Huntington Community Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Parent Newsletter | Friday 9 October 2026

A message from Mr Erne

Dear families,

We are five weeks into the new school year, and I want to start by saying thank you. Your children have settled well, they are wearing their uniform with pride, and they have been a credit to you around the school.

This term we have introduced some important changes to how we teach maths and English, including Power Maths and Literacy Counts. Change is never easy, for adults or for children. When something is new, it can feel unfamiliar before it feels comfortable. If your child tells you something is tricky, please encourage them with the phrase we use in school: "not there yet". Learning that takes effort is learning that sticks, and perseverance is exactly what we are trying to build.

Thank you for your patience and your support. It makes a real difference.

Reception 2027 New Starters (Cheese and Wine) Open Evening

Do you know a family with a child due to start school in September 2027? You are warmly invited to our Reception 2027 New Starters Cheese and Wine Open Evening on Wednesday 18 November from 5.30pm. It is a relaxed chance to meet the team, see the Seedlings Foundation Unit and ask questions. Please share this with friends and neighbours. **Please contact the school office (01244 506450) to book a place.**

Reading for pleasure

Phonics teaches children how to read. Reading for pleasure is what makes them want to. Research consistently links children who enjoy reading with stronger progress across the curriculum, and a love of books is one of the best gifts we can give them.

In school, we are working to make reading something children look forward to.

You can help at home, and it does not need to be a long or formal session:

- Read to your child, even when they can read for themselves. Older children still love a shared story.
- Let them choose. Comics, joke books, non-fiction and favourite series all count.
- Talk about what you are reading. Ask what they think will happen next, or which character they would like to be.
- Visit the library together.
- Let them see you reading. Children copy what they see.

We would love to hear what your child is enjoying. **[send a book recommendation to the class teacher or office]**

You can follow the link below to the free Bookdrop Newsletter:

https://authorfy.com/bookdrop-newsletter/

Learning beyond the classroom

Year 2 recently explored our local area on their recent walk to St Luke's Church. They looked closely at the physical and human features that make our area what it is. Visits like this help children see how what they learn in geography connects to the places they know.

Year 6 travelled to the Stockport Air Raid Shelters to experience what life might have been like in wartime. The shelters are a network of underground tunnels that give visitors a real insight into life on the Home Front. Standing in the tunnels brought their history learning to life in a way no classroom can.

Y1 travelled through time today as they visited The Grosvenor Museum to see what children used to play with in the past.

A big thank you to the staff who planned and led these visits, and to the parent helpers and families who supported them.

Behaviour and relationships

Our approach to behaviour is built on positive, respectful relationships. Every child gets a fresh start each day, and we praise in public and correct in private. Children are learning to recognise how they are feeling using the Zones of Regulation, which are used in every class. You could ask your child: "Which zone were you in today, and what helped you?" It is a lovely way to start a conversation about their day.

Attendance

Every day in school matters. Children who attend regularly make the strongest progress and feel the most secure. Our whole school attendance so far this term is **98.4%** (national *96.3%*). If your child is unwell or there is anything making it hard to come to school, please call the office on 01244 506450. We would much rather help early than wait.

Key dates

Date	Event
15th Oct	**Y3/4 Deva Roman Experience**
16th Oct	**Y5 Jodrell Bank Trip**
16th Oct	**Y6 Bikeability Starts**
19th October	**Parent/Carer Parent Meetings Starts**
18th Nov	**Reception 2027 New Starters Cheese and Wine Open Evening**

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr D Erne
Headteacher