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16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy week at Hadrian Academy Primary School, we would like to share some updates, celebrate our pupils' achievements and thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter!

Goodbye and Good Luck, Mrs Cook!

We are saying a fond farewell to **Debbie Cook**, who will be leaving us to start a new chapter in Cambridgeshire.

Debbie has been part of the Hadrian Academy Primary School family since 2002, having worked as both a lunchtime supervisor and a teaching assistant. Over the years, she has made a valuable contribution to our school community and will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.

We would like to thank Debbie for all her hard work and dedication over the years and wish her every happiness in her new adventure!

Coffee Mornings and Upcoming Events



It was wonderful to see so many of you at the FOHA (Friends of Hadrian Academy) Coffee Morning on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who came along to share ideas and discuss upcoming events and initiatives. There are lots of exciting things in the pipeline, including our **Winter Disco**! More information will be shared soon, so watch this space.

Meet Our School Caterers – Thursday 22nd October, 9.00am

Next Thursday, **ABM, our school catering company, will be hosting a coffee morning at 9.00am**.

This is a great opportunity to find out more about how the catering service operates, learn about the food served at school and ask any questions you may have.

ABM will also be meeting with our School Council on Friday next week, giving our pupil leaders the opportunity to share their views and ask questions.

ABM have created a Parent Survey for you complete by the end of day Friday 6th November.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDY7NQK

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and helping to make our school meals the best they can be!

Just One Tree – Thank You!

A huge thank you to all our children and families for supporting our **Just One Tree** non-uniform day!

It was fantastic to see so many children taking part and wearing their own clothes to support this important environmental initiative.

For every £1 raised, **one tree will be planted** in countries most impacted by deforestation. What a wonderful way to help our children make a positive difference to the planet!

Thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm. Every contribution counts!

To find out more about the initiative, visit Just One Tree.

Year 5 Bikeability – Well Done!

Well done to our Year 5 pupils who have taken part in Bikeability this year!

The children have been developing their cycling skills and learning how to ride safely and sensibly. We are proud of their efforts and hope they continue to put their new skills into practice whenever they are out on their bikes.

A fantastic achievement, Year 5!

Toys

Could we please remind all children not to bring any toys to school - of any size, even little fidget toys! They are causing problems with concentration inside class and also if they are left outside, children can become really upset and dysregulated.

Amy children requiring use of a fidget resource to help them concentrate will be given a suitable one by their class teacher.

Harvest

This is a reminder that on **Tuesday 20th October**, we'll be holding Special Harvest celebrations!

Each year group will video their contribution and share it with parents.



Food Contributions

As part of our Harvest celebration, we'll be collecting food donations to help support vulnerable members of our community. If you'd like to contribute, here's what the Dunstable Food Bank has asked for. A representative will be talking to the children about the work they do.

Shopping list

- Meat in sauce (e.g. meatballs)
- Tinned meat (e.g. corned beef)
- Pasta sauce
- Milk cartons (long life)
- Tinned vegetables
- Rice pudding & custard
- Sponge puddings
- Instant mashed potato
- Jam/Honey
- Snacks (crisps, biscuits, sweets)

Food parcel recipients

Most of the donations will go directly to the Food Bank, but if you know someone who might really appreciate a food parcel, **please send us their name and address.** If they live within walking distance of Hadrian, we'd love to take a group of children to personally deliver the parcel - it's such a lovely way to spread kindness!

Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

Year 1 Boys and Girls Football

One fine, sunny day
We went to go and play
At a school across the way

Our kit was orange and bright,
Our behaviour was just right
Our smiles were a sight

We threw and kicked the ball
Opponents big and small
We went to give our all

We sweated in the sun
We all had lots of fun
Well Done to everyone!

(Ava, Dev, Luca, Samuel, Archie, Rozelin, Mmesoma, Iyannah, Libbie,)



Star of the Week

This week, teachers have chosen the following children for demonstrating **respect and looking after our classroom and school.**

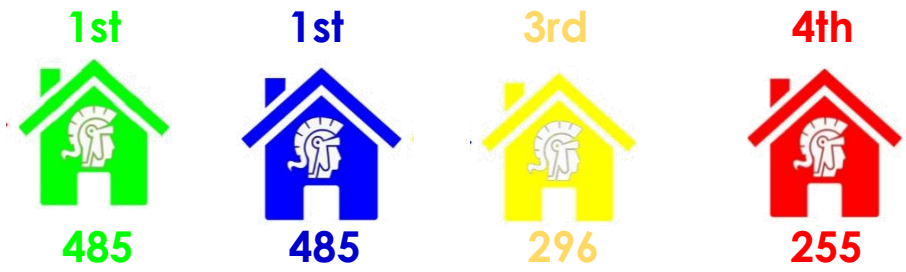
Panda	Rhino	Koala	Macaw	Turtle	Penguin	Honeybee
Olly	Jaxon	Amos	Idris	Linton	Rozelin	Tina
Sunbear	**Elephant**	**Giraffe**	**Leopard**	**Butterfly**	**Tiger**	**Dolphin**
Lyla-Rose	Viktoria	Saoirse	Chloe	Diraa	Harry A	Madison

House Points

Weekly total:

St. Patrick	33
St. David	22
St. George	15
St. Andrew	60

Overall points since the start of the school year:



Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Butterfly class with 98.3%

Turtle class with 97.3%

Tiger class with 97.0%

The whole school average attendance this week is **95.2%**

Have a great weekend.

Mr Griffin

Star of the Week KS2



Star of the Week KS1



Dates for your Diary			
Tues 20th Oct 9.30am	Early Year Open Morning For children starting school in 2027		Applies to children born between 1/9/2022 and 31/8/2023
Tues 20th Oct	Harvest at Hadrian	All	Food donations to your class teacher please
Thur 22nd Oct 9.00am	Coffee Morning – ABM Catering	All	This is a great opportunity to find out more about how the catering service operates, learn about the food served at school and ask any questions you may have.
Half term 26th – 30th October			
Sat 31st October	**FINAL** day for applications for children transferring to secondary school	**Yr 6**	
Mon 2nd Nov	Chiltern Open Air Museum	Yr 3	Details and payment sent via ParentMail
Thur 12th Nov	Early Year Open Morning For children starting school in 2027		Applies to children born between 1/9/2022 and 31/8/2023
Tues 1st Dec	Shuttleworth Museum	Yr 6	Details and payments sent via ParentMail
Wed 2nd Dec	Portraits of the Past – Greek day	Yr 5	Details and payments sent via ParentMail
Mon 14th Dec	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at The gove Theatre	Yr1-6	Details and payments sent via ParentMail

Safeguarding

Please contact Mr Griffin, Mrs Auker, Mr Roxburgh, Mrs Sparrow or Mrs Norris should you have any safeguarding concerns.

Click onto this link for further details on our school website.

Safeguarding

We want all children and families at Hadrian Academy to have happy, safe lives. The following are useful links about where to seek help and support if you are worried about your own, or another child/young person's safety:

Reporting a concern:

Escalating your concerns further:

NSPCC - Keeping children safe

Mental Health Support

Central Bedfordshire Mental Health Support Teams Mental health services and resources for Children and Young People (CYP) collated by the MHSTs across Central Bedfordshire.

Parent / Carer Padlet

Children and Young People

CAMHS

Dunstable Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Harvest Appeal



Help support your local community this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 500 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

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Can you help us? Scan to Donate!

info@dunstable.foodbank.org.uk **07874200056**

Dunstable Foodbank is run in partnerships with local churches and as part of the Trussell Trust network, offering emergency food assistance to individuals and families living in LU5 and LU6 postcodes.
Dunstable Foodbank operates as a CIO and is a Registered Charity England & Wales (1198625)



Join the BLMK Vocal Course 2026

Do you love to sing?

Want to develop your vocal skills in a fun and inspiring setting?

Want to have a local singing experience with Young Voices Musical Director, Craig McLeish?

Come along to the BLMK Vocal Course this October!

Whether you're an experienced singer or just starting out, this two-day course is open to all young KS2, 3 & 4 vocalists across Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes.

Don't miss this opportunity to sing with others, learn from expert tutors, and enjoy making music together!

Date: Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 October 2026
Venue: Queen Elizabeth School, Luton, LU2 9AG
Cost: Just £20 for both days!
Scan QR code to register or go to
https://forms.office.com/e/t29Cfn9wKY

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