



# HAYES MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spode Avenue, Handsacre, Rugeley, Staffs WS15 4EU

'Be the Best We Can Be'

## Newsletter

October 2026

### Diary Dates

|                                                                             |                                                                                                                                    |
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| 19 <sup>th</sup> October                                                    | Football match at John Bamford                                                                                                     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> October                                                    | Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes                                                                                                             |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                                                    | SEND Coffee Morning 9:00AM                                                                                                         |
| Half Term Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October |                                                                                                                                    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                                                    | INSET DAY                                                                                                                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                                                    | Football match at John Bamford Primary School                                                                                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> November onwards                                            | Remembrance poppies and merchandise for sale during break time                                                                     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> November                                                    | Flu Immunisations Reception-Year 6                                                                                                 |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November                                                    | Y4 visit to Wolseley Centre                                                                                                        |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November                                                   | Remembrance Day                                                                                                                    |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November                                                   | SEND Hub to Statfold Barn Railway                                                                                                  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November                                                   | Fire Safety Talk (Preschool and Reception)                                                                                         |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November                                                   | Odd Socks Day – come to school wearing odd socks                                                                                   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> November                                                   | Football match at Hayes Meadow                                                                                                     |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November                                                   | Indian Dance Workshop Reception – Year 6                                                                                           |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November                                                   | SEND Hub – breakfast with Santa                                                                                                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December                                                    | Christmas Fayre 3PM – 5PM                                                                                                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                                                    | Pickle Ball Y1-Y6                                                                                                                  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> December                                                    | Christmas Dinner Day                                                                                                               |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December                                                   | <b>Christmas Disco</b><br>Nursery and Preschool 2.15PM-3.00PM<br>Reception, Y1 and Y2 3.00PM-3.45PM<br>Years 3,4,5,6 4.00PM-5.00PM |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December                                                   | Preschool & Reception Christmas Performance 9.15AM<br>Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance 10.30AM                                      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December                                                   | Y3 and Y4 Christmas Songs 9.30AM<br>Y5 and Y6 Christmas Songs 1.30PM                                                               |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December                                                   | School Choir, Christingle at St John's Church, Armitage 7.00PM                                                                     |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December                                                   | Years 3-6 Christmas Party                                                                                                          |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December                                                   | Nursery, Preschool, Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party                                                                           |

# All Welcome



## School Nurse drop-in and SEND parents/carers coffee morning at Hayes Meadow Primary School

### Dates & times

Wednesday 23rd September - 9:00am

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - 9.00am change of date**

*(Mrs Morgan only)*

Tuesday 17th November - 9:00am

Wednesday 16th December - 9:00am

Are you a parent/ carer of a child with special educational  
needs or medical needs at Hayes Meadow?

Join us for a relaxed and friendly coffee morning - a chance  
to chat, share experiences and connect with others who truly  
understand.

Parents/carers this is an opportunity to discuss anything with  
the school nurse and or Mrs Morgan - if we cannot help then  
we will be able to sign post you to the appropriate services.

### [Level Water: The Power of Swimming](#)

Please click through on the link above (Level Water) to find out more about one-to-one swimming lessons. These lessons are specially designed to help children with SEND needs build confidence, develop independence and enjoy the freedom of swimming in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment.

### 🌟 Spotlight on The Hub 🌟

On Thursday 8th October, The Hub went to The Wolseley Centre in Rugeley. They enjoyed a workshop on senses - using listening stones to listen to the sounds of the woods. They also learnt about robins, they dug in the mud for worms and made a robins nest out of sticks. Their favourite part was splashing in the water and getting very wet! They all behaved exceptionally and made lots of lovely memories.



### Year 3 Heights of Abraham

On Tuesday 29th September, Year 3 visited the Heights of Abraham in Matlock. They took the cable cars up to the Caverns, had two guided tours around the Caverns where they held different mining tools, saw lots of different rock and mineral types (some of which included Calcite, Quartz and Limestone), they saw some carvings on the sides of the cave (just like the Stone Age!) and experienced an immersive light show that displayed the history of the caverns. The day concluded with a final trip on the cable cars back down towards the coach. The children gained lots of new knowledge that they will be able to use in their Rocks and Minerals topic in Science and their Stone Age topic in History.





### Year 2 Local Walk

On Monday 5th October, Year 2 caught glorious weather on their walk around Handsacre! The children spotted some human and physical key features of the village, which they have been looking at in their geography lessons. They also saw some of the oldest buildings from our local area and the old moat around the previous location of Handsacre Hall, which they have been looking at in their history lessons. They were all so sensible and we can't wait to see the super work they complete from this walk!



### KS2 Harvest Festival

Last week, KS2 walked down to Handsacre Methodist Church for the Harvest Festival. The children performed a couple of songs, along with a song from our choir. The children had the opportunity to donate their food items, and Deacon Annabelle read a harvest story. Well done KS2 and thank you for your lovely donations to the church.



## ✿ New School Library ✿

We are proud to announce the opening of our new school library, where we have a variety of fiction and non-fiction books, suitable for all ages and interests.

Children have started to take books out, and can return them at lunchtimes (when the library is open with Mrs Sivieri). They also have opportunities throughout the day to access the library with their class to read in small groups, individually and as a whole class.

We ask that library books are treated with care and returned to school once they have been read so they can be changed for a new book.



## Early Years Visit to Jungle Juniorz

On Thursday 24th September, Pre-School and Reception went to Jungle Juniorz. This was the session that we won earlier in the year, as we were the highest nominated school in their FREE Play Session give-away. So thank you to everyone who voted for us!

The children had a super time and most importantly, had fun with their friends!



**School Absence** – Please call the school office before 9.25am on the morning of your child's absence to report their illness. Telephone number: 01543 490616



No Parking on the school site. This includes when dropping off and collecting from Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs.

To ensure the safety of children on arrival to school, please do not allow them to play on the school car park.

Please be mindful and considerate of private driveways and access when parking local to the school.



Please **book and pay** for Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs via ParentPay in advance.

All Breakfast Club and After School Club sessions need to be booked and paid for in advance using 'Clubs' via ParentPay.

Bookings for Breakfast Club will need to be made by 3.00pm Friday afternoon for the following Monday and can then be made up to 3.00pm for the following day.

Bookings for After School Club can be made up to 9.00am on the day of the session. Cancellations can also be made up until this point. For parents paying via Tax Free Childcare or childcare vouchers sessions will need to be booked via email to the office address. [office@hayesmeadow.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@hayesmeadow.staffs.sch.uk)

**Healthy Snacks** - Please ensure any snacks provided for morning break are healthy and do not contain nuts.

## HAYES MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES 2026/27

### AUTUMN TERM 2026

|                           |                                                                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSET:                    | Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September (school closed for pupils)      |
| INSET:                    | Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September (school closed for pupils)    |
| School opens:             | Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September                                |
| <b>Half term holiday:</b> | Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October |
| INSET:                    | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November (school closed for pupils)        |
| Pupils return to school:  | Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                                  |
| School closes end of day: | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                                  |
| <b>Christmas Holiday:</b> | Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January |

### SPRING TERM 2027

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| School reopens morning of: | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                                      |
| INSET:                     | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February (school closed for pupils)         |
| <b>Half term:</b>          | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February |
| School closes end of day:  | Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                                     |
| Good Friday:               | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March                                       |
| <b>Easter Holiday:</b>     | Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April        |

### SUMMER TERM 2027

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| School reopens:           | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April                             |
| INSET:                    | Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April (school closed for pupils)  |
| <b>May Day:</b>           | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May                                |
| <b>Half term:</b>         | Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June |
| School closes end of day: | Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July                           |

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