

# Weekly Newsletter: 25th October 2024



Dear parents and carers,

The first half term of the year has come and gone in a flash; we are so proud of how the children have shown the values in such a variety of ways across the last 8 weeks. A huge representation of that is the wonderful attitude to being in school, with our overall attendance figure above 97%. At this rate, there will be hundreds of attendance badges being given out at the end of the autumn term.



As we enter the half term break, we say goodbye (for now!) and good luck to Ms Forsythe-Grant who is beginning her maternity leave. We would also like to welcome Miss Adjaye to the school office team who is now working in the office two days a week.



Children across the school have been out and about engaging in different learning experiences this week. Reception visited Eltham Library to develop their love of reading; Year 1 ventured to the Young V&A Museum, exploring toys from the past to deepen knowledge gained in History; and Year 5 went to St Mildred's Church to ask Christians about their faith and consider the imagery and symbols found in a church.

The annual autumn disco was a huge success on Thursday evening. A huge thank you to the PTA and members of school staff who ensured the children had a fantastic experience. We look forward to the next big PTA event, the Christmas Fayre **on Thursday 5th December**.

Children had their individual and sibling school photos taken on Thursday. Your child should have brought home a card with the details on how to order. The photographers will advise us when photographs are available to order online, and we will inform you of this as soon as possible.

We are pleased to announce that a school nurse will be visiting **on Thursday 7th November at 9am** to hold a drop-in session focused on health eating. The session will cover important tips for balanced nutrition and support for families looking to encourage healthy eating habits at home, whilst also addressing 'fussy eating' by offering practical advice on how to introduce new foods and make mealtimes less stressful for both children and parents/carers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Earlier in the month, we mentioned in the newsletter that classes have been celebrating past and present black musicians and song writers from a range of genres and countries as part of Black History Month. You can access a playlist of some of the songs classes have been listening to via [this link](#).

**We return to school on Monday 4th November after half term.** This date is especially exciting for our Year 6 children as they will be setting off on their residential school journey.

Have a lovely weekend and a great half term,

Ms Zoe Crosland and Mr Jack Green

## Reception 2025 Schools Tours

Do you know any local families with children who are due to join a Reception class in September 2025? If so, we are offering school tours on the following dates:

Thursday 7th November at 9am  
Thursday 21st November at 9am & 5pm  
Thursday 12th December at 9am & 5pm

Please contact the school office to book your place or email [hpcontact@hornpark.compassps.uk](mailto:hpcontact@hornpark.compassps.uk)

## Dates for your diary

- 25/10: Last day of Autumn 1 term
- 28/10 - 01/11: **Half term break**
- 31/10: [Secondary school application closing date](#)
- 04/11: **Children return to school**
- 04/11: [Autumn / Winter 2024 school menu begins](#)
- 04/11 - 08/11: Year 6 school journey
- 05/11: *Let's Rocket* themed school meal
- 07/11: 9am School nurse 'Healthy Eating' drop-in session
- 12/11: Reception Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre Trip
- 12/11: Millennium Vue Eltham trip
- 13/11: Year 4 Maritime Museum trip
- 14/11: Year 5 Science Museum trip
- 18/11 - 22/11: [Year 5 Bikeability](#)
- 29/11: [Year 2 Tower of London trip](#)
- 05/12: Christmas Fayre

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2024 - 2025 school year dates can be found [here](#).

## Attendance Matters

Good attendance is key to success both educationally and beyond. For this reason, we aim for 100% attendance.

This week's attendance: 94.5%

Best Year Group: Year 2 - 97.9%

## Book Recommendation

Beeches Class have been reading 'Sulwe' by Lupita Nyong'o during Black History Month. It follows the story of a little girl unhappy with the way she looks as she discovers that brightness and beauty is found within everybody. We love that by the end of the story, she embraces her appearance and is proud of who she is.



## Workshops

If you have recently attended a workshop in school, please take a couple of moments to complete [this parent/carer feedback form](#). Thank you.

## ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



Term Value:

Respect

[Lunch Menu: 1](#)

w/c 4th November



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for keeping our school safe!