

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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



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## 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](mailto:info@hackwood.theharmonytrust.org) who will be happy to support.

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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.



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## 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 Espanal' geography topic.



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



Year 1 loved their 'Little City Workshop' which brought their learning to life.



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!



Year 3 participated in a Stone Age workshop.



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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.

**S SAFE** Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

**M MEET** Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

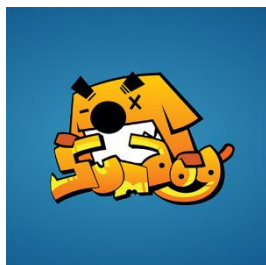
**A ACCEPTING** Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

**R RELIABLE** You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

**T TELL** Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**BE SMART WITH A HEART** Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Quantum Theatre Production in school for pupils
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	INSPIRE Open Afternoon for parents and carers from 2pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December:	Last day of Autumn 2
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January:	Pupils return to school for start of Spring 1
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 trip to Carsington Water
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Morris Dancing workshop
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Geography Workshop
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Soccerstars enrichment day – PE kit for all pupils
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices concert for School Choir
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February:	Last day of Spring 1
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February:	INSET Day – School closed for pupils
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Pupils return to school for the start of Spring 2
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	School class photos
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET Day – School closed for pupils
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	INSPIRE Open Afternoon for parents and carers from 2pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring 2
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school for the start of Summer 1
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Trip to Matlock Farm Park
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of Summer 1
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET Day – School closed for pupils
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Pupils return to school for start of Summer 2
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Trip to University of Derby
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Soccerstars enrichment day – PE kit all day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential until Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair from 2pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSPIRE Open Afternoon for parents and carers from 2pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of Summer 2

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These are the clubs we have running for the Spring Term



**FOR YEARS**  
**Rec, 1 and 2**

**AFTER SCHOOL  
CLUB AT**  
**Hackwood  
Primary Academy**



**Alternates Weekly**  
**Dance and Gymnastics**  
**Thursday**  
**3:15pm to 4:15pm**



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A vibrant poster for Soccerstars UK After School Club. The background is dark blue with white and orange brushstrokes. At the top left is the Soccerstars UK logo, featuring a white star and the text 'soccerstarsuk'. To the right, an orange banner reads 'FOR YEARS 3 to 6'. The main title 'AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AT Hackwood Primary Academy' is written in large, bold, white and blue letters. Below the title, two circular photos show children playing soccer and celebrating. To the right of the photos, text indicates the club 'Alternates Weekly Dance and Gymnastics Wednesday 3:15pm to 4:15pm'. At the bottom left, it says 'Ofsted Registered All childcare vouchers and HMRC Tax-Free Childcare accepted'. At the bottom right, an orange circle contains the pricing: '£28.50 – 6 WEEKS ONLY £4.75 PER SESSION'. A button at the bottom left says 'Book your place HERE'.

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