

Weekly Newsletter: 16th July 2026



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. It has been a privilege to lead Horn Park through my first full year as Headteacher, and I am incredibly proud of all that our children, staff and wider community have achieved together.

This week has been packed with memorable moments. On Tuesday afternoon, our Sycamore children enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day, demonstrating tremendous perseverance, determination and skill development throughout the event.

The blue team were the winners of this year's Sports Day held last Friday. While there can only be one winning team, the day was a fantastic celebration of community. It was wonderful to see so many families cheering the children on and helping to create such a positive atmosphere. A huge thank you must go to Miss Blogg and Mrs Wood, who did a fantastic job reorganising the event at very short notice and ensuring the day could still go ahead successfully. We have received so much positive feedback from families about the park as a venue, with many commenting on what a fantastic setting it provided for the children. We will certainly reflect on all the options as we begin planning for next year's event.

Our Year 6 children have enjoyed a truly memorable final week at Horn Park. Their performance of *The Lion King* was simply sensational. From the beautiful set, co-created by children and staff, to the brilliant acting, outstanding singing and superb solo and group performances, it was an unforgettable production that showcased the talent, confidence and creativity of our children. The celebrations continued with the Year 6 disco on Wednesday evening before we gathered together this morning for our Leavers' Assembly. It was a fitting opportunity to reflect on their journey through primary school and celebrate all they have achieved. Year 6 have been a superb cohort, and we wish each and every one of them success as they begin their secondary school journey in September.

Today we also say goodbye to some valued members of our staff team. We wish Mr Turner and Miss Waite every success as they move on to exciting new roles in September. Their contributions to Horn Park have been greatly appreciated and they leave with our heartfelt thanks and very best wishes. We also say goodbye, at least for now, to Mrs Dias, as she begins her maternity leave. I know many families will want to join us in wishing her all the very best for this exciting new chapter.

On Wednesday morning many of our children enjoyed another fantastic Rocksteady concert. As always, it was wonderful to see the confidence, enjoyment and pride displayed by the young musicians performing. Rocksteady currently has spaces available from September and, as many children commented after the assembly, being part of a band is a fantastic experience that helps develop confidence, teamwork and musical skills. If your child is interested in taking up guitar lessons or piano lessons in school, [or joining Rocksteady](#), you can find out more [here](#).



As we head into the summer break, I would also like to remind families about the support available across the Greenwich borough. We have included an article on our website [here](#), signposting to a range of services available to families during the holidays. In this article you can read about the Holiday Food and Fun programme which is now open for booking to eligible families who should now have received their booking codes. Full details can also be found on the Holiday Food and Fun

website [here](#). The takeaway holiday meals scheme will also be running over the summer break, and further information can be found on the [here](#). Additional advice and support relating to the cost of living is available via the Royal Greenwich Cost of Living Support page [here](#).

Thank you to everyone who has attended our Inclusion Coffee Mornings throughout the year. Your feedback helps us continue to develop these sessions and further strengthen our partnership with families. If you have attended a session, we would be grateful if you could complete our feedback form [here](#).

You can now find out more and register your interest for your child to attend After School Activity Clubs in the Autumn term [via this form](#). Clubs are open to children in Year 1 to Year 6 and will start week commencing 14th September. Please register your interest by midnight on Friday 4th September. Club places will be confirmed via MyChildAtSchool ahead of clubs starting.

This morning, we also held our annual attendance celebration assembly, recognising the many children who achieved 100% attendance throughout the school year. This is a remarkable achievement and reflects the commitment shown by both children and families. As we look ahead to September, we reminded children of the importance of establishing strong routines from the very first day back. School reopens for pupils on **Thursday 3rd September**, and it is important that all children return on this date so that they can settle quickly into their new classes and begin building positive routines from day one.

As this school year comes to a close, I would like to thank every member of our school community for the support, kindness and partnership you have shown throughout the year. Horn Park is a very special place because of the people within it, and I feel incredibly fortunate to serve as your Headteacher. Together we have celebrated successes, supported one another through challenges and continued to ensure that our children thrive.

I hope that all of our children and families enjoy a happy, restful and safe summer holiday, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

With best wishes,

Jack Green

Dates for your diary

16/07: Last day of Summer 2 term – Early finish at 1.30pm

17/07: Inset day – School closed to children

20/07: Inset day – School closed to children

21/07 – 31/08: SUMMER HOLIDAY

01/09: Inset day – School closed to children

02/09: Inset day – School closed to children

03/09: Children return to school for Autumn 1 term

04/09: Deadline to register for Autumn Term After School Activity Clubs

09/09: 9am Headteacher briefing

09/09: 6pm Headteacher briefing

w/c 14/09: After School Activity Clubs start for children in Years 1-6

15/09: 9am Year 1, 2 & 4 Meet the Teacher

16/09: 9am Year 3, 5 & 6 Meet the Teacher

30/09: International Evening

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Term dates for the 2026 – 2027 academic year are [here](#).

For more information, please click on any wording underlined in this newsletter.

Children return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026

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 6 – 98%

Book Recommendation

Willows class would like to recommend 'The Darkest Dark' by Chris Hadfield.

We really enjoyed this story because the author is a real-life astronaut! We practiced retelling the story and then wrote our own letters to Chris to ask him questions about space.



You can read the latest edition of IncludEd, the Compass Eko Inclusion Newsletter, [here](#). There are ideas for summer activities on the final page.

ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



Term Value:

Positivity

Lunch menu:

Week 3

From 3rd September 2026



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