



# Hempsted Church of England Primary School

## June 2026 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers and Governors,

After a scorching week last week the cooler temperatures of this week are very much welcome. Thank you for working with us to help keep our pupils safe in the extreme heat of last week. Sports Days and the Friends Fun Day have been rescheduled, you can find the dates at the end of this newsletter. Although many activities and fixtures were cancelled last week we were still busy throughout June, please read on to find out what we have been up to.

### Ledbury Poetry Slam

Following on from the in-school Poetry Slam, that Year 5 and 6 took part in during May, our finalist headed to the Ledbury Poetry Festival. There they faced finalists from 9 other schools to share their poetry on the big stage in front of a packed auditorium. They performed extremely well and were incredibly brave to perform to such a big crowd. They were confident, funny and engaging earning them 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. Congratulations to our promising poets.



## Local area fieldtrip – Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Class 4 walked around our local area, Hempsted, to spot historical landmarks. They identified how old landmarks were using a timeline and shared information with each other about each landmark. They also used a map of Hempsted to track their journey.



## Adapted Cycling

Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Jones took a group of children to Blackbridge Athletics Track for an afternoon of cycling. The children showed great determination and perseverance riding either single bikes or alongside a friend. From start to finish, the afternoon was filled with smiles and laughter. They were having so much fun it was hard to get them to stop for their lunch! Well done team Hempsted and thank you for making us so proud.



### Class 3 Trip

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Class Three went to Nature in Art to take part in two art activities. The children experienced the art of Batik and clay sculpting where they had fun creating Egyptian images and scarab beetles. Then they explored the museum and its beautiful grounds. The weather was super and the children had a lovely day experiencing all the museum had to offer!



## Rounders

Mrs Gardener and Mrs Jones took a group of 12 children to a Rounders Tournament at Ribston Hall High School. With only one quick practice session in batting the children took to the pitch only knowing the basic rules. The children showed great determination and learned more rules with some useful tips from the Ribston girls along the way. As the Tournament progressed the skills of our amazing players improved as did their teamwork and sportsmanship, we are incredibly proud of how the team stepped up to the challenge. We came away with plans to start a Rounders Team next year, as the day had been so much fun and such a success. Well done Team Hempsted and thank you for an amazing day.



# Coffee and Chat

The Parish and School Pastoral Teams work together to support Hempsted families. Every Tuesday we hold '**Coffee and Chat**' in the **Lysons Hall** (next to the church on St Swithuns Road) **9am – 10 am** during term time. The Church Pastoral Team also hold specific **Coffee and Chat Plus sessions during the summer holidays**. This is an opportunity for you to meet other parents, talk to us, share experiences and make new friends. From time to time, we organise activities such as bingo, art and crafts and mindfulness.

We look forward to meeting you.

**You are welcome to bring your little ones!**

We hope you can join us

### Important Dates for Your Diary

|                         |                        |               |                                                           |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b><u>July</u></b>      |                        |               |                                                           |
|                         |                        |               |                                                           |
| Tuesday                 | 7 <sup>th</sup>        | 6pm           | Year 6 Play – Performance to Parents                      |
| Wednesday               | 8 <sup>th</sup>        | 9.30-12pm     | KS2 Sports Day                                            |
| Wednesday               | 8 <sup>th</sup>        | 6pm           | Year 6 Play – Performance to Parents                      |
| Friday                  | 10 <sup>th</sup>       |               | Friends Fun Day                                           |
| Friday                  | 10 <sup>th</sup>       |               | Leavers Disco<br>Infants 5pm-6.30pm<br>Juniors 6.45pm-8pm |
| Tuesday                 | 14 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.30-11.30pm  | KS1 Sports Day                                            |
| Wednesday               | 15 <sup>th</sup>       | 2.15pm        | Leavers Church Service @ St Swithuns                      |
| Friday                  | 17 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.15am        | Year 6 Leavers Assembly                                   |
| <b>Friday</b>           | <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>2pm</b>    | <b>End of Year – School finishes at 2pm</b>               |
| <b><u>September</u></b> |                        |               |                                                           |
| Tuesday                 | 1st                    |               | INSET Day – Safeguarding Training                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b>        | <b>2nd</b>             | <b>8.50am</b> | <b>First day back for all pupils!</b>                     |



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# Meet us at...

Join us at partner picnics, play sessions,  
family events and community activities for  
**FREE** family fun throughout the summer

Find us in **YOUR**  
local community  
this summer!



**JULY**

## Quedgeley

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Family Fiesta  
9:30am-4pm  
Fishers Meadow

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

Play Rangers  
Community Play  
10am-4pm  
Manor Farm Park  
Kingsway

## Coney Hill

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

HAF Pop Up  
Activity Day  
10am-2pm  
The Vibe



## Matson

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

First Blast Fun Fest  
11am-3pm  
Three Oaks Park

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Hillside Community  
Picnic  
11am-3pm  
Hillside School Field

## Linden

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

HAF Pop Up  
Activity Day  
10am-2pm  
The Lannett

## Forest of Dean

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

10am-12pm  
Sedbury

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

Lydney  
Community Event  
2pm - 7pm  
Bathurst Park

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

10am-12pm  
St Briavels

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Meet  
us at...



AUGUST

### Kingsway

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
Play Rangers  
Community Play  
Sessions  
10am-4pm  
Manor Farm Park

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August**  
HAF Pop Up Activity  
Day  
10am-2pm  
Kingsway Field,  
behind Sports  
Pavilion

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August**  
Play Rangers  
Community Play  
Sessions  
10am-4pm  
Manor Farm Park

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August**  
Play Rangers  
Community Play  
Sessions  
10am-4pm  
Manor Farm Park

### Abbeydale

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August**  
HAF Pop Up Activity Day  
10am-2pm  
Gleven Way Park, next  
to Community Centre

### Longlevens

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**  
HAF Pop Up Activity Day  
10am-2pm  
Armscroft Park

### White City

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**  
HAF Pop Up Activity Day  
10am-2pm  
The Venture  
Community Hub

### Tredworth

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August**  
HAF Pop Up Activity Day  
10am-2pm  
Parry Field

### Kingsholm

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August**  
HAF Pop Up  
Activity Day  
10am-2pm  
Serbert Street Park

### Tuffley

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August**  
HAF Pop Up Activity Day  
10am-2pm  
Holmleigh Park

### Forest of Dean

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August**  
10am-12pm  
Jays Green

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
Bells Field Family Fun Day  
2pm-5pm  
Bells Field, Coleford

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**  
10am-12pm  
Mitcheldean

### Westgate

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
HAF Festival  
10am-2pm  
The King's School



FOR FULL DETAILS



FREE ACTIVITIES

FRIENDLY FACES

EVERYONE WELCOME

# SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2026/27



| SEPTEMBER |   |    |    |    |    | OCTOBER |   |   |    |    |    | NOVEMBER |      |     |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|---|----|----|----|----|---------|---|---|----|----|----|----------|------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Mon       |   | 7  | 14 | 21 | 28 | Mon     |   | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Mon      | 2    | 9   | 16 | 23 | 30 |    |    |
| Tues      | 1 | 8  | 15 | 22 | 29 | Tues    |   | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Tues     | 3    | 10  | 17 | 24 |    |    |    |
| Wed       | 2 | 9  | 16 | 23 | 30 | Wed     |   | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Wed      | 4    | 11  | 18 | 25 |    |    |    |
| Thur      | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |    | Thur    | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Thur     | 5    | 12  | 19 | 26 |    |    |    |
| Fri       | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |    | Fri     | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Fri      | 6    | 13  | 20 | 27 |    |    |    |
| Sat       |   | 5  | 12 | 19 | 26 | Sat     |   | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31       | Sat  |     | 7  | 14 | 21 | 28 |    |
| Sun       |   | 6  | 13 | 20 | 27 | Sun     |   | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |          | Sun  | 1   | 8  | 15 | 22 | 29 |    |
| DECEMBER  |   |    |    |    |    | JANUARY |   |   |    |    |    | FEBRUARY |      |     |    |    |    |    |    |
| Mon       |   | 7  | 14 | 21 | 28 | Mon     |   | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Mon      | 1    | 8   | 15 | 22 |    |    |    |
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| MARCH     |   |    |    |    |    | APRIL   |   |   |    |    |    | MAY      |      |     |    |    |    |    |    |
| Mon       | 1 | 8  | 15 | 22 | 29 | Mon     |   |   | 5  | 12 | 19 | 26       | Mon  |     | 3  | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
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| JUNE      |   |    |    |    |    | JULY    |   |   |    |    |    | AUGUST   |      |     |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Term Time    |  | Holidays   |  |
|--------------|--|------------|--|
| Bank Holiday |  | Inset Days |  |

|                                                                    |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Term 1: Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2026   | 39 days          |
| Term 2: Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2026    | 35 days          |
| Term 3: Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan - Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2027    | 30 days          |
| Term 4: Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb – Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2027  | 24 days          |
| Term 5: Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> April – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027 | 34 days          |
| Term 6: Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June – Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2027  | 33 days          |
| <b>Total</b>                                                       | <b>195 days*</b> |

|                         |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Christmas Bank Holidays | 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2026 |
|                         | 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2026 |
| New Year Bank Holiday   | 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026   |
| Good Friday             | 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2027    |
| Easter Monday           | 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2027    |
| Early May Bank Holiday  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2027       |
| Spring Bank Holiday     | 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2027      |
| Summer Bank Holiday     | 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2027   |