

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had another very productive half-term! We completed all of our Parent Consultations this half-term and we are so pleased with the support we have from yourselves to help our children to believe, achieve and succeed.

Earlier in the term, we had a wonderful time celebrating **World Book Day** and we look forward seeing our children end the term with a brilliant Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 27th March, followed by the INSPIRE Open Afternoon where you can share the learning your child has completed over the term. We hope you can join us for these events, on Friday 27th March from 1:45pm.

Our enrichment opportunities included trips to Derby Museum for KS1, our Y3 children have been rehearsing for our first Dreamfest Festival and our Y5 have started work on their Shakespeare Festival performance both of which are due to take place at Derby Theatre in the Summer Term, other highlights include workshops on Brazil and the Maya civilisation - all built on our INSPIRE Curriculum.

As part of developing our pupils for Modern Britain, we shared various key events together in our assemblies discussing, British Science Week as well as cultural and religious events like Ramadhan and Easter. We also celebrated being a fundraiser by raising awareness and money for Comic Relief.

Thank you as always for your trust and support to make our school a great place to learn. If you have not had chance yet, please can I ask that you share your views on our Parent Survey, these are helpful for us to continually improve as well as know what is working well!

I hope everyone has a lovely break over the Easter period and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 13th April as we have another great term to look ahead to!

Mr Miah
Principal

School Uniform

As the weather gets warmer, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about our school uniform. The vast majority of our pupils come to school ready, in their uniform which is brilliant to see. We are very proud of our school uniform here at Hackwood Primary Academy, we feel it gives us a sense of belonging and we all wear it proudly.

School Uniform:

- Black/grey trousers or a skirt/pinafore, a gingham dress may be worn in warmer weather
- White polo top / t-shirt
- Purple jumper or cardigan (with or without a logo)
- black sensible shoes (without heels) - trainers should be worn on PE days.
- All uniform should be labelled

PE Kit

- a white t-shirt
- black shorts or leggings for indoor PE
- black jogging bottoms or leggings for outdoor PE (Shorts may be worn in hot weather)
- a purple sweatshirt/ hoodie if needed
- Suitable trainers

Pupils are not permitted to wear:

- Jewellery except for one small stud earring in each ear
- Make up (lipstick, nail varnish, fake nails etc)
- Caps - exception is in hot weather whilst outdoors
- Jeans

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Further information about our uniform can be found here: [Hackwood Primary Academy: Policies](#) in our Uniform Policy

READ - ACHIEVE - SUCCEED - WORLD BOOK DAY

As you know we LOVE reading at Hackwood! Thank you for all your support in helping us create a wonderful World Book Day! A special shout out to our PTA for arranging the costume sales!



We believe in ourselves, to achieve our goals and succeed.

INSPIRE CURRICULUM – SPRING TERM

This term has been filled with inspiring learning across the curriculum and pupils have explored new ideas with curiosity and confidence. From creative writing that has brought imaginative stories to life, to hands-on science investigations and lively discussions in history and geography, pupils have shown enthusiasm and enjoyment in every subject. We are very proud of the progress they make each day and know that the Summer term will provide more inspiring and enjoyable learning opportunities!

EYFS

Squirrels class have enjoyed listening to and acting out well-known stories. They created bridges and rivers, planted beanstalks and made porridge!

Rabbits Class have all become story writers this term by writing their own version of traditional tales and fairy tales. The children enjoyed a visit from a professional storyteller!

KS1

Year 1 have been learning all about dinosaurs! In writing, the children created their own descriptions of a Tyrannosaurus Rex using fantastic adjectives – they shared their writing with Year 2.

Hedgehogs class have been learning about the lives and achievements of Florence Nightingale and Joseph Wright of Derby in their history lessons. This was enriched by a trip to Derby Museum to bring their learning to life!

KS2

Owls Class have investigated the Ancient Mayans and even made their own chocolate bars!

Foxes Class have enjoyed learning about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. They have written excellent instructions 'How to protect against a Viking Raid'!

Badgers Class have been enjoying learning about Voyages of Discovery, especially finding out about Ernest Shackleton and his incredible journey to the South Pole.

Falcons Class have developed their geography skills and used atlases and digital maps to find out about the physical and human features of South America.



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The Harmony Pledge

A range of pledges have been fulfilled this half-term across the school.

These have included whole school fundraising for Red Nose Day.

Our Key stage 2 are continually Eco-warriors, as we have an amazing team of children who are litter pickers continually looking after our playground and field. This term for World Book Day we read with our reading buddies, being respectful and expert learners. We have also been adventurers with a range of school trips to Derby Museum, dance workshops and an inspirational storyteller for EYFS and Key stage 1.

Another busy and exciting half term fulfilling the Harmony Pledge!



Hackwood



THE HARMONY TRUST
BELIEVE • ACHIEVE • SUCCEED

and the Harmony Pledge

1. Be safe, healthy and happy
2. Be a fundraiser
3. Be a performer
4. Be an eco-warrior
5. Be respectful
6. Be a volunteer
7. Be democratic
8. Be an adventurer
9. Be an expert learner
10. Be workwise



I am Hardworking, Ambitious, Confident, Kind,
Well-mannered, Open-minded, Outstanding and Determined

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Staying Safe Online – Spring Term

At Hackwood, we encourage pupils to make use of educational apps over the Easter holidays to help keep their learning active and enjoyable, especially KS2 children with Trust iPads. We always love to see what the children get up to, so feel free to share any exciting learning or holiday activities on Seesaw. As always, we kindly remind families to ensure that children follow the SMART rules to stay safe while using the internet.



S is for safe

S

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.

M is for meet

M

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

A is for accepting

A

Think carefully before you click on or open something online 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 is for reliable

R

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 is for tell

T

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. 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

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These are the clubs we have running for the Summer Term 1

**FOR YEARS
Rec 1 & 2**

sport stars UK

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AT
Hackwood Primary Academy

Athletics
3:15pm to 4:15pm
Thursday

**ONLY £4.75
PER SESSION
6 WEEKS - £28.50**

**Ofsted
Registered**
**All childcare vouchers and HMRC
Tax-Free Childcare accepted**

**Book your place
HERE**

[Hackwood Primary Academy](#)
[| SoccerstarsUK](#)

These are the clubs we have running for the Summer Term 1

FOR YEARS 3 to 6

sport stars UK

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AT
Hackwood Primary Academy

Athletics
3:15pm to 4:15pm
Wednesday

ONLY £4.75
PER SESSION
6 WEEKS - £28.50

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Hackwood Primary Academy 01332 985466

OUR START OF DAY



The School day starts at:
8.40am

Doors open for breakfast club from 7.30am. Gates open for all children from 8.40am.

OUR AFTERNOON

The afternoon session starts at:
1.00pm

OUR EXPECTATIONS

At Hackwood Primary Academy, we expect all pupils to:

- Attend every day**
- Attend on time**
- Attend ready to learn**



EVERY DAY COUNTS

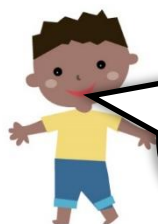
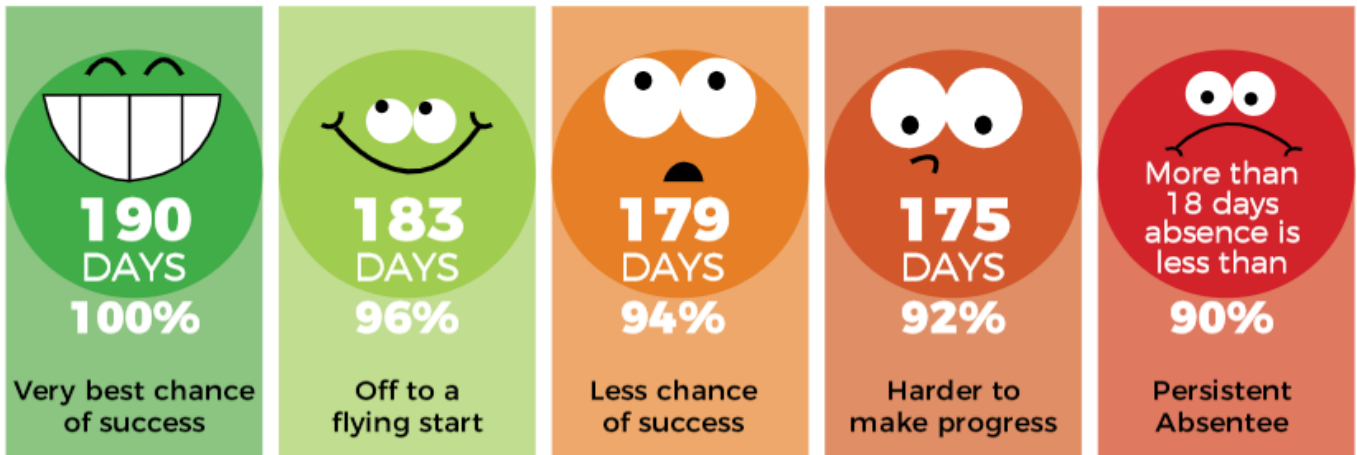
OUR SENIOR ATTENDANCE CHAMPION AND ATTENDANCE OFFICER IS: MR MIAH



If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or would like some support please speak to your child's teacher or Mr Miah.



There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



Data shows that pupils with the highest attainment rates at the end of Key Stage 2 also have higher attendance over the Key Stage.

We value your feedback, advice, suggestions and support. Please can I request you to complete the annual survey. Thank you to everyone that has already completed this, it is much appreciated.

Hackwood Parent survey - Spring 2026



We would appreciate it if you can take a few moments to complete our survey. We value your ongoing support and feedback.

Many Thanks



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

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| Wednesday 25 th March | Year 3 and Year 6 Workshops on Brazil and Mayan Civilisation |
| Friday 27 th March | Easter Bonnet Parade from 1:45pm |
| Friday 27 th March | INSPIRE Open Afternoon for parents and carers from 2.15pm |
| Friday 27 th March | Last day of Spring 2 |
| Monday 13 th April | Pupils return to school for the start of Summer 1 |
| Friday 24 th April | Soccerstars Enrichment Day - PE kit - Celebrate London Marathon |
| Thursday 30 th April | Y3 Dreamfest Performance at Derby Theatre tbc |
| Monday 4 th May | Bank Holiday - School Closed |
| Monday 11 th May | KS2 SATS Week |
| Monday 18 th May | Y6 Residential Meeting for parents and carers at 3:30pm |
| Wednesday 20 th May | Reception Trip to Matlock Farm Park |
| Friday 22 nd May | Last day of Summer 1 |
| Monday 1 st June | INSET Day - School closed for pupils |
| Tuesday 2 nd June | Pupils return to school for start of Summer 2 |
| Thursday 11 th June | Y6 Trip to University of Derby |
| Friday 19 th June | Soccerstars enrichment day - PE kit all day |
| Wednesday 24 th June | Year 6 Residential until Friday 26 th June |
| Friday 10 th July | Summer Fair from 3.10pm |
| Tuesday 21 st July | INSPIRE Open Afternoon for parents and carers from 2.00pm |
| Wednesday 22 nd July | Last day of Summer 2 |