



Hinton St George
Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 2

'Let Your Light Shine' (Matthew 5:16)

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we are already in week 5 of the new academic year! The children have all been working hard and this is reflected in the House points that they have been awarded so far this term.

Thank you to all those parents who have already signed up for parent's meetings on the 19th and 20th of October. If you haven't, then please see your child's class teacher on the door at drop off to book your appointment.

I met with the new school council and house captains again last week to discuss our charity for the year and it was unanimously agreed that this year our general fundraising will be for Cancer Research. They are all keen to organise some fundraising events over the year to support this worthy cause; our first one will be on Friday 23rd October (the last day of term). This will be a cake sale after school (more details to follow).

We have our annual Harvest Festival in the church next Tuesday (13th October) at 2.30pm. All parents of the school and pre-school are welcome to attend. Please can we ask for donations for the Lord's Larder (an email with further detail has been sent).

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Charlotte Hall (Headteacher)

Headteacher's Awards

I have been delighted to give Headteacher's awards to Cody (year 1), Jacob (year 1), Isla (year 1) and Verity (year 1) for their amazing writing.



Christian Values

Our Christian value this term is Thankfulness. The children will explore this in class and through daily worship.





St George's Pre-School

The children in the pre-school are exploring the topic 'All About Me' this half term. We have measured the children again to see how much they have grown, made tasty gingerbread men to take home and enjoyed making footprint paintings!





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Safeguarding

If you are worried about the safety of any child, then please speak to one of the following members of staff:

Mrs Charlotte Hall, Designated Safeguarding Lead,

Mrs Lois Bowery, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (temporary),

Mr Richard Thornhill, Governor responsible for Safeguarding.

Data Changes & Attendance

If you have not returned your updated data collection and consent forms, please do so as soon as possible to ensure we have the most up to date contacts and consents for your children.

Our attendance is currently 96.02% which is great as our target is 96%! Thank you for your continued support with this.

Collective Worship

This week we welcomed Daniel England into school to lead our Collective Worship. Daniel visits every half term, and the children always enjoy his great singing and storytelling. This week, Acorn Class got to join in his worship for the first time!





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PFA

Dear All

Thanks for all of those that attended our PFA AGM and meeting last week.

Here is a copy of the chairs report for visibility:

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all that you have contributed to the amazing amount of money raised for the school by the PFA this year. Rosie will take us through that in more detail shortly. I would like to acknowledge all of the hard work of members that have left us this year as their children move up to secondary school, Clair Teig, Sarah Smith, Sophie King. All have played a really significant role in the success of the PFA in 2026.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new starters and their parents and guardians. We would love to see some more friendly faces as part of the committee or helping out at our events.

Speaking of events, we have had so many fantastic events this year so I'd like to call out some of those along with the key members and volunteers that made them happen:

- **Slay the Dragon** - What an event and our biggest fundraiser on the calendar, I'm sure we will touch on the future of that event in our normal PFA meeting that follows. A massive shout out to Rach, Rosie, Sarah, Hannah and Ellen. Raising over £3500 for the school is just a massive total and that was due to a lot of hard work from all those involved and all of the volunteers and marshals on the day.
- **Easter bingo** - Headed up by the lovely Rosie. It was so popular we couldn't get any more tables in Merriott village hall! Thanks to all the volunteers on the night that helped with tea, coffee, cakes and pasties along with all the parents that donated eggs and chocolate.
- **The annual Woodland weekend away.** Although a little wetter than usual this year the children absolutely loved it and a massive thank you to Poppy for pulling that together. A reminder we are looking for a new person to take it over next year.
- **The end of term summer BBQ** - What an event that turned out to be, thank you Nicole! Wonderful sunshine, hugely kind donation from Somerset Grills for the BBQs on the night and all of the food, and of course the wonderful atmosphere created by Becca Roberts and her band.
- **The wonderful Christmas shopping event** which Lotty very kindly took on the running of this year. What a magical evening, eating festive cakes and buying Xmas treats.



PFA Continued

As always, the raffle run by the lovely Poppy was a huge success and a massive attraction. Again thanks to all of those that took part.

There were so many other fundraising activities over the course of the year, too many to mention but a massive thank you.

All of those activities continue to allow us to help the school fund things like:

Coaches for swimming

Coaches for Pantomime

Children's book bags for new starters

Leavers hoodies

Xmas book gifts

Suppliers for gardening club and the dome

Ice cream at sports day for the children

Books for Sapling class

We have raised a huge amount for the school as a team this year and I'm really proud of what we have achieved. Anybody that would like to know more and help join the team and contribute to our wonderful school please do get in contact, we would love to hear from you. We really are a friendly bunch.

Whilst we would love to have some more attendees the new faces that did attend were very much welcomed. A special thanks to Rowan for taking on the secretary role and for Ellen for shadowing the treasurer role with a view to taking it on from Rosie. Our minutes will be issued shortly. Please do have a read of them. The wonderful Rachel is **CONSIDERING** running Slay the Dragon for one final year next year but will need some additional support to do so and we will need a new Race Director for 2028. Please have a think as to whether you can help.

Tom Martin is organising a working party to repaint the school during the half term holiday week in October. If anybody might be available to lend a hand, please do get in touch with Tom.

Lotty is busily organising our Xmas Shopping event which will take place on Saturday 5th December in Hinton Village Hall so get that date in your diary now! If you know of any stall holders that may be interested, please do ask them to get in touch with Lotty as we still have a few spaces left.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Nats James (PFA Chair)



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Dates for your Diary - Autumn Term 2026

Autumn Term (First Half) 2026

Tuesday 13th October at 2.30pm - Harvest Festival in St George's Church

Monday 19th October from 3.30pm-6.30pm - Parent's Meetings (all classes and SENDCO)

Tuesday 20th October from 3.30pm-6.30pm - Parent's Meetings (all classes except Acorn)

Friday 23rd October - LAST DAY OF TERM

Autumn Term (Second Half) 2026

Tuesday 3rd November - FIRST DAY OF TERM

Tuesday 10th November at 2.30pm - Remembrance Service in St George's Church

Friday 20th November - Children in Need Day - non-uniform day (minimum donation of £1)

Tuesday 1st December at 2.30pm - Christingle Service in St George's Church

Friday 4th December from 8.30am - Outcome Morning

Monday 7th December at 9.00am - Put Stage up in St George's Church (parent volunteers needed please)

Wednesday 9th December at 10.30am - Nativity play performance for pre-school parents

Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Whole School Christmas Lunch (tbc)

Thursday 10th December at 6.00pm - Nativity play performance

Tuesday 15th December - Whole School Pantomime at Westlands

Wednesday 16th December at 6.00pm - Sapling and Oak Class Carol Service in St George's Church

Friday 18th December - LAST DAY OF TERM