

HAWTHORN NEWS OCTOBER 2026



What a fantastic start to the school year we have had! Our children have settled brilliantly and have enjoyed a busy half term. Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting the many workshops that have taken place this term. It has been wonderful to see so many families learning alongside their children. Our Harvest Assembly was also a lovely occasion, and we are incredibly grateful for the generous food donations that were collected and donated to our local food bank.

We wish everyone a restful half-term break. Please remember that school is **closed to pupils on 2nd November** for staff training, and we look forward to **welcoming children back on 3rd November** for another exciting and busy half term.

Jane Dube



Attendance Matters

We are delighted to see so many children coming to school every day, ready to learn.

After half term we have a new attendance initiative which will run for 2 weeks from **Tuesday 3rd November to Friday 13th November 2026**. Children will need to arrive at school on time every day during this time to be in with a chance of winning.

Reception and KS1 children who have 100% attendance and no late marks will have the chance to take part in a film experience in the hall.

KS2 children who have 100% attendance and no late marks will be put into draw to win an opportunity to see 'The Sloth Lane' at Odeon Metrocentre. We have a limited number of cinema tickets, children who are not selected will still win a prize.



Poppy appeal

From **Wednesday 4th November until Wednesday 11th November**, the Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls will be selling a range of poppy equipment at break time in the outdoor classroom and on the KS1 yard. We would **suggest a donation of 50p**; unfortunately due to the collection tin no change can be given so please ensure you provide children with the donation you would like them to make. All money will go to the British Legion.



Morrison's Breakfast



Morrisons are offering a free breakfast every day including the weekend over the half term. It's a bowl of cereal and a piece of fruit. Families just need to say 'Kellogg's Breakfast' at the café counter to receive the breakfast for both adults and children.

Uniform Reminder

Thank you for your continued support with our school uniform expectations. We would like to remind families that any headscarves worn as part of school uniform should be plain navy blue or black to maintain a consistent and smart appearance across the school. Nail varnish is not permitted in school. Pupils may wear one small pair of stud earrings, but no other jewellery should be worn.

Hair accessories should be simple and in school colours, and decorative hair pieces should not be worn. Thank you for supporting our school uniform expectations.

As the weather is turning cooler, please ensure children have a warm coat and suitable footwear.

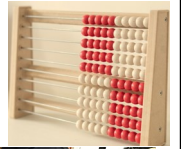


Learning Together

This half term has been packed with wonderful opportunities for children and families to learn together. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported and attended our workshops. It has been fantastic to see so many families engaging with their children's learning. Your enthusiasm, participation and continued support make a real difference. Thank you for helping to make these events such a success.

Rekenrek workshop

It was wonderful to welcome around 50 parents into school to learn together with their children and explore how the Rekenrek can be used to develop number sense and mathematical confidence. The enthusiasm, engagement and positive feedback made the event a great success.

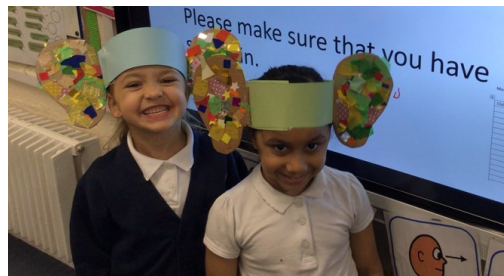


I have never seen anything so enjoyable in maths!

I am surprised how well and quickly she could do it.

Reception Elmer workshop

Reception invited parents to our Elmer day workshop to celebrate Elmer day. The children created their own Elmer ears and thought about what made them unique, just like Elmer. In the afternoon the children used their Elmer ears to go on a listening walk around school.



I liked coming to school because it's always good to what they are doing in class.

The story telling was amazing and very helpful activity for kids.

Year 2 Paddington workshop

Year 2 had a lovely time in our art workshop, creating their very own Paddington Bears alongside their parents. The children were very creative and made some fantastic bears!

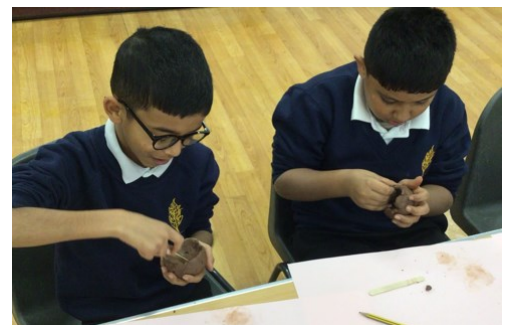


It was very engaging and we felt like we were developing our creativity even further than before.

It's always fun to be creative together on a shared project and see my son in his school environment.

Year 4 Art/RE workshop

Year 4 welcomed parents into school for our RE and Art workshop. We've been learning about Hindu beliefs and practices, focussing on Diwali, the Festival of Light. Together, we explored the meaning of a Diya and created our own beautiful clay lamps. The class are looking forward to their visit to the Hindu temple next half term.



I always enjoy the activities but I enjoy the interactive making activities the most.

I like to see her progress and see her work.



Winter Fayre



Our Winter Fayre will be on Wednesday 25th November at 9am for parents. Children will attend with their class and teacher in the afternoon.

Any parents who would like to help and support with this event can join us for a coffee after a Friday assembly. See you on the 6th November—everyone welcome.

We would welcome any donations to support this event; as usual we will be running a tombola and toy stall as well as our raffle.



Restore the Music

We are delighted to work in partnership with Restore The Music, whose support has helped to enhance the quality of music education across our school. Through this partnership, we have been able to purchase a range of new musical instruments, providing pupils with greater opportunities to explore, create and perform music. These high-quality resources enrich our curriculum, support children's musical development and help foster a lifelong love of music.

If you would like to find out more information visit their website: www.restorethemusic.com



See below for dates of our In Harmony concerts at the end of the Autumn term.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 2nd November —School is closed for a training day.

Tuesday 3rd November—School reopens for children

Tuesday 3rd—Friday 6th November—No after school clubs this week (except Yr5 Science club)

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November—Year 1 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November—Reception, Yr2– Yr6 Parents' Evening

Friday 13th November—Children in need. Children can come to school in non-uniform.

Wednesday 25th November —Winter Fayre (a.m. parents only; p.m. children)

Tuesday 1st December—KS1 In Harmony Concert (10:30am start)

Thursday 3rd December—KS2 In Harmony Concert (1:30pm start)

Tuesday 8th December—Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 Christmas lunch (children can wear a Christmas jumper)

Wednesday 9th December—Yr3, Yr4, Yr5, Yr6 Christmas lunch (children can wear a Christmas jumper)

Tuesday 15th December—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performance (9:30am start)

Tuesday 15th December - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party in the afternoon - please send your child to school with their party clothes in a bag to get changed into.

Wednesday 16th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party in the afternoon please send your child to school with their party clothes in a bag to get changed into.

Thursday 17th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party in the afternoon please send your child to school with their party clothes in a bag to get changed into.

Friday 18th December—school closes at 1:30pm

Monday 6th January—school closed for training day.

Tuesday 7th January—school reopens for all children.

