



# Hampton Hill Junior School

## Newsletter

31st January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the vibrant learning experiences that have been unfolding within our school community. Our pupils continue to engage in a diverse range of activities, each designed to broaden their horizons and deepen their understanding of the world around them. Year 4 pupils recently embarked on visits to the local Gurdwara, providing them with invaluable insights into Sikh culture and traditions. These experiences are crucial in fostering cultural awareness and respect for diversity among our young learners.

In Year 6, pupils have been honing their critical thinking skills through the art of balanced arguments. This exercise not only enhances their ability to consider multiple perspectives but also prepares them for the complex discussions they will encounter in their future academic pursuits.

Our Year 3 pupils have been engaging their senses in a delightful bread tasting activity. This hands-on experience not only stimulates their palates but also integrates nicely with their studies of nutrition and food technology.

Across the school, we've observed a particular focus on writing. Year 5 pupils have been crafting diary entries through the lens of the captivating story, 'The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad'. This approach allows them to immerse themselves in historical contexts while developing their narrative writing skills.

I am particularly pleased to highlight the excellent learning behaviours demonstrated by our pupils. Their enthusiasm and engagement in these varied activities are truly commendable. Equally praiseworthy is the unwavering support and enthusiasm shown by our staff in facilitating these learning opportunities. Their dedication ensures that our pupils receive a rich and stimulating educational experience.

Looking ahead, I would like to remind you of our upcoming open afternoon at HHJS on Thursday, 13th February, from 3:30pm to 4pm. This event provides an excellent opportunity for you to engage with your child's learning journey and to see first hand the progress they have made. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing in the celebration of your child's achievements.

As always, your support and involvement in our school community are greatly appreciated. Together, we continue to create an environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential.

Mr Marc Lowery

Head of School / Federation Inclusion Lead

### Dates coming up:

#### February:

3rd– 9th February Children's Mental Health Week

7th February— Non Uniform day

7th February - PTA Bingo Night

11th February Safer Internet day

13th February 2025 - Open afternoon (see your child's work)

#### 17th—21st February— Half Term

26th February—Year 5 Parent Consultations

27th February - Year 3 Parent Consultations

27th, 28th February Year 6 Map detective Geography Trip

#### March:

5th March—Year 6 Parents Consultations

6th March World Book Day

13th March—Year 4 Parents Consultation

Friday 21st March —Comic Relief Day

26th March—Year 4 Egyptian Day

Friday 28th March—Year 5 Trip to the Synagogue





### Parent Consultations

So that the HHJS approach mirrors Carlisle, we are making a change to the schedule for our parent consultant sessions. Going forward, these consultations will be held during the day, rather than in the evening as they have been in the past.

We understand that this may require some adjustments on your part, and we truly appreciate your flexibility. The decision has been made in order to better accommodate everyone's schedules and ensure that we can provide the best possible support to all families.

More details will be sent separately to you regarding your child's parent consultation and how to book an appointment.

### Parking

We would like to kindly remind everyone that, for the safety of all children and families, it's important not to stop on the yellow zig-zag lines when dropping off or collecting children from school. Even stopping briefly to let your child out of the car can create hazards. Additionally, please be mindful not to park over residents' driveways at any time, as this can cause disruptions and potential safety concerns for the people living in the area.

### Please Volunteer for the PTA – Your Support Makes a Big Difference!

Our incredible PTA has raised a significant amount of money for the school, helping to fund amazing events and initiatives that benefit all of our students. They are always looking for volunteers to help make these events even more successful – and they need your support! If you have some time to spare and would like to get involved, please reach out to [student@hamptonhill.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:student@hamptonhill.richmond.sch.uk) for more details. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, can have a huge impact!

We are also incredibly grateful for any donations of unwanted gifts, toys, and books.

Please continue to drop them off at the office .





1 in 5 children and young people now have a probable mental health condition. We are taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025, to help our children at HHJS feel listened to, and know that they're not alone. This also spreads the message that there is support out there for all children and young people.

Being self-aware means getting to know and understand what we are good at, what we find difficult, our likes and dislikes, what makes us feel JOY and what may cause us SADNESS. It is also about understanding what makes us unique and our fears, hopes and dreams. As we build a sense of self, we grow in our ability to connect with others, as well as develop our skills and talents. It is with this basis we can form strong and healthy relationships, from early childhood right through to adulthood and are equipped to cope with the challenges that life brings our way. During Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025, each class will take part in some activities to help to explore our different emotions and grow ourselves.

#### **Fund Raising:**

This year we are raising funds through our **non-uniform day on Friday 7th February to help us finance a range of useful wellbeing and mental health resources in order to continue to support all children within our care.** You can donate via Arbor, under dashboard, school shop, Mental Health week donations. Click on it and choose either the minimum amount of £2 or you can change the amount to the amount of your choice by clicking on amount and changing.



Telephone: 07847323655 Email: [twinkletoesdancingltd@gmail.com](mailto:twinkletoesdancingltd@gmail.com)

## BALLET CLASSES AT HHJS!

Twinkle Toes Dancing is very excited to bring their Ballet classes to Hampton Hill Junior School!

Taught in infant and primary schools by top dance professionals, who combine a range of exercises, routines and games, with fun props, this class enhances children's confidence, rhythm, coordination and motor skills, gradually preparing them for the beautiful world of dance.

Classes are held on Fridays from 3:45-4:45 and are open to children in Reception – Year 2. The cost of the classes is £8 per session (to be paid for in termly blocks). As this club is being held at Hampton Hill Junior School, collection from Carlisle can also be arranged.

Due to high demand places are VERY limited at Twinkle Toes so be sure to grab yours and avoid disappointment! To register or for more information, please email Gemma at [twinkletoesdancingltd@gmail.com](mailto:twinkletoesdancingltd@gmail.com).

*"The boys at Twinkle Toes Dancing Ltd have equal enthusiasm and interest as the girls- could not think of a better class to begin dance instruction!"- Parent*



# **PARTY TIME**

**HOST YOUR  
EVENT  
HERE  
TODAY**

**CARLISLE INFANT, HAMPTON HILL  
JUNIOR SCHOOL HALLS**

**AFFORDABLE RATES AVAILABLE**

**AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING NOW**

**CELEBRATE WITH US**