

# Weekly Newsletter: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026



**HORN PARK**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Horn Park with performances, educational visits, stay and plays and coffee mornings just some of the highlights.

This week, Mrs Wood held a sharing assembly where children across the school had the opportunity to read aloud a recent piece of writing to the whole school. It is always brilliant to see how proud the children are of their learning, as well as being celebrated by their peers. I have also been lucky enough to give out lots of postcards this term linked to the value of kindness, with children across the school focussing on how small acts can make a big difference.

The week has been a busy one for Year 6, with a drumming concert on Tuesday and parents' evening. The children have been working hard as a team to learn to play West African, Djembe drums and created a performance for parents and carers to showcase their learning. It was a great event, and the children were rightly proud of the collaboration on display. Parents' evening gave a great opportunity for Miss Lazell and Miss Blogg to celebrate the amazing progress Year 6 children are making in the lead up to SATs and secondary transition. More information about the Spring term parents' evening for the rest of the school will be shared soon.



There was further parental and carer engagement opportunities this week, with Willows Class hosting a Stay and Play on Wednesday. All children relished the opportunity to share their learning with family and friends.

On Wednesday, Year 3 ventured into London to visit the British Museum. This was a great opportunity for all the children to gain knowledge about the Ancient Egyptians as part of their ongoing topic learning. The poor weather did not dampen spirits as the children came back to school brimming with new knowledge gained and curiosity aplenty.

This morning, began with an Inclusion Coffee morning: an informal session for all members of the school community to meet other parents/carers and our SENCO Miss Kutchesfahani in a relaxed environment. There was great dialogue about inclusion at Horn Park, whilst also gathering your voice on what future sessions could look like, including which professionals you might find helpful for us to invite, such as Educational Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapists.

Finally, please note that the slides from last week's Times Tables workshop can now be viewed on our website [here](#).

Have a fantastic weekend,

Jack Green

## Piano & Guitar Lessons at Horn Park

**Piano Lessons:** After the half-term break, we will have a new piano teacher, Claire Sandringham, providing lessons in school. Claire has been teaching the piano for a number of years both privately and at several local schools within the Greenwich borough. Her students range in age from 5-16 years and Claire loves helping them to progress from complete beginners to skilled pianists and musicians. She offers 1:1 lessons of 20 mins with lessons taking place during the school day. Claire will begin by offering lessons to children in Key Stage 2 (lessons could be considered for younger children following a discussion with Claire). If interested, please email [hornpark@compassps.uk](mailto:hornpark@compassps.uk) and the school office will then provide contact details for Claire so you can sign-up for lessons with her directly.

**Guitar Lessons:** Greenwich Music School will be providing guitar lessons in school this academic year and will be providing us with a guitar tutor in school and taking their own payments. We will be timetabling lessons in school during the school day. They have four different lesson options; individual 20 min or 30 min lessons and shared or group 30 min lessons. If you are interested in your child having guitar lessons in school, please use [this Greenwich Music School link](#) to find out more and then follow the instructions to sign-up to the Horn Park guitar waiting list.



## Young Greenwich Health Advisors Virtual Workshop Webinars



Later this term, Health Advisors from the Young Greenwich School Nursing Team will be delivering virtual workshops to parents/carers of primary school children. You can find out more about these free workshops along with links to the join the meetings at the relevant date and time [here](#).



Please remember to follow us on Instagram @hornparkprimaryschool



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

## Dates for your diary

- 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](#)
- 10/02: [Pancake Day themed dessert with school lunch](#)
- 11/02: [Year 2 St Paul's Cathedral Trip](#)
- 11/02: [Year 5 Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre 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
- 27/03: Last day of Spring 2 term
- 30/03 – 10/04: **EASTER HOLIDAY**
- 13/04: Children return to school for Summer 1 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: 94.6%

Best Year Group: Year 5 – 96%

## Careers Fair – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

If you are able to offer support at our Careers Fair by sharing information about your own career, we would be extremely grateful. Perhaps you know somebody else who could do this? It will not mean that you have to stand up in front of a whole class, one to one chats are incredibly valuable to the children. Please complete [this form](#) to register your interest. We will then contact you to discuss this further.

## Book Recommendation

Blackfriars have started reading 'The Hobbit' this half term. We have enjoyed the descriptions of the hobbits and their houses. So far, we have met Bilbo Baggins and Gandalf (the wizard), as well as 13 dwarves who all arrive unexpectedly at Baggins' home. The characters are about to head off on a daring expedition to reclaim some stolen treasure from a dragon. We're excited to discover what happens.



## ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



**Term Value:**

Kindness

**Lunch menu: Week 1**

w/c 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026