



Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome into 2026! It has been brilliant to see the enthusiasm for school and learning coming from all children as we have returned this week. A sprinkle of snow at lunch time on Tuesday made it even more memorable for the children.



The '[Latest News](#)' section of our website is regularly updated with upcoming events and noteworthy information related to the community or education. This week, we have uploaded the latest publication from the Children's Commissioner titled '[What I wish my parents or carers knew...A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives.](#)' It is a very interesting and helpful read, aiming to make conversations with your children related to the world online more open.

We have also sent home information this week about [our annual Careers Fair](#), taking place on Thursday 5th February, between 2pm and 4pm. Throughout the afternoon, children will have the opportunity to visit stalls and talk to a number of visitors from a variety of professions. We want all of our children to strive for their very best, growing into happy and successful adults, and the continued aim of the event is to continue to raise children's aspirations and awareness of career paths and opportunities. If you are able to offer support on the day by sharing information about your own career, we would be extremely grateful. Please complete [this form](#) to register your interest. We will get back in touch with you to discuss this further.

To start the term, there are already lots of opportunities for parents and carers to come into school. Next week, **on Thursday 15th January at 9.05am**, there is a workshop related to the teaching of multiplication facts which you can read more about [here](#). This is predominantly for parents/carers of children in Year 4 as they prepare for their Multiplication Tables Check in the summer, but anyone who is interested in seeing our approach to the teaching of times tables is welcome to attend.

We are also looking forward to 'Play and Learn' afternoons on Thursday 15th January at 2.30pm for families of children in Sycamore class, and on Friday 16th January at 2.30pm for families of children with EHCPs across the school.

Thank you to all families who have 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 this academic 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. You can read more about this [here](#).

We are excited to confirm the provision for our new piano teacher, Claire, who will begin offering lessons to children in school, after February half term. Please email the school office to find out how to sign up for these lessons.

Finally, please remember that for health and safety reasons, we cannot allow parents, carers and children to wait on the school premises **before 8:40am**. Parents, carers and children must wait outside the school until this time.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Jack Green

Dates for your diary

- w/c 12/01:** Year 6 Booster sessions start
- w/c 12/01:** After School Activity Clubs start – Places have been issued via My Child At School. If your child did not get a place in a club you registered your interest for, they have been placed on the waiting list. If you would like to enquire about club availability, please email hornpark@compassps.uk
- 12/01:** Year 6 British Museum Trip
- 15/01:** Deadline to apply for Reception September 2026
- 15/01:** Census Day 'Pizza The Action' themed meal
- 15/01:** 2.30pm Sycamore Play & Learn: SEND Family Session
- 15/01:** 9.05am Times Tables Parent & Carer Workshop
- 20/01:** 2.30pm Year 6 Drumming Extravaganza Concert
- 20/01:** 3.15pm Year 6 (current Year 5) November 2026 School Journey meeting
- 20/01:** 3.30pm – 5.30pm Year 6 Parents' Evening – Please book your appointment via My Child At School
- 21/01:** 9am – 9.30am Reception class stay and play
- 21/01:** Year 3 British Museum Trip
- 22/01:** 3.30pm – 7pm Year 6 Parents' Evening - Please book your appointment via My Child At School
- 23/01:** 9am Inclusion Coffee Morning
- 26/01:** Year 4 Westminster Abbey trip
- 28/01:** 9am ADHD, Autism & the Link to Anxiety Workshop
- 29/01:** 9am – 10am Reception class Maths Workshop
- 30/01:** 9.05am Year 6 parent/carer SATs meeting
- 30/01:** Year 5 Science Museum Trip
- 04/02:** Reception class Local Area Walk
- 05/02:** Careers Fair
- 11/02:** Year 2 St Paul's Cathedral Trip
- 13/02:** Last day of Spring 1 term
- 16/02 – 20/02:** HALF TERM BREAK
- 23/02:** Children return to school for Spring 2 term

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Term dates for this and next academic year are [here](#).

Please remember to 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: 93%

Best Year Group: Year 4 – 95%

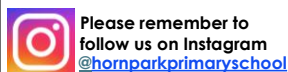
Book Recommendation

Westminster class are enjoying 'Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan. This fast and funny book takes everything you thought you knew about ancient history and gives it a massive electric shock! Percy Jackson is a 12 year old who thinks he's just a "troubled kid" who can't stop getting kicked out of school. During a trip to a museum, his maths teacher turns into a literal monster, and his life gets very weird, very fast! We can't wait to find out what happens next!



Deadline to apply for Reception entry from September 2026

If your child is due to start in Reception in September 2026 your application must be made online by **15th January 2026**. Please click [here](#) for more information on how to apply for a primary school place.



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

ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



Term Value:

Kindness

Lunch menu: Week 2

w/c 12th January 2026