



Hawthorn Primary School

'Individually We Matter, Together We Shine'

NEWSLETTER – January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to warmly welcome all our children and families back to school and wish you a very Happy New Year. We hope you enjoyed a restful break and are ready for the term ahead. The staff are looking forward to working with you and supporting your children as we begin this new year of learning together.

Staffing Updates

We would like to inform parents and carers of a few staffing changes for this term. Miss Clare, our Year 4 class teacher, will be away from school for a period of approximately 4–5 weeks. During her absence, we are pleased to welcome Mrs King, who will be teaching the Year 4 class. She will be supported by Miss Zentani and Mrs Barrow, who will continue to work closely with the children to ensure consistency and continuity in their learning.

We also said goodbye to Mr Tame at the end of last term and would like to thank him for his contribution to the school. Year 1 will now be taught by Mrs Godfrey, who many families will remember from her previous role teaching in Year 2. Mrs Godfrey will be supported by Miss James and Miss Barker, and together they will ensure a smooth transition and continued high-quality provision for the children.

After School Clubs – Payment Information

After school clubs are charged at **£1 per session**.

- Payment must be made **in advance**
- Payments can be made **via the school app** or **in cash at the school office**

Unfortunately, if payment has not been received:

- Children will **not be permitted to attend the club**
- Parents or carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child at the **normal end-of-school time**

This ensures clubs remain well organised and safely staffed.

Late Collection from School

We would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of collecting children promptly at the end of the school day.

While we understand that occasional delays may occur due to unforeseen circumstances, we have noticed an increase in **frequent late collections**.

Please be aware:

- **Frequent late collection will result in a daily charge of £5**
- This charge reflects the additional staffing required to supervise children beyond the school day

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring children are collected on time whenever possible.



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Severe Weather & School Closures

As we move through the winter months, we are closely monitoring the weather forecast, particularly during periods of snow, ice or extreme cold.

- Any **school closures or changes to the school day due to severe weather** will be communicated **via the school app**
- Please ensure you **have access to the school app** and that notifications are switched on so you receive updates promptly

If the school is required to close, **remote learning will be put in place after the first full day of closure**. Learning tasks and resources will be shared in line with our **Remote Learning Policy**, which can be found on the school website.

Cold Weather Clothing & Water Bottles

With the colder weather now upon us, it is essential that children attend school appropriately dressed.

- Children must wear **warm, weather-appropriate coats**
- **Suitable footwear** should be worn, particularly during icy or wet conditions, to ensure safety at playtimes and when walking to and from school

All children must also bring a **named water bottle to school every day**.

Please note:

- If a water bottle needs to be provided by school, **a charge of £1 will apply**

Breakfast Club – Important Reminder

Our Breakfast Club continues to be very popular and provides a calm, positive start to the school day.

- Breakfast Club **opens at 7:45am**
- **Last entry is strictly 8:30am**
- Please be aware that **children arriving after 8:30am will not be provided with breakfast**

These timings allow staff to ensure all children are settled, supervised and ready for learning. We kindly ask parents and carers to plan arrivals carefully to avoid disappointment.



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Parent Workshops This Term

We are pleased to be offering a series of **parent workshops this term**, designed to support you in helping your child with their learning and development at home. These sessions will provide practical

guidance, useful resources and an opportunity to ask questions and work alongside school staff. Further details, including **dates, times and workshop themes**, are shared below. We encourage as many parents and carers as possible to attend and take advantage of these valuable sessions.

| Year Group | Date and Time | Workshop Theme |
|------------|---|--|
| Nursery | Wednesday 4 th February 9am | Early Fun Phonics |
| Reception | Every Wednesday 2.55pm Week beginning 2 nd February | Reading Club Hold a sentence |
| Year 1 | Thursday 5 th February 2:15pm | Science-Animal Classification |
| Year 2 | Thursday 29 th January 2.00pm Monday 2 nd March 2.15pm | Money Handwriting |
| Year 3 | Thursday 12 th February 2.15pm Date TBC | Creating a Volcano Class Assembly |
| Year 4 | TBC | |
| Year 5 | Tuesday 10 th February 2:00pm | History-Tudor Houses |
| Year 6 | Monday 2 nd February 2:00pm | Design and Technology- Making model playgrounds |

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Warm wishes,
Mrs S Abraham
Headteacher