



Head Talk

Firstly, I would like to say well done to everyone working and learning at Hamilton Primary School last week. Although we love the hot weather, we have seen temperatures in classrooms get very high and the kitchen team have managed very well in a room full of hot equipment too. We have had lots of fans going, and we have encouraged children to seek shade and stay hydrated. It has been nice to have slightly cooler weather this week.

The Governors will meet on Thursday night next week for their final meeting of the school year. There will be lots of discussion about the school year and the successes that we have had and a look at some areas of focus for next year. These are all on the School Development Plan which can be found on our website. We also said a big hello to Emma Parbury, our new Parent Elected Governor. We also say hello to Mr Sam Greatorex who takes over from Mrs Molly Lawrence as our staff governor.

On Thursday night we opened the school for our annual celebration evening. It was great to see so many of you join us in celebrating children's learning throughout the year, trying a taster menu of school food and generally coming together as a school community. I really appreciate these events as it allows us to all take stock of the year and see how far we have come.

The PSA summer fair will also be taking place on **Saturday 4th July**. Please contact the PSA to volunteer. We really need your help on the tidy up at the end of the day. The PSA have worked very hard to put the event together. Thank you in advance for all of the support you give the school.

On **Monday 6th July** we will be having the **Junior Sports Morning**. This is a change to previously advertised times and dates, as we are adapting to

the hot weather. The **infant** event will take place on **Tuesday 7th July** in the school grounds from 9.30am and you will enter the school via the double gates on Constantine Road. The event will take about just under the hour. You will be able to enter the school grounds from just after 9am. Please make sure you provide lots of encouragement for your child as the move around the circuit.

The Junior Sports Day will take place on the morning of the 6th July at the CRGS Sport Ground. We will start at 10am promptly as we have a packed event. We will aim to be finished in just about 2 hours from when we start. This is a new location of sports day for us, so please bear with us if we make a couple of mistakes. Please also feel very welcome to cheer your child on.

Also on the 6th July we will be issuing the class structures for September. As you will know, Year 2 children will be mixed into new classes for Year 3. The team have spent many hours working on the new classes and have used their professional knowledge to make the best choices possible. These structures are final and will not be changed. I would like to reassure you that the children will spend time working together as a year group, they are next door to each other upstairs, and they will be using the same playground. The new structures will be emailed out via our MCAS app after school.

On Thursday 9th July, all children will spend the morning in their new classes with their new teachers to begin to get familiar with the new expectations of work and to start planning for September. We will be welcoming Miss Verity Smith, Miss Jade Dinnadge and Miss Josephine Scarle to the teaching team for the day before their permanent start with us in September!

School reports will be issued via email to you on Monday 13th July. These reports will contain information about your child's learning progress



over the year, attendance and national data from the Multiplication Tables Check, Phonics and the EYFS Profile. A letter explaining the reports will be issued to you before the reports are published. **SATs results for Year 6 have been delayed until Thursday 16th July. Parents/Carers will get a separate report issued for these now. A letter was issued to all Year 6 families electronically on Thursday 2nd July.**

Mr Greatorex and I are available on the infant playground and outside the school gate if you would like to pop over and have a chat with us on most days. We would love to see you.

E-Safety Nugget

You may wish to look at the Children's Commissioner website link on '[What I wish my parents or carers knew](#)' This is a great guide on supporting your child in the digital world.

Allergy Awareness

We are a 'no nuts/nut aware' school. This means that we do not allow any food on site that contains or may contain nuts. We have a number of children who have life threatening allergies to nuts and we ask that you check the ingredients of any food or snacks that you send your child to school with. We have seen an increase in chocolate spreads coming into school. These often contain nuts and we are unable to monitor every child's snacks and lunch items. Please also tell your child not to share their food with other children. We have some coeliacs in school and if they have products containing wheat, they become very unwell too. If you would like further information, please have a look at our Allergy Policy on the school website: <https://www.hamiltonprimary.com/office/policies>

Parking

There are concerns about parents/carers parking up very early and idling their engines and there are concerns about parents/carers parking illegally and dangerously too. I have witnessed all of these taking place. We need to come together as a community to help each other out. Our main priority is the safety of the children. With illegal and dangerous parking, using our loading bay or parking on the zig zags, children are being put at risk. There is a simple solution to this. Please park and stride. If most parents/carers chose to park in the surrounding area, and walk in for 2-5mins, we would save a lot of worry. We have a map on the school website that details where you can park. [It is under our Travel Plan section.](#)

The Big Future Survey

[The Big Future survey - have your say!](#) Please use this link with your child to take part in the latest survey from the Children's Commissioner. The commissioner wants to hear from children and young people aged 0-18 from every background, in every part of the country. The survey asks about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they would like to see in their communities, and what they believe a good childhood should look like today. **Currently no children from Hamilton have filled this in and the commissioner has written to me about this. Please help us to fulfil our obligations.**

Participation in The Big Future also provides schools with an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to civic engagement. The findings will help inform national conversations and decision-making about children's lives and futures at the highest levels.

Attendance

At this time of year we are noticing a number of families extending their holidays either side of a school closure period. Every day your child loses in school, puts them a little further behind. Please



help us by not taking holidays during term time. Our records up to this point in the year show that 119 children have had an absence before or after a school holiday. This is over 25% of the school. I appreciate that holidays are expensive in the school breaks, but it is very hard for us to help your child if they are not in class.

Our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website:

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Our current attendance is 97%. This is good, but we could do even better. If your child has below 90% attendance, they will be classed as being persistently absent. This is not good. It means your child is missing too much education. Please ensure your child attends school. If we have concerns about your child's attendance, we will be writing to you and offering you a meeting to discuss any support that you may need. Our attendance should be 97% or above. Please help us to help your child. Our leading attending year groups are Year 5 with 97.7% attendance. Keep up the excellent work.

Spotlight on Send - Transitions

On Thursday 9th July, the children will be spending the morning getting to know their new class teacher and exploring their new classroom.

Transitioning to a new year group can sometimes feel like a mountain to climb, but your support at home makes all the difference. The key is removing the "unknowns" by focusing on what *won't* change—like being with their friends and seeing familiar Learning Support Assistants. If your child is feeling nervous, encourage them to be curious about the new adventures ahead, and remind them of their past successes to give their confidence a well-deserved boost.

You know your child better than anyone else, so please speak to their current class teacher about any concerns you may have. By working together, we can ensure their transition is as smooth, safe, and happy as possible.

Please find the SEN parent WhatsApp QR code below if you wish to join their group.



Fundraising

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to the two Non-Uniform Days.

We raised £304.80 for Surfers against Sewage, and £322.15 for the Little Princess Trust.

Year 6 Enterprise Morning

On Tuesday 23rd June, groups of our Year 6 children ran several stalls for the annual Hamilton Enterprise fair. For 20p a go, there was a wide variety of games and challenges on offer and each year group in the school was allocated time to take part in and enjoy as many stalls as possible. There was a lovely atmosphere on the playground during each session and it was a great opportunity for our Year 6s to be role models for the younger children.

Well done to them for their hard work and enthusiasm! The aim was to raise as much money as possible and their brilliant efforts were rewarded. So on July 9th, Year 6 will head to Leisure World for their end of term treat. Thank you to all the other children that took part and to the staff for helping to run the event as smoothly as possible.

memorable cross-curricular learning, bringing history and STEM subjects together in an engaging way.



Year 6 Jumbo & Library Trip

Our recent trip was a huge hit! The children bravely climbed all 157 steps to the top of the Jumbo Water Tower, where we were treated to spectacular views and a fascinating history lesson. We also headed to the library to explore the bookshelves. They had so much fun that many are already begging to go back and borrow more books!



Whole School History Day

Whole School History Day - Our pupils had great fun taking part in a STEM History Day. Children explored the achievements of a diverse range of historical figures involved in STEM, ensuring meaningful representation and inspiring all learners. The day provided exciting and



Year 6 Play

Year 6 would like to invite their parents/carers to their school play on Tuesday 14th July at 1.30pm in the afternoon and Wednesday 15th July at 6pm in the evening.



Pupil News

Well done to Emmy and Allegra O'Loughlin performed in Hercules at the O2 with their drama group at the weekend.



Congratulations to William Edwards who medalled in all 9 events at the Colchester Summer Sprints Gala.



Calendar Dates

Summer Term 2026	
Saturday 4 th July 2026	Summer Fayre 1 to 4pm
Monday 6 th July 2026	KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6) Sports Day at Colchester Royal Grammar School Playing Field in the morning
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & 2) Sports Morning on the KS2 playground at 9.30am
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Transition Morning for the whole school
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Year 6 trip to Leisure World in the afternoon
Friday 10 th July 2026	Speech and Poetry Competition Final
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Year 6 Play to Parents in the afternoon
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Year 6 Play to Parents in the evening
Monday 20 th July 2026	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 21 st July to Friday 28 th August 2026	Summer Holidays

Autumn Term 2026	
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	First Day of Term
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th October 2026	Half-Term
Monday 2 nd November 2026	First Day of Term
Monday 21 st December 2026 to Friday 1 st January 2027	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 th January 2026	First Day of Term

Email Information

If contacting the school via email, please use:

parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk