Hadrian Avenue, Dunstable. LU5 4SR
Telephone: 01582 618400
email: office@hadrianacademy.co.uk
Web: www.hadrianacademy.co.uk

Chairman of Directors: Mrs K Stern
Principal: Mr R Griffin

9th October 2026

Dear Parents

Road Safety Visit

On Monday, the children welcomed Alex from Central Bedfordshire Council, who spoke to them about road safety and why it is so important. The children had the opportunity to learn more about how to stay safe when out and about.





School Council Meeting

Today, we held our first School Council meeting of the year. We discussed what is working really well at Hadrian and identified areas where we could make improvements. The children will be taking their ideas back to their classes next week to share their thoughts and gather further suggestions. We look forward to hearing their ideas and working together to make our school even better!

Walking to School Week

Thank you to all the families who joined us this week for the Walking Bus. We braved every type of weather and made it to school in record time! Please join us next half term when we complete another Walking Bus closer to Christmas with Mrs Harwood and Miss Smith.

Parents' Evening

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday, from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school to discuss the children's progress and celebrate their achievements.

If you have not yet booked an appointment, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Black History Month

We launched our learning with Miss Perkins (History lead) in assemblies last week and are following their theme of 'Honoring our Communities'. We are going to focus on a range of influential people that have contributed to their communities and to change for the better:

EYFS, Y1 and Y4: Alma Thomas (Artist), Walter Tull and Malorie Blackman

Y2 and Y5: Benjamin Zephaniah, Ruby Bridges and Baroness Floella Benjamin

Y3 and Y6: Rosa Parks, Lilian Badar and Dr Martin Luther King.

We are really grateful to the parents who have already volunteered to help (lucky Year 1!) and if you would like to come in to help, please do contact your child's teacher.

Star of the Week

This week, teachers have chosen the following children for demonstrating being **respectful and using kind words.**

Panda	Rhino	Koala	Macaw	Turtle	Penguin	Honeybee
Zayan	Freya	Ava	Mila	Malgosia	Raissa	Elijah
Sunbear	**Elephant**	**Giraffe**	**Leopard**	**Butterfly**	**Tiger**	**Dolphin**
Methuli	Shay	Zofia	Pheobe	Akshay	Abigail	Adem Musa

House Points

Weekly total:

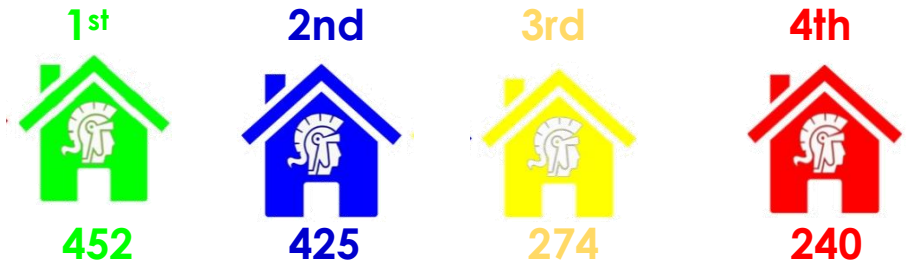
St. Patrick 89

St. David 64

St. George 43

St. Andrew 109

Overall points since the start of the school year:



Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Koala class with 99.3%

Penguin class with 98.6%

Homeybee class with 97.9%

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			
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
Half term 26th – 30th October			
Sat 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
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
Wed 2nd Dec	Portraits of the Past – Greek day	Yr 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.

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/Peanut Butter
- Snacks (crisps, biscuits, sweets)

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)

Starting School 2027

Central Bedfordshire



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**

A great place to live and work.