

HERBERT STRUTT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 1 TERM 2026

SPRING TERM OVERVIEW

What a Fantastic Half Term!

What a wonderful and eventful half term it has been! From Year 6 approaching their SATs with determination and resilience, to Year 5 enjoying their exciting space trip, the children have truly embraced every opportunity. We have also celebrated our Wellbeing Warriors through their training and graduation, alongside fantastic participation in cross country and football competitions. It has been lovely to welcome our PSCOs into school, along with so many other enriching experiences. The children have outdone themselves, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and the positive attitudes they continue to show every day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

22

Last day of Summer 1

JUNE

1

First day of Summer Term 2

JUNE

22

inset day

REMINDERS

As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure your child comes to school prepared for the sunshine. We kindly ask that all children bring a named sun hat, a water bottle, and have sunscreen applied before school. If you would like your child to reapply sunscreen during the day, please send in a clearly named bottle so they can do this safely and independently. Thank you for your support in helping us keep the children safe and comfortable during the warmer months.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Mon - Orchestra Club
- Tues - Yr 3-6 - Football
- Wed - Golden Mile
- Thurs - Football reception - Yr2

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Parking around school

It has been brought to our attention by parents, staff, and local residents that parking in and around the school is becoming increasingly unsafe. On surrounding streets, vehicles are being parked over residents' driveways, on blind corners, and on pavements, leaving insufficient space for prams and for parents and children to walk safely. Within the school car park, conditions are also becoming more dangerous, with reports of near misses involving children, damage to vehicles, and staff being unable to park or exit safely. We are currently seeking advice from the council to help improve safety for everyone in our school community. In the meantime, we kindly ask all parents and visitors to be considerate when parking on residential roads and to avoid using the school car park unless absolutely necessary, and only when there are clearly available parking spaces.

Friends PTA

Our PTA group 'Friends' would like to share information to all families using a Whats app group for our school community.

If you would like to be a part of the Whats app group please email the following email address:

friendsofhsp@yaho.com

The Summer Fair is on Friday 12th June. Friends are asking for donations of bottles and school uniform

Staffing changes

We would like to share some important staffing updates with you. At the end of this academic year, Mrs Allen will be leaving our school to pursue an exciting new venture in education. While we are naturally sad to see her go, we are incredibly pleased for her and wish her every success in this new chapter of her career. Mrs Allen has made a significant contribution to our school community and will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and families alike.

We are also delighted to share some wonderful news. Please join us in offering our warmest congratulations to Mrs Booth, who has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher, starting from September 2026. We know that she will bring dedication, expertise and enthusiasm to this important role, and we look forward to seeing her thrive in this position.

CLASS CORNER

Join us for a delightful afternoon of music as Year 4 showcase their flute skills, performing alongside the school orchestra on Wednesday 24th June at 2:30pm in the school hall. Families will be welcomed through the hall entrance. Our young musicians have been working extremely hard, and this performance offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their achievements together. We look forward to seeing you there for what promises to be a fantastic display of talent.

Mr Webster



Jenny, in Year 2's, incredible writing

ANIMALS OF THE NIGHT!

Introduction

Did you know that some animals can see in the night? Nocturnal means animals sleep in the day and wake up at night. In this report you will find out some interesting facts about nocturnal animals.

Some owls

Owls are fascinating nocturnal birds of prey. While many species are active at dawn/dusk. There are around 200 different owl species. In Antarctica, these birds have immobile tube-shaped eyes and cannot see well up close. Owls can turn their heads as much as 270 degrees. Some owl species hunt fish.



Jenny in Year 2's incredible writing

Great hedgehogs

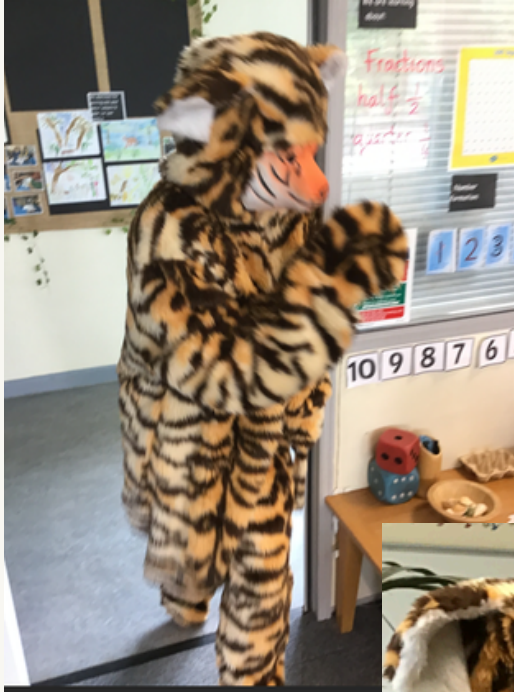
When hedgehogs get frightened they roll into a ball to protect their soft, furry, belly, hiding their face and legs. They have poor eyesight but a great sense of smell and hearing to find food according to. Hedgehog's sleep for 14 to 18 hours per day. They are called hedge-hogs because they live in hedges and make noises like a pig.



Fantastic Foxes

Foxes are highly adaptable mammals found across the Northern Hemisphere. Foxes are generally not dangerous to humans and rarely attack, but they can pose risks through the transmission of diseases, parasites, and potential, though rare, attacks on small pets.

In Year 1, a tiger came to their tea party. He must have known that they were reading *The Tiger Came to Tea* book.

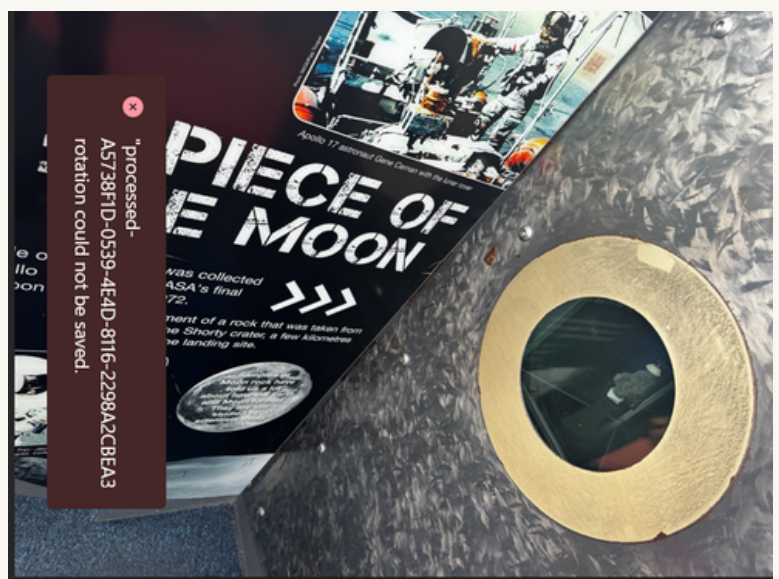


Josh in Year 6's incredible writing

The old, grey shire horse bit at the grass tufts surrounding its tethering post as a faint trudging sound emanated from outside the barn. The horse poised its head to face towards the door, keeping himself upright but still mildly slumped as the other barn-animals followed suit and did likewise; all eyes were fixed on the gateway to the outdoors. A sliver of light seeped through the opening as a wisp of wind swept throughout the barn. In an instant, the shire horse configured his composure, his profile becoming that of pride: standing tall with a head held high, mane flowing elegantly in the wind. It was likely the horse was

Year 5's Space Center Trip

Year 5 had an incredible day at the National Space Centre, where excitement and curiosity were in full orbit! The children loved exploring the different hands-on exhibits, learning all about space and watching the life of an astronaut in the planetarium. I think we now have some budding astronauts in the making - watch this space NASA!



Summer Term 2026

Dates for your diary



Date	Event
Week Beginning Monday 25 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June	School reopens Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wednesday 3 rd June	Non uniform day – bring a bottle for school fair – more information to follow
Thursday 4 th June	New reception parents welcome meeting 9am
Friday 5 th June	Year 3 and 4 trip to Cresswell Craggs
Week Beginning 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Year 1 – 5 assessment week
Wednesday 10 th June	Reception new starters stay and play 3:15-3:45
Friday 12 th June	Summer Fair after school – more information to follow
Monday 15 th June	Compass Changing Lives year 6 transition workshop
Thursday 18 th June	Reception new starters stay and play 3:15-3:45
Friday 19 th June	Sports Day
Monday 22 nd June	INSET DAY
Wednesday 24 th June	Year 6 Parent Lunches

Tuesday 30 th June	Year 6 transition day to Belper Whole school – Big Move Up New reception starters 9:30-11:30
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 6 transition day to Belper
Friday 3 rd July	Funky hair day
Thursday 9 th July	Reception new starters Disco – more information to follow from Friends PTA
Friday 10 th July	Tough Runner Day
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Show
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Chevin walk Reports sent to parents
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 6 trip to Parliament
Thursday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers assembly 9:30 Last day of the Summer Term