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Dear parents/carers

We are very pleased to announce our new School Council members, who were all delighted to receive their badges. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to seeing them represent their classmates and make a positive contribution to our school community.

Who is on Hadrian's School Council? 2026-27

Macaw	**Koala**	**Turtle**	**Penguin**	**Honeybee**	**Sunbear**
Iyla	Frankie	Hadi	Sebastian	Nnamdi	Muhammed
Giraffe	**Elephant**	**Butterfly**	**Leopard**	**Dolphin**	**Tiger**
Blanka	Vincenzo	Diraa	Maxwell	Bianca	Christabel

All meetings will also be attended by the Head Boys and Head Girls.



Y2 Spellings & Homework
Thank you to Y2 parents for your feedback about our homework. It is so important to share how your child is doing with the increased expectation for each year group.
In consultation with staff, we have amended our homework policy and for Y2, it now looks like this:

Year 2:
- Reading 5 out of 7 days
- 30 book challenge (reading for pleasure)
- Weekly spellings (5 words a week in Autumn and Spring, 10 words in Summer). *Weekly spelling tests will begin after half term in November.*

- TTRockstars to be practised regularly
- Writing week: 2-5 sentences

At Hadrian Academy, our homework consists of activities that pupils are asked to do outside lesson time, either on their own or with parents or carers. It includes a range of tasks that are purposeful, enjoyable and varied. It should not be too hard or take too long - please let us know if either of these is true!

We will continue to listen to parental feedback and adapt our expectations to ensure we are all 'Achieving Excellence Together'.

Head Injuries at School



At Hadrain it is our protocol to contact parents by telephone if their child has any kind of bump to their head during the school day. In addition to this we will be directing parents towards our Head Injuries page on our webite. This page covers all types of head injuries and gives helpful advice to parents.

https://www.hadrianacademy.co.uk/Head-Injury/

Just One Tree

On the 16th October, Hadrian Academy is taking part in the Just One Tree initiative. Alongside other schools across the UK, we will be raising money to support countries in planting trees across the world. It couldn't be easier to get involved!

On the 16th October, all students are invited to wear non-school uniform to school. We ask for a donation of £1 per child to participate. Each £1 donation = 1x tree planted in areas of restoration.

To make it even easier - here is our individual school link to pay online. Please donate online for the non-uniform day. https://just-one-tree.givingpage.org/jot-day-2026-parents-donation?custom_C49xTe6JbGtV3Gf=HadrianAcademyDunstable

No cash will be taken on the day.

The link is live now, so that can be another job ticked off the list! I will be discussing this with the children across assemblies on the lead up to the Just One Tree event.

Thank you so much for your continued support in raising awareness of climate change and the impact across the world.

Mrs Harwood

https://www.justonetree.life/

Star of the Week

This week, teachers have chosen the following children for demonstrating **Respect and Listening Well.**

Panda	Rhino	Koala	Macaw	Turtle	Penguin	Honeybee
Diaz	Joseph	Eliab	Molly	Tabitha	Ezra	Pearl
Sunbear	**Elephant**	**Giraffe**	**Leopard**	**Butterfly**	**Tiger**	**Dolphin**
Harper	Emily	Zara	Barniga	Natalie	Eleanor	Sofia

House Points

Weekly total:

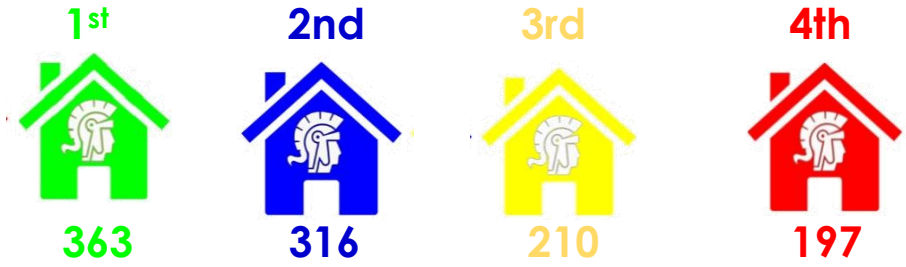
St. Patrick 100

St. David 73

St. George 47

St. Andrew 82

Overall points since the start of the school year:



Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Koala class with 97.8%

Tiger class with 97.8%

Penguin class with 97.6%

The whole school average attendance this week is **95.4%**

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Griffin

Star of the Week



Dates for your Diary			
Thur 8th Oct 9am	Coffee Morning MHST- help dealing with anxious children	All	
Tues 13th & Wed 14th Oct 3.30pm – 6pm	Parents Evenings	All	Bookings available online via ParentMail
Thur 15th Oct 9am	FOHA Coffee morning – meet s and get involved!	All	
Fri 16th Oct	Just One Tree £1 donations to be made online	All	Full details are above Here is the link
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 13th & Wed 14th Oct	Parents Evenings	All	Bookings will be available online via ParentMail on Monday 28th September from 4.30pm
Half term 26th – 30th October			
31st October	**FINAL** day for applications to secondary school	Yr 6	
Mon 2nd Nov	Chiltern Open Air Museum	Yr 3	Details and payment 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

Starting School 2027



Beaudesert Lower School, Lewis Turner, AGE 8

Scan here to apply

Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?

They will start school in September 2027, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2027.

Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

You can also complete a paper application form by downloading it from our website or by contacting School Admissions **admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk** **0300 300 8000**

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