

Weekly Newsletter: 24th October 2025



HORN PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone in our school community. It has been a great half term filled with exciting events, celebrations, and opportunities for learning.

We marked Diwali with a special assembly on Monday, highlighting the importance of the celebration in our school community. Children also enjoyed a delicious Diwali-themed meal.

Two year groups also enjoyed educational visits this week, although Year 6 were slightly luckier with the weather than Year 2. Year 6 visited the Old Royal Naval College to attend a workshop named 'Myths and Masks,' a great opportunity to deepen their knowledge gained in history about the beliefs of the Ancient Greeks, while Year 2 travelled to London to experience a workshop at the Tower of London linked to their learning in History about the Great Fire of London.



Thank you to all who completed our parent survey. It was fantastic to read through your responses and celebrate some of the wonderful feedback, such as: "All the staff care about my child and are all approachable to discuss anything that is necessary," and "They are family oriented; staff take the time to get to know children's families closely, and it is a tight knit school with a sense of community." Congratulations to Roman in Year 5's adult, who won the £25 Tesco voucher! We use all feedback to reflect on what's going well and where we can continue to improve.

Tuesday's photo day was a great success; children brought home photocards with QR codes so parents/carers can order online. These photos will be available for you to purchase after the half term break if not before. Sibling photos will be assigned to the youngest child's photocard.

Thank you to everyone who attended the [PTA](#) AGM on Wednesday. We celebrated a successful year of fundraising, supporting initiatives such as filming equipment, workshops, concert visits, library books, and playground equipment. A special thank you to Ozge, who is stepping down as chair after years of dedicated service in making sure children at Horn Park have amazing opportunities. We're excited to welcome our new co-chairs, Sandra and Anna, parent/carers of children in Reception and Year 1.

On Friday, children took part in vibrant workshops titled *Time to Carnival*, fully funded by the PTA. You can find more information about the programme [here](#). Thank you again to the PTA for making this possible!

Chartwell's, our catering provider, led an engaging assembly on Wednesday about food waste. Children were introduced to a new competition encouraging awareness and action around reducing food waste in school.

As communicated by the office, slots for Parents' Evening can now be booked [via My Child At School](#). We value the partnership between home and school and look forward to discussing your child's progress.

We say goodbye to a few valued members of staff this half term. Mrs Smith, our midday meal supervisor, is leaving after 10 years of dedicated service. We also bid farewell to Miss Devlin and Mr Mo, who are moving on to new opportunities. We thank them all for their contributions to Horn Park and wish them the very best.

We hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 3rd November**.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Jack Green

Community Flu Vaccination Clinics

Community Flu Vaccination Clinics are still available for children / young people who may have missed their flu vaccination at school or are home-educated. Find out more and see if your child is eligible [here](#).

Crafty Wizards Nursery Forest Festival – Tuesday 28th October 2025

Crafty Wizards Nursery at Horn Park are holding a Forest Festival on Tuesday 28th October 2025 at 10am - 5pm (hourly booking slots). Find out more [here](#).

Community Food Hub: Horn Park Community Day – Saturday 1st November 2025

Find out more about this day filled with fun, creativity and community spirit [here](#).



More info can be found [here](#).

Dates for your diary

- 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: [Year 3 & Year 4 Barbican Hall Trip](#)
- 05/11: 'Let's Rocket!' themed school meal
- 05/11: 3.30pm – 5pm Parents' Evening
- 06/11: 3.15pm – 4pm [Chartwells parent/carer taster session](#)
- 06/11: 3.30pm – 7pm Parents' Evening
- 14/11: Children In Need – Further info to follow
- 19/11: 9am – 10am [Oracy Open Morning](#)
- 19/11: [Year 6 Blackfriars Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre Trip](#)
- 20/11: [Year 5 Bank of England trip](#)
- 25/11: [Year 6 Westminster Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre Trip](#)
- 26/11: [Reception Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre Trip](#)
- 28/11: Non-uniform day – Bring a bottle (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) as a donation for the Christmas Fayre Tombola
- 04/12: PTA Christmas Fayre (No After School Clubs on this day)
- 19/12: Last day of Autumn 2 term
- 05/01/26: Inset day – Children not in school
- 06/01/26: Children return to school – First day of Spring 1 term

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Term dates for this and next 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: 94%

Best Year Group: Year 2 – 97%

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. Please [click here](#) to book one of our upcoming school tours.

Book Recommendation

Sycamore Class have been reading "The Three Little Pigs" as part of their topic on Traditional Tales. The children have really enjoyed exploring this familiar story, especially through sensory activities like touching real straw and sticks to represent the materials in the tale. They brought the story to life by building their own pig houses during Forest School, using natural materials just like the characters.



ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



Term Value:

Respect

Our **new lunch menu**

starts with week 1 on **Monday 3rd November**