



Dear parents and carers,

As we settle into the new academic year, it has been great to see how proudly our children are showcasing our school values: respect, unity, kindness, honesty, positivity, and perseverance. These values are not just words on a wall - they are lived and breathed by the children every day.

Our weekly celebration assemblies have been a wonderful opportunity to highlight those children who have gone above and beyond in demonstrating these values. Whether it's through thoughtful actions, teamwork, or resilience, we are incredibly proud of the role all children play in shaping a positive school culture.

One area where this has been especially evident at the start of the year is in the playground, where children from Years 1 to 6 share the space during lunchtime. We've seen older pupils take real responsibility in including younger children in games such as volleyball, four square, and dodgeball, ensuring that everyone feels welcome and involved. It's a fantastic example of unity and kindness in action.

This week also marked the start of Year 5's swimming lessons at the excellent Eric Liddell Centre. The children are working towards their national curriculum swimming targets, which are a vital part of their physical development and confidence in the water.

Our **after-school clubs** continue to offer a wide range of enriching activities, and we encourage all families to explore these opportunities. For a glimpse

into the exciting learning happening across the school, head over to our Instagram page ([@hornparkschool](https://www.instagram.com/hornparkschool)). This week's highlights include: Reception exploring early maths concepts, Year 4 diving into hands-on science investigations and Year 6 showcasing their skills in gymnastics.

We're also looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school next week for Reception's stay and play, and Key Stage 1's stay and read, both taking place on Wednesday morning. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Jack Green



Dates for your diary

- 24/09: 9am – 9.30am Reception Stay and Play
- 24/09: 8.45am – 9.15am Year 1 & Year 2 Stay and Read
- 26/09: 3.20pm Year 6 School Journey meeting
- 02/10: Census day 'Out of this World' themed meal
- 03/10: Harvest Festival - Donations to school by 3rd October
- 09/10: International Evening – Further info to follow (No After School Activity Clubs on this day)
- 10/10: Reception to Y6 Flu Vaccination
- w/c 13/10: Year 5 Bikeability – Read more info to apply [here](#)
- 15/10: 9–10am Reception Phonics and Early Reading Workshop
- 15/10: Reception & Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
- 16/10: Reception Eltham Library Trip
- w/c 20/10: No Choir or After School Activity Clubs this week (Basecamp will run as usual)
- 20/10: Diwali school lunch
- 21/10: Individual & sibling school photos – Info to follow
- 23/10: Year 2 Tower of London Trip
- 24/10: Last day of Autumn 1 term
- 27/10 – 31/10: **HALF TERM BREAK**
- 31/10: Secondary School application deadline
- 03/11: Children return to school
- w/c 03/11: No Choir or After School Activity Clubs this week (Basecamp will run as usual)

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Term dates for this academic year can be found [here](#).

Please remember that you can click on any wording underlined in this newsletter for more information.

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is key to success both educationally and beyond. For this reason, we aim for 100% attendance.

This week's attendance: 95.5%

Best Year Group: Year 4 – 98%

Book Recommendation

Blackfriars are enjoying reading 'The House with Chicken Legs' by Sophie Anderson. It is about a girl, her grandmother and their living house which walks around the world; together, they are responsible for guiding the deceased into their next lives. Blackfriars like the fantasy theme of the book and find it funny when the house reacts as though it is a living human. We can't wait to read what happens next.



Workshops

If you have recently attended a workshop in school, please take a moment to complete [this parent/carer feedback form](#). Thank you.

ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



Term Value:

Respect

Lunch Menu: 2

w/c 22nd September

Reception 2026 Schools Tours

Do you know any local families with children who are due to join a Reception class in September 2026? If so, we are offering tours on the following dates. Please complete [this form](#) to book one of our upcoming school tours.

Thursday 25th September at 9am & 5pm

Thursday 9th October at 9am

Thursday 23rd October at 5pm

Thursday 20th November at 9am & 5pm

Thursday 11th December at 9am

Flu Vaccinations – Friday 10th October

NHS Oxleas will be visiting us on Friday 10th October to administer the flu vaccination to those children **whom they have consent for only**. You can read more about this [here](#). Please complete [their online consent form here](#) for your child to have the nasal flu vaccine. This form MUST be completed even if you do not give consent.

School Meal on Census Day

On Thursday 2nd October 2025, we are very excited to provide an 'Out of this World' themed meal for **every child from Reception to Year 6**.

Census day is important as the amount of funding our school receives increases in line with the number of eligible pupils taking a free school meal on this day.

All children will be provided with a free school meal on this day however if you would like your child to **opt out** of this free provided meal, please complete [this form](#) by **9am on Monday 22nd September 2025**.

