Weekly Newsletter: 23rd October 2026

HORN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compass Eko Trust

Dear parents and carers

As we reach the end of a hugely successful first half term, I want to begin by saying how proud we are of everything the children have achieved since returning to school in September. Brilliant examples of their learning are appearing all around the building and already showcase the amazing progress being made. It has been a fantastic start to the school year.



Year 2 finished their half term with a visit to the South East Hindu Association today, where they had the opportunity to visit a Hindu temple. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to deepen and bring to life the knowledge they have been developing through their RE learning.

School photographs took place on Tuesday, and children should now have brought home a photocard containing information about how to order their photographs. The school office will advise when photos are ready to order. Our arrangement for sibling photographs between 8am and 8.45am was another great success. It was particularly lovely to give parents and carers the opportunity to be there and watch the photographs being captured.

Yesterday's PTA Autumn Disco was a brilliant way to bring the half term to a close. It was fantastic to see so many children enjoying the event together, and a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success.

We have also been delighted by the success of Horn Park(run) this half term. Thank you to everyone who has joined us on the day. Our next Horn Park(run) will take place on Christmas Jumper Day, Thursday 10th December, and we would love to see lots of families joining us again.

On Monday, the booking system for our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings went live through MyChildAtSchool, with appointments available on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November. In the letter sent last week, we shared a little more about the purpose of these meetings and the kinds of questions teachers may explore with you. These conversations are an important opportunity to talk together about your child, their learning and their experience of school. Mrs Wood, Mrs Kutchesfahani and I will also be available on both days if there is anything further you would like to discuss.

After half term, we are also looking forward to welcoming children, families and staff from Rowan Wood Primary to the Horn Park site. As shared in our recent letter, Rowan Wood is a new all-through specialist school for children with autism and, like Horn Park, is part of the Compass Eko Trust. Their primary provision will be temporarily based within its own section of our building while their permanent site is developed. A great deal of preparation has taken place to make this work smoothly, and day-to-day life for Horn Park children will continue very much as normal. More than simply sharing a building, we hope there will also be purposeful opportunities over time for our two school communities to learn alongside one another, reflecting the importance we place on inclusion, community and belonging. Today, their Deputy Head, Ms Edgar, gave an assembly to our school discussing this with the children.

Chartwells Schools

The new Autumn Winter school meal menu will start on Monday 2nd November and this menu can be seen here. On Friday 6th November, Chartwells will be hosting a coffee morning in school, allowing parents and carers the opportunity to meet the team and ask questions related to school meals. On Wednesday 11th November, Chartwells will also be offering a taster session of dishes from the new menu in the school hall from 3.15pm. All are welcome. The latest newsletter from Chartwells can also be seen here.

Finally, I hope everyone has a fantastic and well-earned half-term break. We return to school on **Monday 2nd November**, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back.

Have a wonderful half term,

Jack Green
Headteacher



Latest News

Read about local community news, education news, support and opportunities for families in the **Latest News** section of our website here. Current highlights include:

* A 'Common Behavioural Difficulties' online workshop taking place in November, delivered by the Greenwich Mental Health Support Team. Read more here.
* Royal Borough of Greenwich are developing a new Neurodiversity Strategy and want to hear from families with experience of neurodivergence via a survey. More info here.
* Plus, additional news, updates, information from recent workshops and information about holiday clubs.

Reception 2027 Schools Tours

Tours of the school for families with children who are to join a Reception class in September 2027 can be booked here.

Dates for your diary

23/10: Last day of Autumn 1 term

26/10 – 30/10: HALF TERM BREAK

31/10: Secondary School Application period closes

02/11: Children return to school for Autumn 2 term

02/11: New school lunch menu starts

04/11: Year 5 Science Museum Trip

05/11: 'Let's Rocket' themed school meal

06/11: 9am Chartwells Coffee Morning

11/11: 9.30am PTA AGM

11/11: 3.15pm Chartwells parent/carer taster session

11/11: 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parents' Evening – *Please book your appointment via MyChildAtSchool*

12/11: 3.30pm – 7pm Parents' Evening - *Please book your appointment via MyChildAtSchool*

13/11: Children In Need

27/11: 9.05am Racial Literacy Parent Forum

10/12: Christmas Jumper Day

10/12: Horn Park(Run)

18/12: Last day of Autumn 2 term

21/12 – 01/01/27: WINTER HOLIDAY

04/01/27: Children return to school for Spring 1 term

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Term dates for the 2026–2027 academic year and the 2027–2028 academic year can be found here.

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

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%

Best Year Group: Year 2 – 98%

Book Recommendation



Sycamore class recommend 'We're Going to Find the Monster' by Malorie Blackman and Dapo Adeola. The story follows two children as they set off on an exciting adventure to look for a monster.

Along the way, they travel through different environments and meet a range of surprising creatures before discovering that things are not always quite what they seem.

The children in Sycamore particularly enjoyed the bright illustrations, repetitive language and predictable structure of the story. We would highly recommend this fun and engaging story for sharing at home.

ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)

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Term Value: Respect

New Lunch menu: **Week 1** w/c 2nd November 2026