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Newsletter No 1 – September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term at Hindon Primary School! I hope you and your family enjoyed a restful and happy summer holiday and are as excited as we are to start another fantastic year of learning together. We look forward to supporting your children as they continue their educational journey with us.

Term Dates

There is a full list of dates and key diary events on the last page of this newsletter.

Swimming update

From Wednesday 9th September 2026, we'll be swimming at **Port Regis School**. Alongside the pool, we'll also have use of their fully equipped gymnasium.

Swimming will continue to be on **Wednesdays**, but we're moving to **afternoon sessions** rather than morning ones. Don't worry about pick-up times – we'll be back at school in plenty of time for normal collection and taxi arrangements.

We're really looking forward to using these enhanced facilities and know the children will enjoy the new arrangements.

In order to allow our new **Reception** children time to settle in at school, they will not participate in swimming initially. For next week only, **Year 3 & 4** will not be swimming as they are going to Oysters Coppice for an environmental day, a separate letter has been sent to those parents.

Uniform reminder

- Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled, this can be with an iron on name label or handwritten with a permanent pen.
- Children must come to school in a navy cardigan or jumper with the school logo, a white polo shirt, grey trousers, leggings, shorts or skirt, blue and white summer dress when the weather is suitable, plain black shoes or boots in the winter and plain navy, grey or white socks or tights.
- All children need a pair of wellies and a set of named waterproofs that are kept at school.
- They should also have a named coat
- Fresh water bottle every day

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- Reading Book and Reading Record
- Robins and Owls: Book bag
- Swimming kit required on Wednesdays, children should come to school wearing PE kit which should be a white or navy t-shirt, navy shorts, trainers, navy fleece/sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms if the weather is colder. Wherever possible trainers should black/white/navy.

Drop off and Pick up

- School gate opens: 8:30am
- All children in school by: 8:45am
- Please collect at 3:00pm



We have an unofficial one-way system down School Lane during drop-off and pick-up times. Please drive down School Lane from the B3089 rather than driving into School Lane from the High Street. This simple measure really helps to:

1. Reduce congestion around the school
2. Keep our children safer
3. Make drop-off and pick-up smoother for everyone

Toys or personal items from home

Children should **not** bring toys or personal items from home into school - this helps us maintain a safe, focused learning environment and prevents items from being lost, damaged or causing distraction during the school day.

We understand that some children benefit from additional support to help them focus and manage their emotions during the school day. For children who would benefit from a concentration aid, the school will provide the appropriate equipment.

Mobile Phones

From September 2026, all schools are required to be mobile phone-free environments by default. This means mobile phones (and similar devices) are prohibited in school.

At Hindon Primary School, we do not permit pupils to bring mobile phones to school. We believe this approach:

- Supports pupils' wellbeing and mental health
- Enhances learning and behaviour
- Creates a safer, more focused learning environment

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Allergies

Please ensure you have notified us of an allergies or food intolerances your child may have.

After-School Clubs

Clubs available this term:

Monday 3-4pm – Activities Club with Mrs Johnson & Miss Lockett, all ages welcome

Tuesday 3-4pm– KS2 Multi sports - Ollie

Sign-up forms are available on Scopay

Safeguarding & Contact Information

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Hall.

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mr. Watkins and Mrs Johnson

Contact us if you have any concerns: safeguarding@hindonce.wilts.sch.uk

The updated Child Protection and Safeguarding policy can be found on the school website:

<https://www.hindonce.co.uk/>

Contact details

- **School Office:** 01747 820260
- **Email:** admin@hindonce.wilts.sch.uk

If you have any questions, concerns, or require further information, do not hesitate to contact me, the school office or your child's class teacher – I'm usually at the gate at drop off and pick up.

We're looking forward to a wonderful term ahead. Thank you for your continued support!

Best Wishes

Simon Watkins, Interim Head Teacher

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The Nest – After-school & Holiday Club update

Thank you to all of the parents who responded to my wraparound care survey in July. I received lots of lovely messages about the project and the survey results were very positive. Over the summer I have been preparing the cabin, which has had a fresh coat of paint, doing lots of gardening, tidying and repairs. It is such a lovely calm and restful place, and the outside space is very special, I was lucky to catch a very special sunrise last week!

The setting will offer a range of child-led activities including art, crafts, board games, puzzles, Lego and STEM activities, outdoor play, a range of books and areas to relax after a busy day at school. The setting will be screen free and I will also be facilitating some wellbeing related activities.



I submitted my OFSTED application a few weeks ago and they are now carrying out the necessary checks to confirm my suitability and qualifications to lead a childcare setting. I have a provisional date for my pre-opening inspection towards the end of October, so the plan will be to open for after-school care in the term after the October half-term break. The inspection date is only provisional at this point, they can and do change, I will keep you updated as and when I know more.

I have applied to join all three OFSTED childcare registers which will allow me to care for children from Reception age upwards. The after-school setting will be open every day from 3.00pm to 6.00pm; you won't have to book until 6.00pm, there will be options to book until 4pm or 5pm, depending on your individual needs. Details about booking will follow closer to opening.

If you have any questions about the setting in the meantime, you can get in touch via thenesthindon@outlook.com. Once everything is ready I will open the setting for parents and children to come and have a look around at school pick up time towards the end of September, I will advise that date nearer the time.

I have started a Facebook and Instagram page for The Nest (I wanted a name that tied in with our bird related class names in school), just search for 'thenesthindon' on either platform, follow along for updates and pictures of the setting.

Thank you for the support for this exciting project

Mrs Johnson

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Dates for your diary

September 2026		
Wednesday 9 th September	Oysters Coppice Y 3 & 4	No swimming for these two year groups on this day.
Wednesday 9 th September	Swimming & PE starts @ Port Regis	Reception children not swimming this term
Monday 21 st September	CAHMS Parent session – Supporting your child with worries	1.15-3.15 pm in the school hall
October 2026		
Tuesday 6 th October	Teacher Tuesday	3.00-3.30pm
Tuesday 6 th October	Prospective parents open afternoon	
Tuesday 13 th & Wednesday 14 th October	Parents evening	Booking details to follow
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of term	
November 2026		
Monday 2 nd November	TD Day, no children in school	
Tuesday 3 rd November	First day of term	
Tuesday 3 rd November	Teacher Tuesday	3-3.30pm
December 2026		
Tuesday 1 st December	Teacher Tuesday	3-3.30pm
Thursday 10 th December	Pantomime	More details to follow
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term	
January 2027		
Monday 4 th Jan	TD Day for staff	
Tuesday 5 th Jan	Children back to school today	
February 2027		
Friday 12 th February	Last day of term	
Monday 22 nd February	First day of term	
March 2027		
Thursday 25 th March	Last day of term	
April 2027		
Monday 12 th April	First Day of term	
May 2027		

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Friday 28 th May	Sport Day at Fonthill	
Friday 28 th May	Last Day of term	
June 2027		
Monday 7 th June	First day of term	
July 2027		
Tuesday 20 th July	Last day of term	
Wed 21 st July	TD Day for staff	

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Dorset School Term Dates - Academic Year 2026 - 2027

Programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

SEPTEMBER 2026					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1*	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thur	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

OCTOBER 2026					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thur	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23*	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	1

NOVEMBER 2026					
Mon	2*	9	16	23	30
Tue	3	10	17	24	
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thur	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	8	15	22	29	

DECEMBER 2026					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thur	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18*	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

Spring Term 2027

JANUARY 2027					
Mon		4*	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thur		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

FEBRUARY 2027					
Mon	1	8	15	22*	
Tue	2	9	16	23	
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thur	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12*	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

MARCH 2027					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thur	4	11	18	25*	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

APRIL 2027					
Mon		5	12*	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thur	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	1
Sun	4	11	18	25	2

Summer Term 2027

MAY 2027					
Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thur	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28*	
Sat	8	15	22	29	
Sun	9	16	23	30	

JUNE 2027					
Mon		7*	14	21	28
Tue		8	15	22	29
Wed		9	16	23	30
Thur		3	10	17	24
Fri		4	11	18	25
Sat		5	12	19	26
Sun		6	13	20	27

JULY 2027					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21*	28
Thur	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	1

AUGUST 2027					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tue	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thur	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	8	15	22	29	

Bank and Public Holidays 2026/2027

Christmas Day Holiday	Fri 25th December 2026
Boxing Day Holiday	Mon 28th December 2026
New Years Day Holiday	Fri 1st January 2027
Good Friday	Friday 28th March 2027

Easter Monday	Mon 29th March 2027
May Day Holiday	Mon 3rd May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	Mon 31st May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	Mon 30th August 2027

* First Day After Break

Last Day Before Break

School Holidays

Bank Holidays

The pattern of school terms and holidays will vary slightly from school to school since 5 of the 195 days are to be used for staff development. It is therefore advisable to contact schools direct for confirmation of their term dates.

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