



NEWS & VIEWS

Explore Discover Learn

Headteacher: Mr R Watson



Headteacher's Comment:

Dear Parents/Carers

After a whirlwind half term, we have reached our mid-term break, and I for one do not know where the last six weeks have gone. During this time, the children have had many opportunities to enrich and support their learning through trips and visiting speakers. Our class assemblies have also begun, with Years 4 and 5 setting an extremely high benchmark for others to follow. They shared their learning journeys with confidence and pride, and the feedback from our visitors, as well as from those who have encountered our children on trips and while working with them in school, has been overwhelmingly positive. High praise has been given not only to the children, but also to the adults leading and supporting them.

Next term promises to be just as exciting. The children will be singing at the O2, we will be celebrating Book Week (with the potential for further news coverage, following last year's Hogwarts theme), Don will be returning to work with our KS2 children, Year 3 will embark on their Food Discovery Programme, and our school will begin its journey towards becoming a Forest School. This is a very exciting development, with more news to follow.

We do not stand still here at Hogarth. We continually endeavour to provide the children with rich and exciting opportunities to enhance our curriculum offer. This commitment is reflected in the record 96 applications we have received from prospective parents for September 2026/27, which is a true testament to how far the school has come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their dedication and hard work this half term, and for the care and commitment they show to your children every day. Parents' Evening, in particular, is always an exhausting week, especially at the end of a half term, and I am sure the break cannot come soon enough for our teachers and support staff. The reality is that staff work far beyond the 9-3 hours that are often associated with teaching, giving many additional hours above and beyond expectations. As a result, the children reap the benefits, and for that we are extremely grateful.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers who were able to attend their Parents' Evening appointments this week. These meetings were very well attended, which is hugely appreciated. Parents' Evening plays a vital role in ensuring that we work collaboratively with you. It provides an important opportunity to share how your child is achieving, both academically and socially, and to discuss how we can work together to support them moving forward. Strong partnerships between home and school make a real difference to children's progress and wellbeing, and we value these conversations greatly. I hope you found the meetings useful, and please remember that if you ever have any worries or concerns about your child, our staff are always here to support you.

Mrs King would like to remind you that on 3 March at 9:00am she will be hosting a coffee morning with Clare Baker, Healthy Family Support Practitioner. If you have any concerns around behaviour, sleep, toileting, eating, or SEND, please do come along for an open and supportive chat.

If you are looking for things to do over the half term, please do not forget to sign up for the two-week free trial at the Brentwood Centre. Details can be found on the banner outside the school gates.

After half term, all being well, our much-anticipated new front office will be open. This will not affect how the children enter school, but it will provide a more comfortable, airy, and welcoming environment for parents and for our office team. Please bear with us as systems transfer across, as there may be a few initial teething issues. As always, if you have any concerns, please speak to myself or Mrs King.

Wishing you all a relaxing, calm, and safe half term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and beginning another exciting half term ahead.



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Stars of the Week

RB	1/2F	1/2KC	2Y
Amelie	Darcey	Daanvika	Sophia
3H	4C	5H	6C
Elanur	Ali	Jacob C	Oliver



Mr Watson's Superstar Award –

Mitchell (5H) – For a concerted effort in all lessons, making excellent progress and giving 100% to be the best he can 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	4	1	2	5	5	8	72%	52%	16%
1/2KC	4	1	2	1	4	5	56%	50%	22%
1/2F	1	3	2	3	2	8	68%	53%	5%
2Y	0	1	0	7	3	16	96%	68%	0%
3H	0	0	1	7	14	8	97%	73%	0%
4C	1	0	2	7	6	9	88%	60%	4%
5H	0	0	0	12	2	15	100%	59%	0%
6C	3	0	0	15	4	8	90%	40%	10%



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Weekly Attendance

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

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3H	5H	RB / 2Y / 4C / 6C



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%	96%	94%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2Y / 5H	3H / 4C / 6C	1 / 2F

Literacy Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	medical	exclamation	figure
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
possession	roared	formidable	comrade

Maths Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	die pattern	double	change
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
commutative	divide by 10	efficient	equivalent



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Diary Dates

- Monday 16 February – Start of Half Term
- Monday 23 February – Children return to school
- Monday 23 February – Don in
- 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
- Wednesday 11 March – Year 3 Class Assembly
- Friday 13 March – Red Nose Day
- Monday 16 March – Duck Eggs Arrive for EYFS
- Wednesday 18 March – Year 2 Class Assembly
- Friday 20 March – Dental ‘Flip the Lip’ checks Year 3 and EYFS
- Friday 20 March – Rocksteady Concert – 14.30
- Wednesday 25 March – Reception trip to Barleylands
- Wednesday 25 March – 1/2F Class Assembly
- Thursday 26 March -Hever Castle – Year 5
- Friday 27 March – Last day of term



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