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Hindon CofE VA Primary School

January 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and are settling back into the new term.

We're delighted to report that it has been a very positive start to the Spring Term. The children have returned with enthusiasm and energy, and it's wonderful to see them engaged in their learning once again.

Thank you

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all the lovely Christmas cards and presents we received from families. They were very much appreciated by all the staff, and your generosity and thoughtfulness mean a great deal to us.

Swimming

Please note that there will be no swimming sessions for the next 4 weeks as Gillingham Leisure centre will be undergoing refurbishment of the changing rooms. This essential work will improve the facilities for all our pupils. Swimming sessions will resume once the refurbishment is complete, and we will notify you of the restart date in due course. It is likely to be after the half-term break. We will carry forward payments made for these weeks as credit towards next terms payment.

Although children aren't able to swim for a few weeks, weekly PE provision will continue in school on a Wednesday.

Growing the School

You may have heard that Brambles Nursery has announced that they are closing at the end of the Summer Term. They have made this decision after careful consideration and in light of recent Government policy changes. We have really enjoyed having Brambles on site in the last few years and are sorry to see them close this setting; we wish Nicky and her team all the very best for the future.

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We see the departure of Brambles as a wonderful opportunity for our school to expand and grow by developing our own nursery provision. This development could provide enhanced provision for our youngest learners and strengthen our school for the future. We look forward to keeping you updated as our plans develop.

Staffing Update

We have some happy news from our school community to share. Our Robins class teacher, Miss Gill and her partner, are delighted to be expecting a baby. We are very pleased for her, and I'm sure you will join us in sending your congratulations and best wishes at this exciting time.

At this stage, Miss Gill will continue to lead and support the Reception class as usual. Over the coming weeks, we will begin the recruitment process to ensure that we have a high-quality teacher in place for when Miss Gill begins her maternity leave. Our aim is to make this transition as smooth as possible for the children, maintaining consistency and high standards in their education and care.

Once we have appointed a maternity cover teacher, we will write to you again to introduce them and share details about transition arrangements. If your child works particularly closely with Miss Gill and you have specific concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly so we can discuss any additional support needed.

We understand that changes can sometimes feel unsettling, but please be assured that our priority is always the wellbeing and educational progress of your children.

Thank you for your continued support of Hindon CofE VA Primary School. If you have any questions about any of the items in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact the school office or see me on the school gate at the start and end of school. There will be a full newsletter later in the term as usual.

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