



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr R Watson



## Headteacher's Comment:

Dear Parents/Carers

I'm finally happy to say that Christmas is just around the corner! We truly have experienced all types of weather this week. With that in mind, please ensure your child brings adequate clothing suited to the forecast conditions so they can stay fit and well. We still have one or two children arriving without coats, and some without wet-weather clothing for sports clubs. A reminder too that ankle boots are **not** permitted as appropriate school footwear; our policy requests regular school shoes. I have seen a couple of children wearing wellies into school and then changing into school shoes, which is perfectly fine—please just ensure the policy is adhered to.

You may have seen an email today regarding attendance and guidance on judging whether your child is too ill for school. This advice can also be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Since September, our attendance has been steadily improving. However, more recently our office team has spent a great deal of time chasing the whereabouts of children whose absences have not been reported. Please remember to contact the office if your child is off for any reason. At one point this week, **10%** of our school community was absent for a variety of reasons, which is not acceptable.

As a parent of two boys in school myself, I do everything I can to ensure they attend, trusting that if they are too unwell to cope, the school will contact me. I would say that in 95% of cases, they have managed the full day. Missing school does not just impact academic achievement—it can also create anxiety about returning, which may then lead to further absences.

Please also do not be under the misunderstanding that the next few weeks before Christmas are “relaxed” and that the children will not be working hard. Yes, they will be performing their concerts, but in between these events the staff have planned a thorough and challenging curriculum to ensure they are fully prepared for the spring term.

Whilst talking about how you can help both your children and the school, it would be remiss of me not to mention the decline in reading at home for some pupils. Here at Hogarth, the number of children attending my reading catch-up club on Friday lunchtimes is growing—something that could easily be reduced by following a few simple expectations.

Please read with your child **every evening**, even if only for five minutes. This small amount of time can make a huge impact. If daily reading is not possible, the minimum expectation is **three times a week**, with an adult recording this in the Reading Record. I am sure the children are reading far more than the evidence suggests, purely because the records are not being signed. Reading together should be a pleasurable and bonding experience. I know it can be frustrating at times when children forget a word, but reading at home is about building confidence, resilience, and a genuine love of reading.

The children have been set a challenge: the first class to achieve **100% of pupils reading three times a week** will have the opportunity for one of its members to become **Headteacher for the Day**. Please do everything you can to support your child and their class in the lead-up to Christmas.



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# Stars of the Week

RB	1/2F	1/2KC	2Y
Lenny	Bleu-Belle	Amalia	Zainab
3H	4C	5H	6C
Ronnie D	Martha	Edith	Nils



## Mr Watson's Superstar Award –

Olamide (5H) – For demonstrating the Hogarth values, ensuring Hogarth is a safe and enjoyable place to be.



## Reading at Home –

Class	Table shows actual number and rounded percentages of children reading at home						% 3 and more	% 4 & 5	% not reading
	Times Read								
	0	1	2	3	4	5			
RB	9	1	4	0	4	9	48%	48%	33%
1/2KC	1	2	4	1	1	9	61%	56%	6%
1/2F	2	4	1	3	1	9	65%	50%	10%
2Y	0	0	0	7	7	14	100%	75%	0%
3H	0	0	3	9	7	7	88%	54%	0%
4C	0	2	1	11	4	7	79%	39%	0%
5H	1	0	0	11	3	14	97%	59%	3%
6C	1	1	1	13	2	10	89%	43%	4%



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# Weekly Attendance

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Class	RB	1/2F	1/2KC	2Y	Whole school
Attendance	85%	90.5%	91.7%	97.7%	
					91.6%
Class	3H	4C	5H	6C	
Attendance	90.3%	93.2%	94.7%	90%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2Y	5H	4C



# Yearly Attendance

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Class	RB	1/2F	1/2KC	2Y	Whole school
Attendance	90.9%	93.9%	91.3%	96.8%	
					94.05%
Class	3H	4C	5H	6C	
Attendance	94.7%	94.5%	95.9%	94.4%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2Y	5H	3H

Literacy Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	Festive	Command	Precipitation
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Glance	Brink	Petrified	Unethical

Maths Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	Composition	Number line	Exchange
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Difference	Product	Mixed numbers	Quotient



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## Diary Dates

Monday 8 December – Year 5&6 visit to St Thomas' Church - PM

Wednesday 10 December - Prospective parent tour for 26/27 – 9.30

Wednesday 10 December – Reception Nativity 14.15 (parents invited)

Thursday 11 December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (Donate a bottle)

Monday 15 December – Panto with Don

Tuesday 16 December – Ho Ho Hogarth event 15.30

Wednesday 17 December – Selected Choir Members out – Warley Golf Club

Wednesday 17 December – Year 1 Christmas Nativity 14.30

Thursday 18 December – KS2 & Yr2 Christmas Performance 9.30 & 14.00

Friday 19 December – Rocksteady Assembly – 14.30

*As we approach the end of term, you may have seen that shops and supermarkets are using the end of the academic year to promote the giving of token gifts to teachers to say thank you. I must stress that this has never been and never will be expected by any member of Hogarth School staff. However, if you or your child/ren would like to say thank you in this way, please ensure that you refer to Section 10 of the Trust's Gifts and Hospitality Policy, available [HERE](#), which details the monetary values that members of staff are allowed to accept from pupils and/or parents/carers.*

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