

Hounsome Fields Primary School

Christmas Newsletter 2025

As we reach the end of our very first term at Hounsome Fields Primary, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been an extraordinary few months.

In September, we welcomed our first class of Reception children through the doors of our brand new school. Watching them settle, grow, and flourish has been nothing short of remarkable. We have seen the children grow in confidence in their day-to-day school life, as well as making wonderful progress in their phonics and reading. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them. The children's curiosity, resilience, and joy for learning has filled our school with energy and warmth from the very first day.

Our wonderful Family Evenings were a real highlight, where we were able to share the children's successes so far with you. It was a joy to celebrate together and see your pride in all that your children have achieved.

What an incredible way to end the term! Our first ever Nativity at Hounsome Fields was absolutely spectacular. A huge well done to Hedgehogs class – you were all stars! Enormous gratitude to Miss Lucas, Miss Facey and Miss Perkins, who worked tirelessly to create such a magical performance for us all.

I must also express my heartfelt gratitude to our entire staff team, who have been absolutely superb. Their dedication, creativity, and care for our children has been exceptional. They have worked tirelessly to create a nurturing, exciting learning environment where every child can thrive, and I couldn't be more thankful for their commitment.

None of this would have been possible without our wonderful families. Your trust in us, your support, and your partnership in these early days has meant the world. Thank you for choosing Hounsome Fields Primary and for being part of our story from the very beginning.

As we look ahead to the new year, we do so with excitement and optimism. Thank you for being part of our Hounsome Fields community.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

Mr B Carter.

Head Teacher.

Half Term Highlights

Since the October half term break we have recognised **Anti-Bullying Week** by wearing odd socks to school.

We also successfully raised £29 for "**Children in Need**" by wearing Pyjamas into school for the day. Thank you for all your support with these activities.

We were delighted to welcome so many families to our **Phonics Workshops**. These sessions provided a valuable opportunity for you to see how we teach phonics and to learn strategies to support your child's reading at home. Thank you to everyone who attended, your involvement makes such a difference to your child's progress.

All of our children are now enjoying freshly cooked meals every day, and we're incredibly proud of how independent they've become. The children are getting better and better at tidying away after themselves, showing real responsibility and care for their environment.

The **Family Evenings** were a wonderful opportunity to share your children's progress with you and celebrate their achievements together. We greatly appreciated the feedback you provided, your insights help us to continue improving what we do. We look forward to continuing to receive your feedback in the future.

Perhaps most importantly, the joy the children show when coming to school each day is a testament to the positive, nurturing environment we're building together. It's wonderful to see them so happy and eager to learn.

Thank you for your continued support – we're looking forward to an equally successful next half term!

We look forward to sharing more exciting news with you in the New Year.

Christmas at Hounsome Fields

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the festive decorations around the school this year, with a special thanks to Mr and Mrs Skipp for the amazing Christmas tree in the school library area, decorated in purple and gold. Also thank you to our local garden centre, Basingstoke Garden Centre just round the corner from us on the A30, Winchester Road for our lovely courtyard tree.

The children performed their showstopper A Miracle In Town not once, but twice to over 120 people in total!

They enjoyed a lively Christmas Party in the hall on the last day which was filled with dancing, singing and lots of laughter.

We were also paid a visit from Father Christmas who helped serve the children their lunch, they were incredibly excited that he came to visit us at Hounsome Fields Primary School!



Parent Community Group

We have had many parents express an interest in our HFPS Community Group. The purpose of the HFPS Community Group will be to plan and collaborate on future events, partnerships

and the growth of our community and school. We are planning to hold our first meeting in the new year. If you are interested please email us at info@hounsomefields.school.

Further details will follow in the new year.



Parking Around the School

We are receiving an increasing number of calls from local residents about parking around the school at drop off and pick up times.

Please could we remind parents to park considerately when dropping off and picking up children from the school.

The ideal places to park are the laybys on Treetop Avenue around the school and the car park at Tesco Express.

We greatly appreciate your support with this.

Attendance

This year so far our school attendance has been 96.4% which is great - thank you!!.

The national average is 94.8%. It is important to remember that every moment counts at school and we want to make sure every child has the best chance by being in school every day. You can help us by:

- Avoiding booking holiday during term time
- scheduling appointments outside of school hours where possible (we understand of course that this can be tricky)
- Only keeping children at home when they are genuinely ill (this link by the NHS is very useful - [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#))

Good attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn, make progress and be part of our school community. Attendance also includes arriving at school on time. At 8.30am the children begin their morning activity. Missing this can not only disrupt the calmness and regulated start to the day but also means they are missing out on key learnings.

School Term Dates

December 19th

Term Ends at 1.15pm

Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January **Christmas Holidays**

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January

Staff INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January

Spring Term Begins

Monday 16th February– Friday 20th February **Half Term**

Monday 23rd February

Staff INSET Day

Thursday 26th March

Term Ends at 1.15pm

Friday 27th March

Staff INSET Day

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April

Summer Term Begins

Monday 25th May– Friday 29th

Half Term

Tuesday 21st July

Term Ends at 1.15pm