen food.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
November 2022		
Tues 29th November	Trip to The Verulamium Museum	Year 3
December 2022		
Thurs 15th December	Trip to Windsor Castle	Year 2
Tues 20th December	Last day of term (Normal finish time)	Whole school

Date	Event	Who?
January 2023		
Wed 4th January	INSET Day – School Closed	Whole School
Thur 5th January	Start of Spring Term – School Opens	Whole School
Fri 27th January	Aylesbury Waterside Theatre trip	Year 4
February 2023		
Fri 10th February	End of half term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
Mon 20th February	Start of half term – School Opens	Whole School
March 2023		
Fri 31st March	End of Spring Term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
April 2023		
Mon 17th April	INSET DAY – School closed	Whole School
Tues 18th April	Start of Summer term – School Opens	Whole School
May 2023		
Mon 8th – Thur 11th May	SATS WEEK	Year 6
Fri 26th May	End of half term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
June 2023		
Mon 5th June	INSET DAY – School Closed	Whole School
Tues 6th June	Start of half term – School Opens	Whole School
July 2023		
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
September 2023		
Mon 4th September	Start of Autumn Term (tbc)	Whole School