

# Hatfield Heath Primary School

## Newsletter

*"Learners today, leaders tomorrow"*

*Issue 13*



Hello there!

I hope that you are all well.

We are now at the end of our first term together and I want to thank you for being so welcoming.

The children have had many experiences at this part of the term, Nativity plays, movies, Christmas lunch nibbles, board games and a trip to the church to celebrate Christmas and be reflective. I hope that you have enjoyed the festivities. Thank you for your gifts, donations and warm words.

It has been a long, but rewarding term, with so many highlights, which we have tried to share with you every week to get a taste of life at Hatfield Heath.

We will be bidding adieu to Mrs Collier and wish her well in her role at Roseacres.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

But for now, for the last time of 2025, from us to you, we wish you season's greetings and hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

### The Rocksteady Crew

On Wednesday, the children who are part of the Rocksteady group performed in a concert and really got us all rocking! They performed on guitars, drums, keyboard and on vocals.



### Upcoming Dates

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Year 1 Phonics Meeting 9.00am- A chance to share how your child is learning phonics and how you can help them at home.**

We considered Human Rights Day and considered the rights of human beings around the world.

We read Cinderella and thought about how she was treated by her family.

We celebrated the children who showed the values of equality and heart and talked about standing up when something is not right. These children have been thinking about others, supporting their friends and thinking deeply about the world. Well done!



Year 2 have been learning to thread a needle and do a running stitch.



### Safeguarding our children

Yesterday I sent the survey outcomes from the Smartphone Free Childhood survey. Please take time to look at the results.

### Attendance from September until now.

Well done to the year groups who have managed to stay above 96%, even in the last week of school!!!

Overall attendance:96.9% (0.0%)			
Year 1	97.4% (-0.1)	Year 4	97.1% (-0.9)
Year 2	95.7% (-0.2)	Year 5	96.9% (+0.7)
Year 3	97.6% (-0.2)	Year 6	96.9% (-0.1)

### MCAS

We still have a number of parents who have not signed up to MCAS in order to select and pay for their children's meals. This means that in some KS2 cases, meals are being chosen in class by the children but have not been paid for due to parents not signing to MCAS.

This not affordable for the school, as the school has to pay Stir Foods for the meals. If you have not signed to MCAS to pay for your child's food, we will be phoning you in order to ask you to bring a packed lunch to school.

If your child is receipt of Free School Meals, you will still need to sign up to select the meals.  
Thank you for your co-operation. Please use the holiday to sign up, ready for

The office sent an email to you regarding setting up a MCAS (My Child At School) account. You will need to follow these steps to setup your new account on MCAS:

[Apple MCAS app](#) or [Google Play MCAS app](#) I have also attached a parent user guide.

<https://docs.bromcom.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/MCAS-Parent-Guide.pdf>



Over the past weeks we have sung, acted and danced our socks off during the EYFS and KS1 Performances.



We all went to Holy Trinity Church to hear the story of the Nativity with Rev.Sophie. Our choir sat at the front of the church and led most of the singing. The children from EYFS and KS1 sang songs from their performances. It was a lovely, thoughtful end to our Christmas celebrations.



## **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.