

Weekly Newsletter: 10th October 2025



HORN PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear parents and carers,

With one of our favourite events of the year taking place yesterday, it has been another great week at Horn Park.

Thursday's International Day and Evening was a truly fantastic occasion, and we want to thank everyone who joined us to celebrate the incredible diversity that makes Horn Park such a special place to learn and grow. The hall was filled with music, delicious food, and - most importantly - a sense of togetherness. Families shared stories, traditions, and dishes from around the world, and our children proudly showcased and explored their heritage throughout the day in the activities they took part in.



In welcoming everyone, we reflected on how this event is more than just a celebration - it's a recognition of who we are. Our school is enriched every day by the many languages spoken, the traditions honoured, and the unique perspectives each child and family brings. Thank you for helping us build a community where everyone feels seen, valued, and at home.



We recently re-sent the link to our parent/carer questionnaire on Wednesday morning after discovering a glitch in the original version. If you haven't yet completed it, we'd be incredibly grateful if you could take a few minutes to share your thoughts [here](#). Your feedback helps us grow and improve, and as a thank you, you'll have the option to enter a draw to win a £25 Tesco voucher. Every voice matters; please do take part.

As we prepare for our exciting Year 4 and Year 5 overnight camping experiences in the summer term, we're reaching out to our community for help. If you have sleeping bags or good quality single quilts that are no longer in use, we would love to give them a new home at Horn Park. These donations will help ensure all children can participate comfortably and safely in this enriching outdoor experience. Please see the forest school team if you have any donations or email hornpark@compassps.uk

A heartfelt thank you to all families who have already contributed to our school trip fund for this academic year via My Child At School. Your support helps us continue offering meaningful and memorable learning experiences beyond the classroom. We kindly remind families that we are asking for a **£15 voluntary contribution per child** for the year. These contributions help us maintain a wide range of high-quality trips that enhance the curriculum, subsidise entry fees to keep trips accessible for all families and to plan confidently despite rising costs.

I am also delighted to announce the appointment of two new parent governors to our Local School Committee. Nicola, a reception parent, and Damon, a Year 4 parent, formally joined the committee on 2nd October and we look forward to them joining our next monitoring morning where they will have the opportunity to introduce themselves on the gate.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Jack Green

Dates for your diary

- 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
- 16/10: Year 1 Young V&A Museum 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
- 22/10: 9am PTA Annual General Meeting – please report to the school office on arrival
- 22/10: Year 6 Old Royal Naval College Trip
- 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 – First day of Autumn 2 term
- w/c 03/11: **No Choir or After School Activity Clubs this week** (Basecamp will run as usual)
- 05/11: 'Let's Rocket' themed school meal
- 05/11: Parents' Evening – [Further information to follow](#)
- 06/11: 3.15pm – 4pm [Chartwells parent/carer taster session](#)
- 06/11: Parents' Evening – [Further information to follow](#)
- 20/11: Year 5 Bank of England trip
- 19/12: Last day of Autumn 2 term

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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

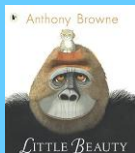
Good attendance is key to success both educationally and beyond. For this reason, we aim for 100% attendance.

This week's attendance: 95.2%

Best Year Group: Year 2 & 3 – 98%

Book Recommendation

This term, Beeches have been deeply engaged in exploring the works of Anthony Browne, an author renowned for using animal characters to thoughtfully examine themes of family and life.



One particular highlight has been 'Little Beauty', which captivated us with its striking illustrations and memorable characters.

ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



Term Value:

Respect

Lunch Menu: 2

w/c 13th October

Count Your Carbon

As a Trust we are very dedicated to reducing our carbon footprint and with this in mind we are working with the charity Let's Go Zero. As part of this it would be helpful to know how you get to school. Please complete [this survey](#) before **Wednesday 22nd October**.

Watch this space for more ways we can work together to reduce our carbon footprint.

School Photo Day – Tuesday 21st October 2025

Vancols photography will be in school on Tuesday 21st October to take the individual and sibling photos.

Sibling photographs will be taken *prior to the start of the school day*. If you would like your children to have a sibling photograph together, please complete [this form](#) by **10am on Monday 13th October**.

You will need to arrive via the school office at 8am on school photo day for this photograph. **You will need to accompany your children and stay with them until 8.45am when gates open** (unless your child is booked into Basecamp in which case please indicate this on the form).

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 of the school on the following dates:

Thursday 23rd October at 5pm
Thursday 20th November at 9am & 5pm
Thursday 11th December at 9am

Please complete [this form](#) to book one of our upcoming school tours.

