

Hatfield Heath Primary School

Newsletter

"Learners today, leaders tomorrow"

Issue 16



Hello there,

We're nearly through January and the lighter nights will soon be on their way. It's been a quiet week at Hatfield Heath. Across the Learning Partnership Trust we have spent time in one another's schools and have shared our practice. There were lots of compliments received about the teaching and learning, as well as how beautifully behaved the children were and how calm the school was.

We have been encouraging children to read with our class tracking. It is so important for parents to be involved in their child's reading. **Children who read have better life chances.** It only takes 5 minutes a day and it's a good time to snuggle up and read books with your children, even when they are older.

We have also been practising our handwriting in preparation for the Handwriting Competition which will be judged in the coming weeks.

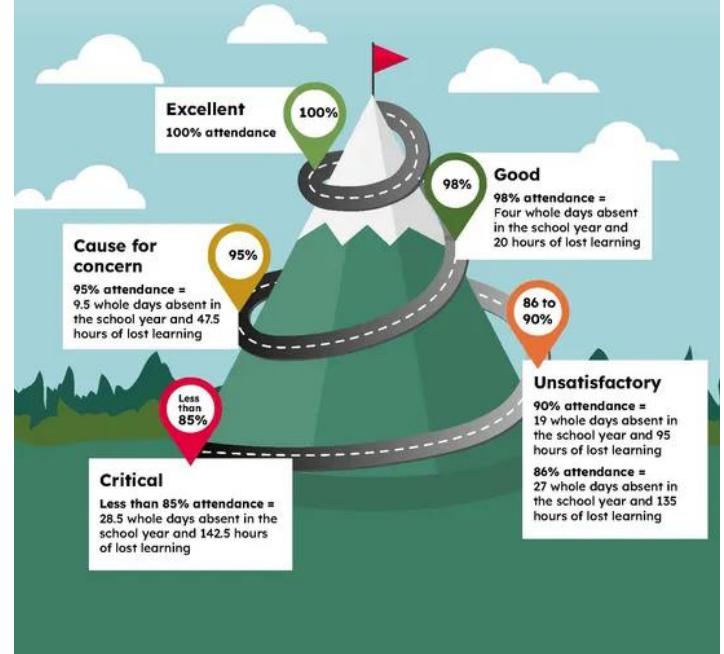
Attendance from September until now.

Woohoo! We have managed to improve our whole school attendance this week. Please have a look at the attached posters. Check your child's attendance on MCAS and see how they are doing.

Overall attendance: 96.9% (+0.1%)	
Year 1	97.3% (-0.1)
Year 2	95.8% (+0.2)
Year 3	97.5% (0.0)
Year 4	96.9% (0.0)
Year 5	97.2% (+0.1)
Year 6	96.9% (+0.1)

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Where does your child sit on the attendance mountain?



MCAS

Well done to all who have signed up to MCAS. Please remember to select your children's meal and discuss this with them as they are sometimes surprised when they have something that they would not normally have!

If your child is in Reception, or Years 1 and 2 or in receipt of Free School Meals, you will

Working on Life Skills

During the cutlery workshops, the teachers noticed that not all children had mastered this skill, even in the older years. As part of our A (Ambition), please practice this skill at home.

INSET days for 2026-2027

Please see the INSET days for the next school year.

Tuesday September 1st 2026

Friday November 27th 2026

Thursday January 21st 2026

Friday May 28th 2026

Monday 7th June 2026

Upcoming Dates

30.1.26 PFA- Family Fun Bingo

2.2.26 Children's Mental Health Week

3.2.26 – Year 1 – Great fire of London Workshop

9.2.26 (Monday) Parents Consultations 3.40-6.30

9.2.26 Safer internet

11.2.26 (Weds) Parents Consultations 3.40 – 6.00

12.2.26- PFA Glow Disco

Half Term

3.3.26 Yr 6 SATs meeting (timing TBC)

5.3.26 World Book Day-Details to follow

19.3.26 and 20.3.26- Bikeability -Group 1

23.3.26-25.3.26 Bikeability Group 2



This week we have been focusing on **Ambition** and **Hard Work** as we have been trying hard with the handwriting competition. We have been thinking about 'digging deep' and not giving up and building our resilience. Well done to all the children for pushing themselves!



Supporting Families

From time to time, families need some support with parenting and understanding the child's needs. Here are some useful links that may assist you.

Support groups

[SPACE - Supporting Parents and Carers in Essex | Essex Local Offer](#) - SPACE is a free, parent to parent service, offering 1 to 1 support and online group sessions, run by peer educators - all are parent carers with lived experience.

[Parent4Parent \(P4P\) | Essex Local Offer](#) - A support group in Uttlesford for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 25 who have social communication difficulties.

ACL courses

[ACL Essex HO4C40OL25 Positive Parenting](#) = This course is designed to support you to understand your children and provide parenting support. It covers boundaries, communication skills, understanding feelings and emotions and most importantly how to have fun as a family. 6 sessions over 6 weeks – some in Jan and Feb online.

[ACL Essex HO2C41OL25 Assertive Parenting](#)

[ACL Essex HO5A13OL25 Understanding ADHD in Children](#) = This online course is designed to help parents and carers gain a clearer understanding of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in children. Led by an experienced tutor, the session explores common behaviours, challenges with focus and impulsivity, and practical strategies to support children at home and in school. It offers a welcoming space to ask questions, share experiences, and build confidence in supporting your child's unique needs.

[ACL Essex HO4C41OL25 Understanding ADHD & ASD in Children](#) A broad weekly course which covers a range of subjects which Neurodiverse children often struggle with, such as timekeeping, sleeping, eating, and understanding the world around them.

[ACL Essex HO4A45OL25 SEND Support for Families](#) = Navigating the world of Special Educational Needs can be challenging, but help is available. Our 4 session support offers guidance, resources, and a listening ear for families who need it most. Whether you're looking for practical advice, emotional support, or simply a place to connect with others who understand, we're here for you.