

Hurley Primary Newsletter

October 2025



The first half term is finished and the children have had such a busy 8 weeks. It's been wonderful to see our new Reception children settling in so well. With the help of Year 6, I have been taking prospective parents for next year around the school and it has been wonderful to see the calm, focused and happy children in their classrooms. The children have, as always, shown that they make HPS a wonderful school to be in. I also want to say a huge thank you to the staff at Hurley for their consistent hard work and dedication. They too are pivotal in making the school the happy and exciting place to learn that it is.

A warm welcome to Clive Chetwynd, our new caretaker, who joined us earlier this month. He's already busy helping around the school. Please say hello to Mr Chetwynd if you see him in the mornings.

Clubs will continue for after half term until December. Please keep an eye on Dojo for specific dates when some clubs won't be running and for when clubs finish.



Thank you everyone for supporting the school with both the Harvest Festival and Sponsored Walk. We raised over £600 from the sponsored walk which will help to support the children's experiences at school, so an extra big thank you to all those parents and relatives who sponsored so generously. The White Hart Community Fridge in Atherstone were extremely appreciative of the donation of goods for those in need too.

Cauliflower Christmas cards went home this week. If you would like to purchase some cards or gifts, please follow the links on your child's form to do so online and then return the artwork to school on the first day back after the half term holiday so it can be sent off for printing.



Several of our classes have already been on their first trip of the year. Thank you to all the parents who have contributed to the cost of these. We are letting you know how we are keeping these costs as low as possible but without parental contributions, some of our trips would not be able to go ahead. On the topic of costs, please see below a message from our Chair of Governors, Karen Orman, to provide a background to some of the challenges and rising costs we face at HPS.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to a new school year at Hurley Primary! We hope you and your families had a lovely summer and are as excited as we are for the year ahead.

As Chair of Governors, I want to share a brief update on the financial challenges facing schools nationally, including ours. Rising costs—such as staffing and energy—are outpacing government funding, and many schools are feeling the strain. Hurley Primary is no exception.

Despite this, our focus remains firmly on providing a safe, caring, and enriching environment for every child. We're reviewing our budget carefully and doing all we can to protect the heart of our school.

We know these are uncertain times for many families, and we're committed to keeping you informed and working together to support our children. If you have any questions or thoughts, please feel free to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support. We're proud to have you as part of our school community.

Warm regards,

Karen Orman

Chair of Governors

Hurley Primary School



The dinner choices will be updating soon after half term. We'll put the new menus on Dojo and the website. Part of our new menu will be a different pasta option each day in addition to the current choices.

Sporting events are in full flow and our football and cross-country teams have been brilliant. We've had some amazing results but it's lovely to see all those taking part doing so with smiles on their faces and representing Hurley like true sports people!



With the holiday upon us, the chances are that many of our children will be spending time online. In order to keep them safe, please ensure you monitor their usage. We have seen growing numbers of children copying silly or dangerous behaviours online. One recent one in the upper juniors involves children trying to hold their breaths for long periods of time – a trend that had been previously promoted on sites like TikTok and Youtube. To help keep your children safe, set up age restrictions on the devices they use and ensure you supervise what they are accessing online. <https://www.internetmatters.org/> is a really useful site with lots of fantastic advice on how to keep children safe online.

Key dates for your diary

- Last day of school – Thursday 23rd October
- Children return to school – Monday 3rd November
- Book Explorers for Reception Children Friday 7th November (for 4 weeks)
- Cauliflower Cards to be returned to school by Tuesday 4th November
- Remembrance Service at the War Memorial – Tuesday 11th November
- The Disco for Y1-6 Thursday 13th November
- Children in Need (details to follow) - Friday 21st November
- Whole School Panto - Friday 12th December
- Christmas Performances – W/b 8th December - Dates to follow
- Christmas Fayre – Friday 5th December 5pm – 6.30pm

Please note that dates are subject to change and new events will be added through the term. Further details will be sent out on Dojo.

Have a wonderful half term everyone and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 3rd November for a fantastic half term!!

All the best,

Mr Hardman