



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr R Watson



## Headteacher's Comment:

Dear Parents/Carers

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year as we enter 2026. I hope that you all had a wonderful break, however you chose to spend your time with friends and family. Returning to school has brought its own challenges with the freezing temperatures and the storm that tried to wreak havoc at the end of the week!

I would like to add that the children have come back to school extremely well – positive, enthusiastic, and with a really strong work ethic. Fortunately, the same can be said for our staff team. I would also like to thank everyone who came to support our Christmas events during the last week of term. It was incredible to see the school community come together with so many positive events taking place. I know it is often difficult to find time away from work, and I hope that our communication helps to give you plenty of notice to put arrangements in place to support your children.

This week, as a school, we have been discussing our resolutions for the New Year and what we can all do to be better and push ourselves to improve. The children shared their own plans, as well as some that their parents had set, which gave us a lovely insight into home life. We also discussed that while we always endeavour to be our best, mistakes will happen – and that is how we learn. Some of our best learning comes from making mistakes and owning them so they do not happen again. This applies both in and out of the classroom, and we are really trying to build the resilience of our children at Hogarth to prepare them for life beyond school.

As we start the new term, I would like to remind you that boots are not acceptable footwear in school. Our policy, which can be found on the website, states that children must wear black school shoes. While the weather is inclement, children are more than welcome to wear boots to school but must change into their school shoes when they enter the building.

Attendance for the first week back has been poor and disappointing, falling below what we achieved last term. I would like to remind you that if your child is not feeling 100%, please still try to send them in. We have a strong pastoral team, and if we feel that your child is genuinely not coping, we will call you to collect them. Every day of lost learning can create anxiety for your child and affect the progress they are able to make.

I also have another meeting in two weeks with the Essex Attendance Team regarding families falling below 90% attendance. They will be encouraging the school to impose follow-up meetings and fines. This is the last thing any of us want, so please, for the benefit of your child, ensure that their attendance this term is above 96%.

I am very much looking forward to a busy and exciting half term and, with your continued support, I know the school will continue to excel.



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# Stars of the Week

RB	1/2F	1/2KC	2Y
Elias	Eva	Nigel	Adeline
3H	4C	5H	6C
Katie	Lume	Elijah	Jessica



## Mr Watson's Superstar Award –

The School Council for their great attitude and questioning at the Houses of Parliament trip.



## 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	13	1	1	0	2	9	42%	42%	50%
1/2KC	4	4	0	1	2	6	53%	47%	24%
1/2F	4	1	2	3	1	8	63%	47%	21%
2Y	0	1	2	6	2	16	89%	64%	0%
3H	0	0	0	6	1	22	100%	79%	0%
4C	3	0	0	6	5	14	89%	68%	11%
5H	2	1	0	8	2	17	90%	63%	7%
6C	1	0	0	7	3	18	97%	72%	3%



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# Weekly Attendance

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Class	RB	1/2F	1/2KC	2Y	Whole school
Attendance	79%	91%	86%	97%	
					91%
Class	3H	4C	5H	6C	
Attendance	94%	92%	95%	90%	

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



# Yearly Attendance

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Class	RB	1/2F	1/2KC	2Y	Whole school
Attendance	90%	93%	91%	96%	
					94%
Class	3H	4C	5H	6C	
Attendance	94%	94%	95%	94%	

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

Literacy Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	hero	mystery	examined
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
paragraph	bristling	oppressive	evacuated

Maths Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	subitise	teen numbers	equal
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
estimate	product	order	simplify



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## Diary Dates

Monday 19 January – NHS Wellbeing session for Year 6  
Tuesday 20 January – Year 6 Height and Weight check  
Wednesday 21 January – Trip to the BETT show for Digital Leaders  
Friday 23 January – Don in for KS1  
Friday 23 January – National Handwriting Day  
Friday 23 January – SEN Coffee Morning  
Monday 26 January – Aspirations Week  
Tuesday 27 January – Year 5/6 Tag Rugby competition  
Tuesday 27 January – Little City - Reception and Year 1  
Monday 2 February – National Story Telling Week  
Tuesday 3 February – London Aquarium Trip Year 1/2  
Wednesday 4 February – Year 5 Class Assembly – 14.30  
Monday 9 February – NSPCC Number Day  
Tuesday 10 February – Safer Internet Day  
Tuesday 10 February – Parents Evening – Early  
Wednesday 11 February – Year 4 Class Assembly - 14.30  
Thursday 12 February – Parents Evening – Late  
Friday 13 February – Sponsored Pancake Toss  
Monday 16 February – Start of Half Term  
Monday 23 February – Children return to school  
Monday 23 February – Don in (Chinese New Year Dance)  
Wednesday 25 February – Young Voices  
Monday 2 March – Book Week  
Thursday 5 March – World Book Day  
Monday 9 March - British Science Week  
Monday 9 March – Year 3 and EYFS – Dental Education sessions



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