



### Diary Dates

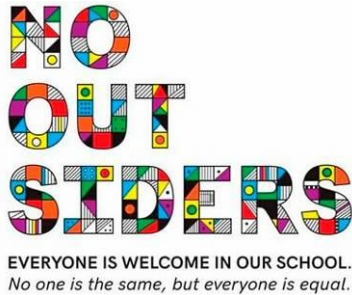
#### September

1<sup>st</sup> INSET (pupils not in)

2<sup>nd</sup> Pupils return to school  
on Tuesday

4<sup>th</sup> Digital Wizards Assembly

6<sup>th</sup> Huntington Fête



## Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Really, the end of another school year? Before you know it, we'll be back for more in September, but until then, here's a chance to look back over the year just gone, and some recent events.

### Summary of the Year

In **Curriculum**, the KS2 teachers have successfully implemented our new French scheme, and it has been great to see pupils building their confidence and language skills in our first year of delivery. We embraced our love for numbers through Maths Week England and National Numeracy Day, and looking ahead to the autumn term we are excited to begin working with the area Maths Hub as we introduce the *Mastering Number* programme in Years 4 and 5 – another step in our commitment to high-quality, engaging maths for all. A further significant development this year has been our recognition as an official *No Outsiders* school, ensuring that diversity messages are built into the curriculum in an enjoyable and relatable way through stories and discussion.

The **school environment** has been further developed, with the construction of our Early Years Adventure Play area the most significant enhancement. Mrs Harrison Smith is developing a Reflection Garden within the forest school area, and our IT systems have been improved with the purchase of a new server.

In the realm of **physical activity and sport**, we were again awarded the School Games gold mark, and retained the MBNA Mini-Marathon participation trophy. In inter-school sport, our Y4 girls won in the area cross country event, as did our Sportshall Athletics squad in an event in January. Our Y4 football team were runners up in the Chester area Finals Day tournament, and both our Y6 and Y6 Girls teams also qualified for their respective area finals. Our Nursery, Infant and Junior Sports mornings benefited from good weather and excellent organisation, and all junior pupils enjoyed additional swimming lessons through the hire of an on-site pool in the autumn term (which will be repeated in September).

Within **The Arts**, the Musical Theatre club put on a fantastic production of *Mary Poppins*, followed by a visit to see the professional production, The choir again brought music to the Huntington Christmas Lights Switch-On, sang for the residents of Deewater Grange care home and enjoyed taking part in the *Young Voices* event in Manchester, and Y4 pupils presented brass, guitar and samba concerts for their parents. Four different Christmas shows enabled maximum participation for our pupils in festive performances, and Year 6 put on a very enjoyable Leavers' show, *Pirates of the Curry Bean*, for their families.

Our **wonderful PTA** organised very successful Christmas and Summer Fairs, a quiz night for grown ups, a bingo night for families, and Easter egg and summer bunting design competitions for children, amongst other fundraising activities. Thanks to their efforts we are able to add to the resources enjoyed by all pupils, and provide some extra cherries on top (e.g. ice creams for the Y6 pupils at the end of SATs week).

### Year 6 Conway Centre Residential

Year 6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Conway Centre on Anglesey in June, packing a wide range of activities into three fun-filled days. Sailing, via ferrata, ropework and problem-solving all featured, and the children are to be commended on their excellent behaviour throughout. Many thanks to the staff team for giving up their free time to make the visit happen (Miss Avery, Mr Cunningham and Mrs Harrison Smith, plus special guest appearances from former staff Mrs McClellan and Mrs Mercer).





## Behaviour Awards

The winners of the last KS2 individual behaviour prizes for the year are as below - and well done to all the other children whose behaviour was excellent.

Y3 Birch: Claudia Baxter	Y3 Hazel: Jacob Tong
Y4 Hawthorn: Chloe Hawthorn	Y4 Lime: Santiago Allman
Y5 Larch: Bhuti Majra	Y5 Rowan: Rio Wong
Y6 Alder: Shriya Bansidmar	Y6 Sycamore: Leo Weston

## Staff News

Our Family Support Worker of many years, Mrs Kent, retired at the end of this term. She was very grateful for all the lovely presents gifted by families whose children she has supported throughout her time with us, and her compassion and skill will be much missed.

Mrs Linford, our admin assistant and one of our first aiders, is moving on to pastures new at Mill View Primary school, where her many skills will be much appreciated, we have no doubt – we wish her every success there.

Finally, we will be losing Miss Carpenter over the summer – but gaining Mrs Beech, since Miss Carpenter is getting married! We wish her the very best for a wonderful wedding.

## Prize Winning Pupil

Year 6 pupil Mellissa Pei won the the prestigious Cheshire Literature Award (primary) for her outstanding short story *The Day the Puppets Marched*. Mellissa attended an awards evening at Chester University, and her work will be published in the Cheshire Prize Anthology in November. The story really is a stunning piece of work, well-deserving of such recognition, and will be shared within school in the autumn.



## Talent Shows

Both KS1 and 2 children showcased their wide-ranging abilities in recent talent shows held in school – below are some photos from the KS2 show.





## Reception Celebration Week

Reception pupils enjoyed a fantastic, activity-filled week at the end of term. They listened to Paddington Bear world travel stories in the Story Tent workshop, competed in a football tournament, had a visit from the Ninja Warrior and enjoyed multi-skills sessions, as well as walking to the local postbox to post their postcards (also inspired by Paddington Bear). It looks like they had an amazing time – see below!



## Nursery Teddy Bear Picnic

Nursery children had lots of fun at their Teddy Bears' Picnic end-of-year celebration – they didn't let the wet weather stop them, and just had a picnic inside instead! The children learned teddy bear songs, played teddy bear games and had some delicious treats too. What a great way to finish off their first year at Huntingdon.





## SPORT

For the first time since 2016 (see roll of honour at right), Eastgate House triumphed in the Junior Sports, narrowly defeating both the other houses and the threatening weather. Can you believe that the event was a tie in 2016?

Our other sports days, for Nursery and for EYFS/KS1 children, also featured great support from families and super performances from the children, who enjoyed some friendly competition in a range of traditional events (see below).



2025	Eastgate
2024	Northgate
2023	Northgate
2022	Newgate
2021	Newgate
2020	No event (Covid)
2019	Northgate
2018	Northgate
2017	Bridgegate
2016	Eastgate/Northgate
2015	Eastgate



### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge theme this year is **Story Garden**. Click the link [HERE](#) to find out more.

Children can join the challenge online nationally via the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) website (so they do not have to wait to visit the library to get going).

## Join the Summer Reading Challenge

Collect prizes for reading books over the summer holidays.

You can join the challenge online or in the library.

We've also got lots of free events like crafts, games and workshops - ask a team member for information.

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### Reminders for September

Before you head out to the shops in preparation for the next school year, please remember that:

1. Children do not need their own pencil cases, since we only use school stationery (for consistency).
2. Our P.E kit is white t-shirt (with or without logo), with plain black shorts / leggings/ joggers, and school red cardigan/jumper if cold (again, with or without logo). Pupils should not wear sports clothing of their own choice (e.g. Premier League football kits).

## Farewell to Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a good send-off to the summer and high school, with a terrific Leavers' Party organised by their parents and hosted at school, as well as entertaining everyone with their show *Pirates of the Curry Bean*. We wish them all every success in the future.



## HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING

### Water Safety

With the long summer break likely to feature lots of water-based activity, today's assembly highlighted the Water Safety Code. The video shown can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#) – the materials are also available on the school website's *Parents, Health & Safety* page.



*We wish you all a very enjoyable summer break –  
see you back in school on Tuesday, September 2nd  
from Mr Rose and all the staff*