

Hurley Primary Newsletter

September 2026



A very warm welcome back to you all. After a lovely summer, we've come back to very autumnal weather which is a wonderful relief for the children who coped so well during those hot summer weeks!

Our new Reception class are settling in beautifully and the children are back to work with super attitudes. This is a long newsletter as there is lots of information to pass on in these first few weeks.

Super Smart - It is lovely to see children coming into school looking smart in their uniforms. Thank you to all parents for supporting us with our uniform policy. A few reminders:



- Please label all clothes and water bottles – we have nearly 200 children in school and when a jumper is found on the playground with no name, it can be impossible to find its owner! A name or initials helps massively with this. Or you can get some Stikins – www.stikins.co.uk and use the school fundraising number 10362 so that we earn some commission for resources at school.
- School hoodies should only be worn for PE days; school jumpers or cardigans on other days.
- All long hair should be tied back please with a simple bobble – this helps keep the creepy crawlies at bay!!



Swimming Lessons - The swimming pool returns next week and lessons start on 21st September. The pop-up pool will be constructed on the playground and all children in Years 1-6 will get the chance to swim at least once. We target our swimming lessons to support all children to reach a 25m swimming distance by the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6).

Certain year groups and children will get the chance to swim more often to develop their skills. A detailed letter will be coming early next week but make sure you have your children's swimming costumes ready!

On your marks, ... – Clubs are starting this coming week. Apart from our very popular sewing club, all children have a place in the clubs they booked. The form to sign up for clubs is now closed but if you would still like your child to join a club, please contact the Admin Team on Dojo. Please make sure all club payments are made by Monday.



We attended a significant number of sporting events last year across a wide range of sports and activities. We hope to do the same this year. If your child is selected and you can support with getting them to the venue, this can be hugely helpful and sometimes vital so that we can attend.



Hurleybirds – If you want to use our on-site before and after school club, please let the office know and they can add you to the Hurleybirds Dojo class. From here you can book a place for Hurleybirds which provides care from 7.30am until 5.30pm, either side of school. To ensure that Miss

Parrish has time to book your child in, please make sure all bookings are made by the Thursday before each week. Late bookings may incur a fee.



Bikeability - Our Year 6 children have completed their Bikeability sessions this week. They had a great time learning how to ride safely and responsibly on our local roads. These sessions have given them life-long skills to keep them safe. Well done to our Year 6 cyclers!

Dinners - Dinner money needs to be paid upfront please on ParentPay each week. Those children in the juniors who do not receive FSM funding need to pay £3.15 per meal. This can be paid in advance. If a debt of more than £10 is accrued, we will not be able to offer any further dinners. If you have any problems paying or there are exceptional circumstances, please contact the office or me so that we can make alternative arrangements.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium – Pupil premium and free school meals are changing. If you receive Universal Credit, your child is likely to be entitled to a free school meal. If your household receives less than £7,400 in income, the school will also receive additional funding, called Pupil Premium, to support their education. If you think you meet the criteria for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium, please visit

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/. Please check to see if you are eligible as this extra funding is vital to supporting your child at school.



Can he fix it? - I am delighted to welcome Mr Savage as our new caretaker at Hurley Primary School. He has had a hectic summer while the school has had some building work carried out and has been busy getting the school looking great. Please say hello when you see him. We wish Mr Jackson, our previous caretaker, all the best in his retirement!

Attendance – As we start a new school year, please remember how vital school attendance is. Our whole school figure was 94% last year which was good BUT we can do better.

Regular attendance at school is vital and evidence clearly shows that attendance below 96% has a significant impact on a child's progress and future life opportunities, including GCSE grades. Primary children are at a vital age and every day of learning is so important. It is almost impossible to catch up on missed learning, particularly when this is more than a few days.



Children can come to school with coughs and colds and we'll support them through the day. If your child is poorly, please report this to the admin team by 8.30am either via Dojo or by leaving a message on the school answerphone.

Holidays should only be booked during school holidays and cannot be authorised in term time; holidays booked out of school holidays may lead to a fine.

Please ensure children are in school, on time, every day to give them the best chance to progress! Thank you for your support with attendance.



Reading awards – It was lovely to see children completing the summer reading challenge run by local libraries. Well done to all those children who took part.

Learning to read and developing a lifelong love of reading is so incredibly important for our children. We want to recognise those children who read regularly (at least three times a week although hopefully even more!) We have tweaked our awards based on the feedback of the children from last year. More details to follow but please make sure you record your child's reading in their homework diaries.

Off We Go! – We are really proud to be able to offer so many varied opportunities at HPS and this includes the wonderful trips we take our children on. We have always been aware of the cost of these and have subsidised these heavily. Over the last few years, we have asked for a contribution from parents which is greatly appreciated. However, as a school we spent a significant sum of money on this last year and it isn't possible to continue this subsidy moving forward. The governors, staff, children and I don't want to limit the opportunities at HPS so we will be asking for 50% of the cost of most trips this year. All your support with this is vital and means that we can continue to provide the opportunities we do at HPS.



Music Lessons – If your child is interested in receiving additional music lessons to learn to play the piano (keyboard), drums, flute, clarinet, saxophone or recorder, please contact the school office for more details. We have some spaces available for most instruments and it is a wonderful way for children to learn. Children receiving pupil premium receive additional funding towards these lessons.



Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk – On Friday 18th September, we will hold our annual Sponsored Walk. The children will be set the challenge of walking as far as they can in order to raise some funds for the school. They have a lovely afternoon walking together and the funds help to support the children's learning. Fancy Dress is completely optional and children may wear fancy dress or their own clothes for the day. We have sent out sponsorship forms to all children today so please start getting your sponsors ready!!

Key dates for your diary

- Hurley Swimming Pool: 21st September – 2nd October
- Hurley Sponsored Walk: Friday 18th September (weather dependent)
- Individual Photos: Monday 5th October
- Book Fair: Tuesday 20th October - Thursday 22nd October
- Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October
- Last day of first half term: Thursday 22nd October (Friday 23rd October is a teacher training day)

Please be aware that dates could change and new events will be added through the term. Further details will be sent out on Dojo.

Further information like dinner menus and term dates can be found on the school website.