

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had another excellent half - term. Children continue to make great progress in their learning and continue to uphold our Hackwood Expectations of being respectful, persevering and taking pride in all that they do. We have had some inspiring lessons over the course of the half term learning our curriculum and being inspired by our subjects, whether that's Science, RE, Geography - the children have demonstrated a desire to learn and are enjoying the curriculum.

Some of the highlights for this half -term include children taking part in Mental Health Awareness Week, NSPCC Number Day, Young Voices, Chinese New Year, Afternoon Tea with parents and carers, as well as have an audience with our local MP! It has been a brilliant start to 2025!

Thank you for all the support you provide with completing home learning challenges, supporting your child with reading and learning their times tables. These are vital skills and we very much appreciate the support.

We hope you have a great half-term break!

Mr Miah  
Principal

### Parent Workshops at Hackwood

This half - term we ran a Parent Workshop focusing on the Year 4 Multiplication Check, explaining how you can support your child with their Maths learning at home, particularly their times tables. Thank you for attending the session where resources, ideas and updates were shared, to support your child with Maths, especially the Y4 Multiplication Check which takes place in the Summer Term.

We *believe* in ourselves, to *achieve* our goals and *succeed*.

## Attendance Counts - Unmissable!

As you are aware - great attendance at schools allows children to have the best chance of success. This year, Derby schools are running a campaign to raise awareness about the importance of great attendance at school. This is aimed at looking to improve attendance for all pupils. We ask that you continue to support us in making sure attendance for your child is the best it possibly can be. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support with attendance, it has a massive impact. We are improving our attendance as a school and want to see this continue as the weather begins to improve - hopefully!



**UNMISS**  
*able*  
 experiences

**UNMISS**  
*able*  
 learning

There's nowhere better than school to discover your talents, take on new challenges and find out what really makes you happy. It's exciting, sometimes a bit scary, but always rewarding.

Because school means **more**



School isn't just about boosting your brainpower. It's about finding out amazing new things and gaining skills that will stay with you forever. Every day at school is a new chance for discovery.

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## SEND Parent and Carers event

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our latest SEND event. If you have any SEND queries, please email: [send@hackwood.theharmonytrust.org](mailto:send@hackwood.theharmonytrust.org)

Thank you

## Young Voices 2025

Our amazing school choir had a fantastic time at the largest school choir concert in the world! The children made us proud in the way they prepared for the Young Voices concert as well as their brilliant performances on the day. The school choir has been running since the start of the year; children and staff have worked tirelessly, persevering to learn all the songs and were able to perform the songs in a confident manner, taking pride in their performance. As part of fulfilling the Harmony Pledge of being a performer, the children took up the responsibility and performed brilliantly! Well done to everyone involved!

It was fantastic to see so many families come to watch and enjoy the show too. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that our School Choir have performed - we are so proud of our choir!



## Safer Internet Day 2025

This week children learnt about Safer Internet Day and strengthened their understanding of how to use the internet safely. We ask you to continue to remind your children about online safety to make sure they are using the technology responsibly and safely. Thank you

We're proudly supporting

**Safer  
Internet  
Day**

11 February 2025





# NSPCC Number Day 2025

Last week children took part in the NSPCC Number Day. The children (and staff) looked fantastic and showed excellent enthusiasm throughout the day!

The NSPCC Number Day, was a fundraiser for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC), an incredible charity that does important work keeping children safe across the country. As part of our Harmony Pledge - **be a fundraiser**, we thank you for your donations to support the charity. Throughout the day, children completed fun maths challenges, learnt times tables songs and celebrated the joy of numbers!



## Parking / Driving outside the school

We would like to remind parents and carers to take care when dropping and picking your child up from school. The area around school gets very busy during peak times especially in bad weather. We ask you to be mindful of parking around the school and encourage where possible to walk to school or park further away from congested areas. We have noticed recently, occasions where parents parking irresponsibly caused obstructions to others and request that this stops. Thank you for your co-operation.



## Visit from our local Member of Parliament

Year 5 and 6 had a visit from Catherine Atkinson MP last week. Our pupil representatives gave a tour of Hackwood and participated in an assembly where they asked Catherine some challenging, thought-provoking questions about her role as an MP. Year 5 and 6 can't wait to learn and hear more from MPs next month when they go to London to visit the Houses of Parliament!!!



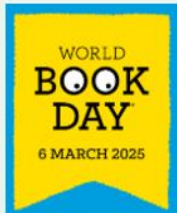
## Children's Mental Health Week

Last week children had workshops on the importance of being mentally healthy and positive wellbeing. Children took part in activities to focus on being healthy on the inside and outside.





# World Book Day at Hackwood Primary Academy 2025!



Changing lives through a love of books and reading

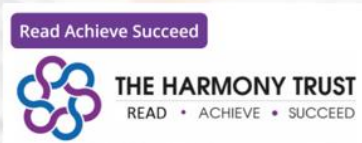


This year on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Hackwood our WBD theme is:

## ‘INSPIRED by books’

Which books *INSPIRE* you? Which authors *INSPIRE* you?

We are inviting you to dress up as your **favourite character**,  
**favourite author** or **comfy reading clothes!**



World Book Day gives tokens to schools for children – again this year, the Harmony Trust have pre ordered books ready for children to take home on WBD! [#READACHIEVESUCCEED](#)

**WE'RE DOING SOMETHING FUNNY FOR MONEY THIS RED NOSE DAY!**

**WHAT?** Wear something red or something funny!

**WHEN?** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**WHERE?** Wear something red or something funny to school!

Get more posters at [comicrelief.com/resources](https://comicrelief.com/resources)

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60 YEARS OF COMIC RELIEF  
**RED NOSE DAY**  
FRIDAY 21 MARCH

## 2024-2025 - Dates for the Diary

Please note diary dates may be changed and not all dates are on the calendar yet. Any changes and additions will always be communicated to parents via Spider or in subsequent newsletters with as much notice as possible.

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day - school closed for pupils
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 Trip to National Space Centre
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 and Year 6 Parent Consultations
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Nursery & Reception Parent Consultations
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Consultations
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day -dress INSPIRED by books!
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Trip to Derby Theatre
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 and 4 Parent Consultations
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	School Class group photos
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief - wear something red or funny!
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 and Year 6 trip to Houses of Parliament
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 1 trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	INSPIRE Open Afternoon for parents and carers from 2pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term

## END OF SPRING TERM

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday - School closed
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Summer Term begins - children return to school
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week for all Year 6 pupils
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break up for half-term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET Day - School closed for pupils
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Summer Term 2 begins - children return to school
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of school - break up for Summer