HENHURST RIDGE NEWS

WC 19th OCT 2026

Mrs Hopkins

Well here we are at the end of a very busy term! It has been a joy to watch the children settle into their new year groups and get stuck into all the fabulous learning opportunities. We have been, and will continue to have a drive on the fundamentals like pencil grip and handwriting. It really is so impressive when you see the progress from the start of the year to now - who knows what it will be like by July! You will be able to see this when you come for Parents' Evening after half term.

On Wednesday, we had the Attendance Lead from the Trust, Alistair Dewar in to work alongside myself, Mr Furniss and Mrs Lovatt who lead on attendance and he was so impressed with our systems in place and how our families are responding to our drive on improving it! On the day he came, we were sitting at a lovely 97% of our children in school. He also commented on the excellent behaviour around school and how well the children spoke of their experiences at school which of course always makes me VERY happy!!

We had a wonderful response for our Halloween fundraiser - the pictures were beautifully coloured and the pumpkin carving was sensational!! I've never seen such incredible designs! Thank you for getting behind this and helping us raise money to get our Y5/6 choir to Young Voices in January!

Just a reminder that earrings need to be taken out for PE. Your child will not be able to take part in PE if they cannot take them out so the summer holidays is the best time to get ears pierced.

I hope you have a lovely half term whatever you might be doing and enjoy the start of all the fun Autumn festivities with Halloween just a week away!

I look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November and don't forget to put your clocks back for that extra hour this Sunday!

Spotlight Class: POTTER

What a fantastic half term it has been for Potter Class!

We have delved deeply into our learning and have shown expert knowledge across Maths, Writing and our foundation subjects. The children have worked incredibly hard and have demonstrated excellent teamwork, supporting one another and celebrating each other's successes.

Recently, we enjoyed an exciting Healthy Living Day, where we learned all about making healthy choices and what a balanced diet looks like. The children took part in a variety of activities, including taste testing different foods, exploring unusual food combinations, and making their own healthy wraps.

Throughout the day, the children practised important cooking skills such as chopping, grating and cutting vegetables. They showed great independence, responsibility and enthusiasm while preparing their food, and were willing to try lots of new flavours. We were extremely proud of their positive attitudes and willingness to challenge themselves.

Well done, Potter Class, for a brilliant half term! We hope you all have a wonderful break and look forward to more exciting learning next half term.

HARRIERS OF THE WEEK

A massive well done for the children chosen for showing our value of **'Everyone working together'** this week.



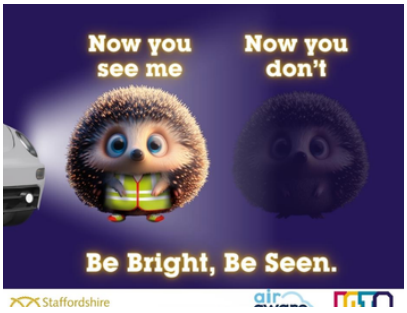
From left to right: Ayah, Zulaykha, Harper and Aaron



CERTIFICATE

From left to right: Abbie (Sports Award winner), Archie, Aahil, Libbi, Sayde, Kylam, Luna and Evelina

BE BRIGHT BE SEEN

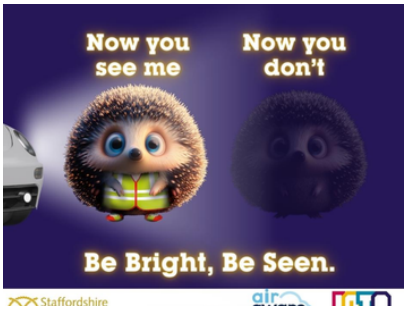












As the mornings and evenings become darker, we're reminding everyone to Be Bright Be Seen.
Bright clothing, reflective materials and lights can help pedestrians, cyclists and scooter riders stay visible to other road users.
By choosing active travel and travelling safely, we can help create healthier, cleaner and safer journeys to school.
@StaffordshireCC and @AirAwareStaffs
#BeBrightBeSeen #RoadSafety #WalkToSchool #CycleToSchool #ScootToSchool #StayVisibleStaySafe

HALLOWEEN COMPETITION








Thank you so much to everyone who entered our Halloween competitions. Your donations have gone towards taking our wonderful Young Voices choir to their show at the BP Live Arena in Birmingham. We are pleased to say we have raised the grand total of: £207.00

Thank you to every child for your incredible creativity and taking part. It was a very hard decision for our Y6 School Parliament when they chose the winners! Congratulations to the winners:

Colouring competition winners
Nursery: Oliver
Reception: Henry
Y1: Esme
Y2: Oakley

Pumpkin competition winners
Runners up: Rosa C, Maisie, Cleo
Winner: Quinn

Thank you again!

Mrs Ford and Mrs Kington
YV Choir Leads

CLUBS NEXT HALF TERM

All clubs run for 6 weeks.
NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ON THE LAST WEEK

Start w/c 2nd November
End w/c 7th December

Cook stars
MAKING COOKING CHILD'S PLAY!

First block of 3 weeks 4th, 11th and 18th November
https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/6072

Louis Briscoe Football Academy
- Activity: Football
- Day: Wednesday
- Time: 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM - KS1
- 3:25pm - 4:25pm - KS2
- Year Groups: Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
- Booking: ParentPay

J&J Sports
- Activity: Trampolining
- Day: Thursday
- Time: 3:15 PM to 4:25 PM
- Year Groups: Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
- Booking: J&J Website



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery - 89.82%
Attenborough - 94.64%
Thunberg - 95.02%
Irwin - 96.17%
Silva - 96.83%
Potter - 87.5%
Packham -97.1%
Kamkwamba - 93.55%
Goodall - 91.57%
Rezwan - 98.89%
Honnold - 95.83%
McCartney - 95.45%
MacArthur - 96.89%
Cousteau - 97.78%

OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK: 94.91%





Above 97%	95.5-96.9%	94-95.4%	92.5-93.9%	Below 92.4%
230 pupils	15 pupils	38 pupils	13 pupils	78 pupils



EYFS/KS1 -Well done **Packham Class - 97.1%**

KS2 - Well done **Rezwan Class 98.89%**
Both classes received the class attendance award this week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half Term		
Sunday 8th November	Remembrance Day Parade in Branston	Details to follow - all children welcome
Tuesday 10th November	Parent Consultations	3:40-5:30pm More details on how to book an appointment nearer the time.
Thursday 12th November	Parent Consultations	4-6:30pm More details on how to book an appointment nearer the time.
Friday 13th November	Children in Need Day	Children wear their own clothes pay £1 for charity, pay on ParentPay
Week beginning 16th November	Anti-bullying week - 'Break the silence' campaign.	Events to be organised throughout the week. Wear odd socks on 16th November.
Monday 16th November	Flu vaccinations	Reception-Year 6, permission forms will come out
Wednesday 18th November	Open events for new parents	1:30-2:30pm
Thursday 19th November	Christmas Market	6-8pm School Hall
Tuesday 24th November	Open events for new parents	9:30-10:30am
Thursday 26th November	Open events for new parents	5-6pm
Friday 27th November	INSET DAY	Children not in school.
Friday 27th November	Branston Christmas Lights Switch on	Choir singing. Time to be confirmed.
Monday 14th December	Early Years Nativity Reception Thunberg & Nursery	2pm - school hall. Nursery and Thunberg parents welcome

Have you ordered your child's school individual photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday 2nd November 2026. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk
If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest at customerservice@htempest.co.uk or call 01736 751555

PLEASE NOTE THAT HOLIDAYS TAKEN IN TERM TIME WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND COULD LEAD TO A FINE BEING ISSUED TO PARENTS/CARERS. PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE READ THE DATES CAREFULLY AND BOOK HOLIDAYS ACCORDING TO HOLIDAY DATES AND INSET DAYS ADVERTISED.
MANY THANKS

Class Trips will be scheduled and advertised throughout the term with advance notice to allow for parents to budget for them.

Other events will be added as the year progresses, please read the newsletter, text messages and emails for updates. The website will have the latest version of this document on there under the Parent/Carer tab: Academy Calendar.

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's newsletter. We appreciate your continued support and partnership in helping our pupils thrive.