

Dear Parents / Carers,

What an end to a busy and productive half term! We have had many events and activities to celebrate and share with you. Thank you so much for all the support and commitment towards making Hackwood such a great place to learn.

We have had performances, visitors, workshops, theatre production, craft day, as well as our annual Book Fair, all built on our INSPIRE curriculum which underpins all the work we do. I am very pleased with the progress the children are making across school and that is down to the hard work of everyone involved.

We began the year sharing how proud we are to learn at Hackwood and the children have demonstrated this throughout the term. There have been so many successes for every child to feel proud of. This term has been a very productive one and has set the foundation for a successful rest of the year. But it has also been a long one - everyone deserves a well-earned rest!

I hope you all have a peaceful festive holiday period with your family and loved ones. I encourage everyone to take the time to re-charge and reflect on what has been a very positive start to the academic year. I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 5th January, ready for another successful term of learning.

On behalf of everyone at Hackwood, I wish you all a peaceful Christmas time and relaxing end of term break.

Thank you.

Mr Miah
Principal



READ - ACHIEVE - SUCCEED

At Hackwood we pride ourselves on how much we read and know that reading is a fundamental life skill! We also LOVE to read and promote reading for pleasure all the time! Thank you so much for coming to our Book Fair which was a resounding success! It was fantastic to see so many children have the chance to buy a book of their choice and enjoy reading!

Thanks to your support we managed to raise money towards purchasing more books for our school library!



Arbor communications

We have moved to using Arbor as our main communication system from the school office team. If you have not yet downloaded the app or created an account, I urge you to create the account as this is the app we use to share updates, announcements, share letters etc.

If you would like any support with Arbor, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office team on 01332 985466 or info@hackwood.theharmonytrust.org who will be happy to support.

Thank you

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Thank you so much for attending our festive performances - we are so proud of our performers! We hope you were proud of them too! Thank you to our wonderful staff who worked so hard in putting the performances together and to our PTA for providing the drinks and always supporting our school.



INSPIRE Curriculum Spotlight on enrichment

Our pupils have enjoyed a variety of enrichment opportunities already this year!

We know that bringing learning to life through inspiring and exciting enrichment opportunities is a wonderful way for pupils to deepen their learning and create lifelong memories! That's why we organise fantastic school trips and workshops to support the learning in school.

Thank you for your valued contributions towards these enrichment opportunities.

Year 6 enjoyed a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum as part of their WW2 learning.



Year 5 learnt some new dance skills in their flamenco workshop during their 'Viva Espana!' geography topic.

What a fantastic time Year 2 had at White Post Farm!



Year 4 have been learning new swimming skills in their weekly swimming lessons at Moorways.



Rabbits Class enjoyed an owl and falcon visit as part of their 'Night & Day' topic. Early Years also enjoyed a 'Dream Reads' event - they loved sharing stories with their grown ups!



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The Harmony Pledge - Autumn Term



Be democratic - This year's Pledge Parliament



Be Respectful - Looking after our environment



Our Eco - Warriors

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Computing and Online Safety

Over the holiday period, we hope the children continue to use their iPads. Here are some reminders about how the children can stay safe on electronic devices.

The SMART rules remind the children how they should behave when they are online and what they should do if something goes wrong or they are worried about anything they see.



What can the children do on their devices?



As well as using these apps, we love to see what the children have been doing. If they would like to share any learning with us, they can post it on Seesaw.





2025-2026 - Dates for the Diary

Please note diary dates may be changed and not all dates are on the calendar yet. Any changes and additions will always be communicated to parents with as much notice as possible.

Academic Year - 2025-2026

Thursday 18th December

Friday 19th December

Friday 19th December:

Monday 5th January:

Wednesday 14th January

Wednesday 28th January

Thursday 29th January

Friday 6th February

Monday 9th February

Thursday 12th February:

Friday 13th February:

Monday 23rd February

Wednesday 18th March

Friday 20th March

Friday 27th March

Friday 27th March

Monday 13th April

Monday 4th May

Monday 11th May

Wednesday 20th May

Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st June

Tuesday 2nd June

Thursday 11th June

Friday 19th June

Wednesday 24th June

Friday 10th July

Tuesday 21st July

Wednesday 22nd July

Quantum Theatre Production in school for pupils
INSPIRE Open Afternoon for parents and carers from 2pm

Last day of Autumn 2

Pupils return to school for start of Spring 1

Year 5 trip to Carsington Water

Year 1 Morris Dancing workshop

Year 2 Geography Workshop

Soccerstars enrichment day - PE kit for all pupils

Young Voices concert for School Choir

Last day of Spring 1

INSET Day - School closed for pupils

Pupils return to school for the start of Spring 2

School class photos

INSET Day - School closed for pupils

INSPIRE Open Afternoon for parents and carers from 2pm

Last day of Spring 2

Pupils return to school for the start of Summer 1

Bank Holiday - School Closed

KS2 SATS Week

Reception Trip to Matlock Farm Park

Last day of Summer 1

INSET Day - School closed for pupils

Pupils return to school for start of Summer 2

Y6 Trip to University of Derby

Soccerstars enrichment day - PE kit all day

Year 6 Residential until Friday 26th June

Summer Fair from 2pm

INSPIRE Open Afternoon for parents and carers from 2pm

Last day of Summer 2

These are the clubs we have running for the Spring Term

soccerstarsuk

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AT

Hackwood Primary Academy

FOR YEARS
Rec, 1 and 2

Alternates Weekly

Dance and Gymnastics

Thursday

3:15pm to 4:15pm

£28.50 – 6 WEEKS

ONLY £4.75

PER SESSION

Ofsted
Registered

All childcare vouchers and HMRC
Tax-Free Childcare accepted

Book your place
HERE

<https://bookings.soccerstarsuk.co.uk/project/30572>

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soccerstars **FOR YEARS 3 to 6**

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