

Weekly Bulletin

March 21st 2025



'Micro:bit Coding Challenge'

Congratulations to the team of four Year 6 pupils who took part in the 'Micro:bit Coding Challenge' at The Centre For Computing History in Cambridge. The competition involved using a micro:bit (a tiny pocket-sized computer) to control a robot buggy, with two progressively difficult challenges around a racetrack final. The focus of the day was on how the participants used their problem-solving skills to complete the challenges. Many congratulations to our team above, whose buggy completed the entire course when many didn't; we are incredibly proud of your learning.

The changing weather this week, hasn't stopped the children enjoying break and lunchtimes outside. This term is flying by, and the children only have two weeks left before the Easter break. Please look out for new of the HSA events that are coming up.

School lunches are prepared on-site in our school kitchen by HCL Catering, but on occasion due to staff illness, meals are cooked off site and brought in to school. If you would like your child to have a school meal, **please ensure you pre-book in advance to ensure your child gets a meal.** Booking closes on ParentPay at 8.30am each day.



Be in the line at quarter to nine

Home Learning

We are determined to keep all of our pupils on-track and to make sure no one falls behind. Speaking with our teacher hats on, we can tell you that homework is often cited in academic studies looking at academic progress for primary school-aged children as showing minimal to no impact.

So what are the benefits of homework at primary school?

In our view, it is about consolidation. So focusing on a few times tables that you find tricky or working through questions similar to what you have done in class that day or week often can be beneficial. This is the reasoning behind our homework expectations below:

Willow Class	Sycamore Class	Oak Class
Support and log on BOOM Reader 10 mins reading after school every week day	Support and log on BOOM Reader 20 mins reading after school every week day	Support and log on BOOM Reader 20 mins reading after school every week day
Practise any phonics, spelling or tasks set each week on MyMaths	Practise any spelling or tasks set each week on MyMaths	Practise any spelling or tasks set each week on SATs companion

Each eligible pupil will receive a £30 voucher over Easter

Families who are currently paying for school meals will save around £450 a year for each primary school child if they are [entitled to free school meals](#).

- It is impossible for other pupils to know who is receiving free school meals.
- Children who are eligible for free school meals are entitled to a two-course meal worth £3.20.
- When you apply for free school meals, school will receive Pupil Premium - extra money to support children
- If your child is in receipt of [universal infant free school meals](#) (where your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2), please apply if you think you may be eligible for free school meals.

Could your child be entitled to a

FREE school meal?



[CHECK NOW... ££££](#) is your child eligible for Additional School Funding?

The Cambridge Festival

With events from AI to a vision for 2125, Cambridge Festival **from 19 March - 4 April** invites you to explore and discuss science through talks, hands-on activities, performances, exhibitions and films. Taking place on **29 and 30 March, Family Weekend** is a free weekend of hands-on activities, talks, workshops and interactive demonstrations for the whole family. From creating clouds and hunting aliens to a special show with one of Britain's best loved writers and performance poets, Michael Rosen. The [full programme](#) is now available and bookings are open.



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Please check [our website calendar](#) for upcoming events and important dates
From the Team at Hauxton Primary School – we wish you well!



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.