Hunters Hall Primary School
Snippets

Issue: 9
November 2026

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 17th November – Dare2Dream – Teachers part 1

Friday 20th November – World Children's Day & The Bubble bowling visit

Wednesday 25th November – The Bubble cinema visit & Dare2Dream Transport Museum

Friday 4th December – Yr5 Musical Instrument Concerts (9:30 5VE, 10:20 5TH & 11:30 5DA)

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Dinner & Jolly Jumper Day

Thursday 10th December – End Of Term Coffee Morning 9:00-10:30am

Thursday 17th December – Last day for Nursery

Friday 18th December – Last day of term 1pm

Congratulations to the classes with 96%+ attendance.



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school is a special place and as a Thrive Approach School of Excellence. Everyone who works here signs up to being emotionally available.

The Thrive Approach is a special way our school helps children understand your big feelings, build your confidence, and feel happy and safe.

Think of a brain like a house. Sometimes, if you are sad, worried, excited or angry, it can feel like a storm is shaking the house, making it really hard to focus on schoolwork, playing with friends, life in general.

The Thrive Approach gives adults and young people the tools to weather those storms together.

Here is how it works at Hunters Hall:

• Behaviour is our voice: When you have an angry outburst or feel too shy to speak, the adults don't just see "bad" or "good" behaviour. They see it as a message that you need a little extra help or comfort. Remember: Behaviour is form of communication.

• Fun activities to build their brain: Instead of just talking, children get to do fun things like arts and crafts, storytelling, sand play, and relaxation games. These activities act like building blocks that help make their brain stronger, calmer, and ready to learn.

• Building a team: It helps the children build great relationships with our teachers and class-mates so they always know they have someone in their corner.

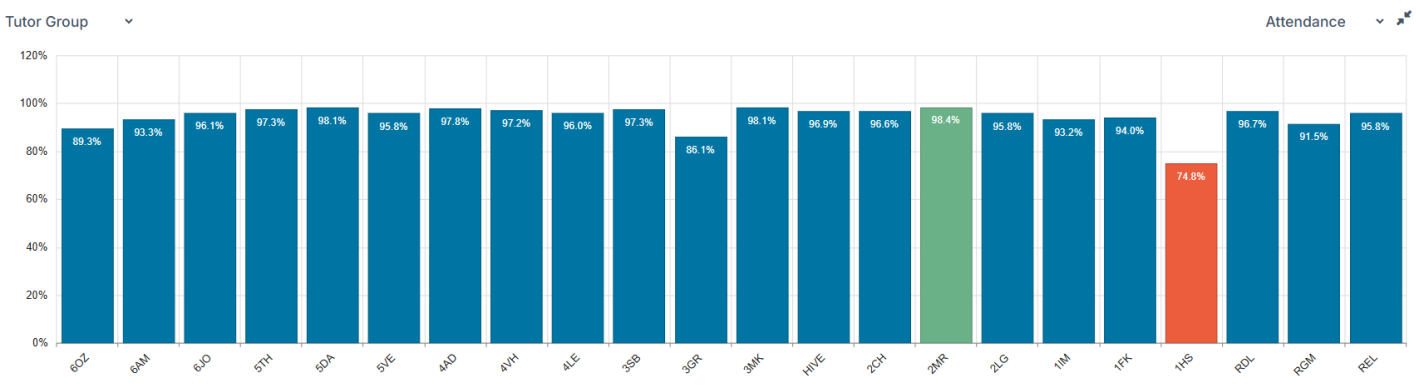
Basically, Thrive is here to make sure children have the happiest, safest space possible to grow into the amazing people that they are destined to be!

Find out more about Thrive on our website:
https://www.huntershallprimary.org.uk/about-us/thrive-approach-behaviour/

Share the following video with your children:
Thrive.mp4

Michael Kaitell,
Headteacher

Attendance Matters



Team Points

TEAM POINTS		
	Tigers	TBC
	Bears	TBC
	Wolves	TBC
	Sharks	TBC
	Komodo Dragon	TBC

Uniform Shop Date

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall on the following dates:

SCHOOL UNIFORM DIRECT

Wednesday 18th November

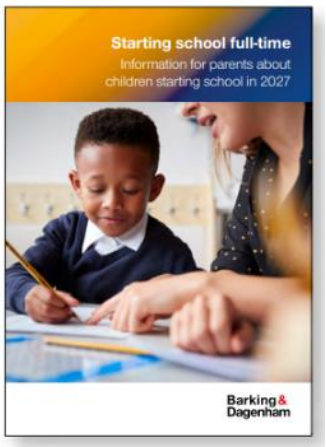
Wednesday 2nd December

All Nursery Parents/Carers

Starting school full-time in September 2027.

All parents **MUST** apply online for their child's school place by 5:00pm on 14 January 2027.





A quick guide can be found at the following link:
Starting school full-time September 2027

If you require any support with this process, please speak with Mr Bellevue.

Parent/Carer Handbook

Scan the QR code or visit https://sway.cloud.microsoft/BeyF4UlXJ7lWwliv?ref=Link



School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. The dates vary throughout the year.

In a hope to reduce the cost of school uniform, from September, you will have the option to purchase iron-on badges for plain white polo shirts and plain red jumpers. Badges will cost £1.20 and should make uniform more affordable.

Uniform can also be purchased online: www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/

Or Telephone: 01992 763679 / Email: info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk

Parent Hub

We would like all parents/carers to join us on Parent Hub.

Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.

1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Add a School" and enter:

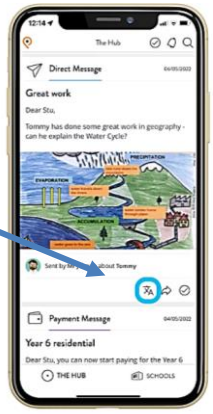
@HuntersHallPS

How to translate messages in the Parent Hub app (guidance for schools)

In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

To find out more, click the link below for a useful guide.



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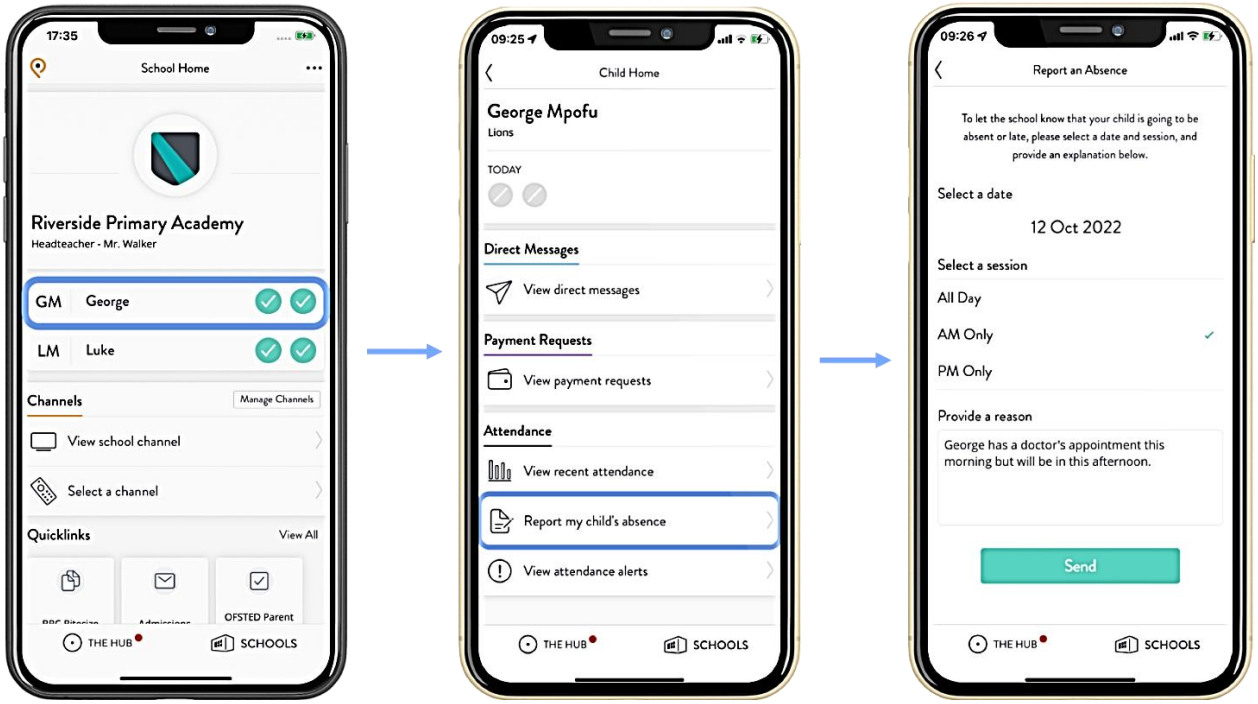
Reporting absence



Uniform Reminder & PE Days 2026-2027

During the course of this academic year, we are phasing out some of our school uniform in an effort to make it more affordable for our parent body.

Our school uniform provider now sells school badges for £1.20 so that you are able to purchase plain white polo shirts/ plain red jumpers/cardigans and iron on the badge. (Our current provider will continue to sell their stock of red and grey uniform items and staff has been informed that it is a gradual phase out)

We have reduced the number of days that children require their school uniform by allowing them to wear their PE kit on two days of the week. (You will be notified if there is a special day such as school photographs so that you can ensure that children are dressed appropriately.)

School Uniform (only 2 branded clothing items necessary & 1 branded book bag)

White Polo Shirt (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Red jumper/ Cardigan (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Grey school trousers/ skirt/ shorts

Summer Dress

Plain black shoes/ trainers











PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt

Red shorts

Red/ Grey jogging bottoms

Red fleece

Black plimsolls




More and more children are wearing the incorrect P.E. kit. Proper clothing and footwear are essential in all P.E. lessons for reasons of health and safety and comfort.

◄ The permitted kit is advertised here.






PE Days

Year Group	*PE Day 1*	*PE Day 2*
Reception	*Friday*	
Year 1	*Monday*	*Tuesday*
Year 2	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*
Year 3	*Tuesday*	*Friday*
Year 4	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*
Year 5	*Tuesday*	*Thursday*
Year 6	*Tuesday*	*Thursday*

Swimming is part of the national curriculum. Children in Year 4 & non-swimmers from Year 6 are offered swimming lessons. From time to time, other selected pupils are given this opportunity.

Children must wear suitable and appropriate swimwear and a swimming hat. They must also have a towel, dressing gown and waterproof footwear.

This year, we will operate a mobile swimming pool on the school site.

Thrive Approach

Click the link to watch the video Thrive.mp4







Sometimes, we face wobbles. Maybe a game at lunch didn't go your way, or a lesson feels tricky. When you feel upset, angry, or scared, your downstairs alarm goes off, and it's hard to get back upstairs to your calm, learning space. That is completely okay.



As an official Thrive Ambassador School, we have amazing brain-house helpers all around us. When things get tough, remember the words of our school song: *'Believe.'* Our helpers are here to listen, understand your feelings, and remind you of how special you are.



By talking it through or doing a fun, calming activity, your helper helps you quieten the alarm. Look at that! Your brain house is back to a peaceful green, and you are ready to reach your full potential.



At Hunters Hall, every single child matters. We believe in ourselves, and we believe in each other. Wear your Hunters Hall badge with pride, because together, we thrive!

Nursery RDL REL RGM 1IM

1FK

6AM

1HS

6JO

2MR

6OZ

2CH

5TH

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Dare To Dream

On Thursday our future palaeontologist (Ellis 4AD), marine biologist (Sophia B 6OZ) and archaeologist Yemisi (6OZ) had the opportunity to explore the Natural History Museum!

Having already studied the museum map we headed straight to our chosen exhibits. We were able to pop-back to our past History learning when we saw Mary Anning's plesiosaur fossil and marvelled at the rocks and minerals on show.

We experienced a shuddering earthquake, after journeying into the centre of a volcano and met a very Christmassy T-Rex!



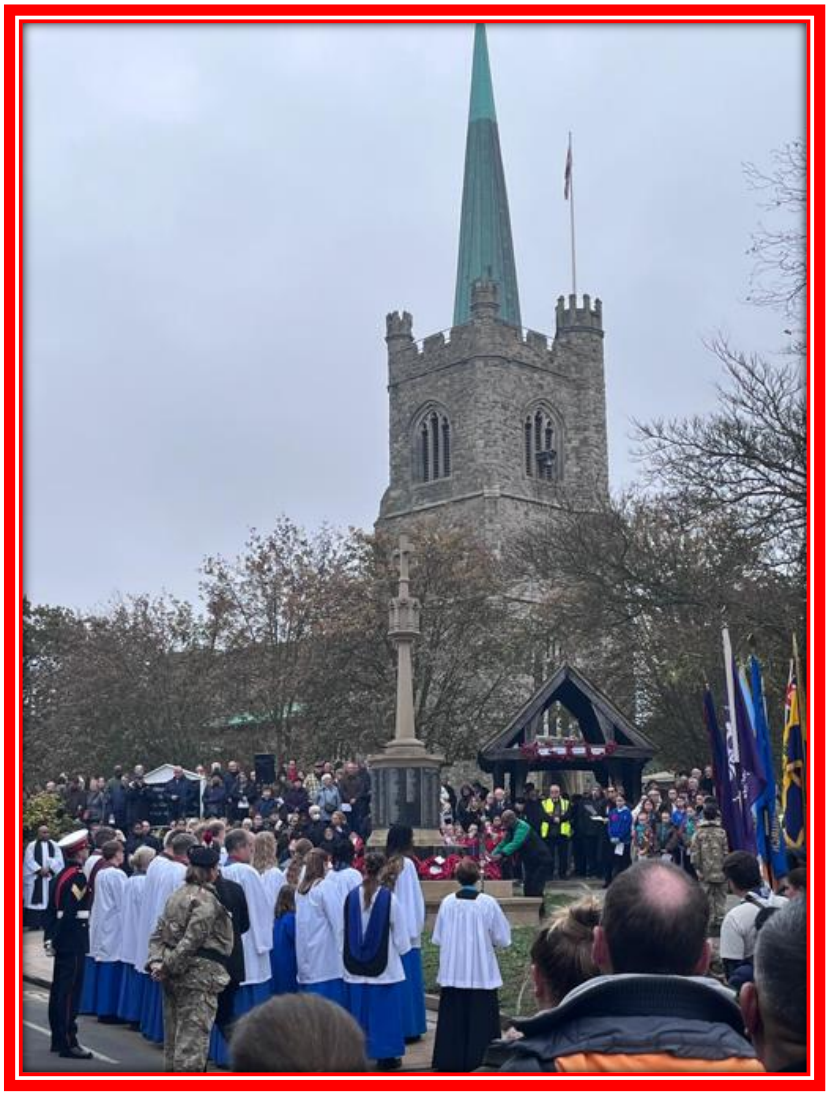


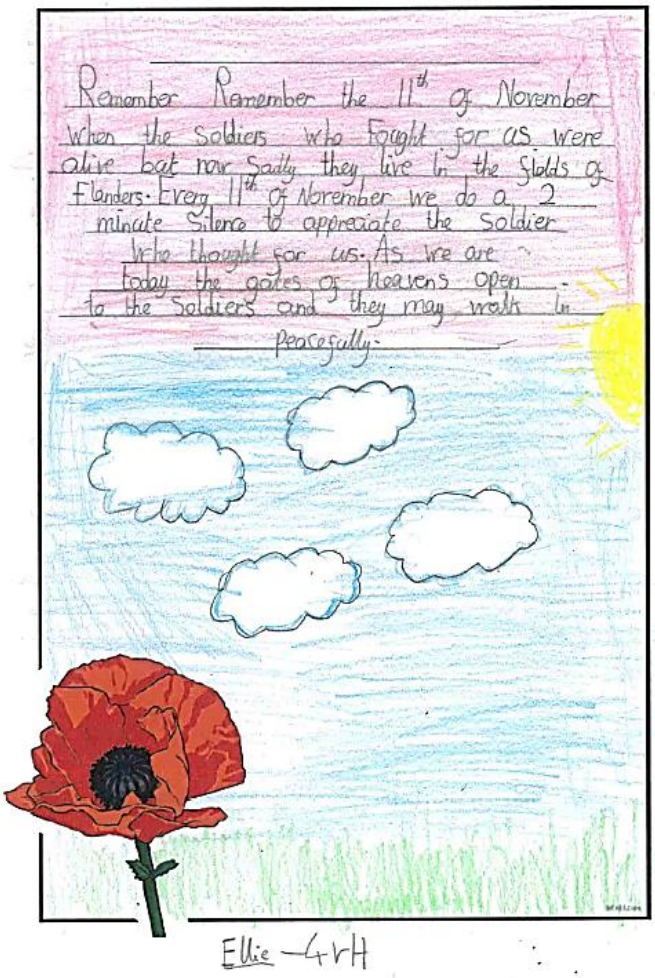




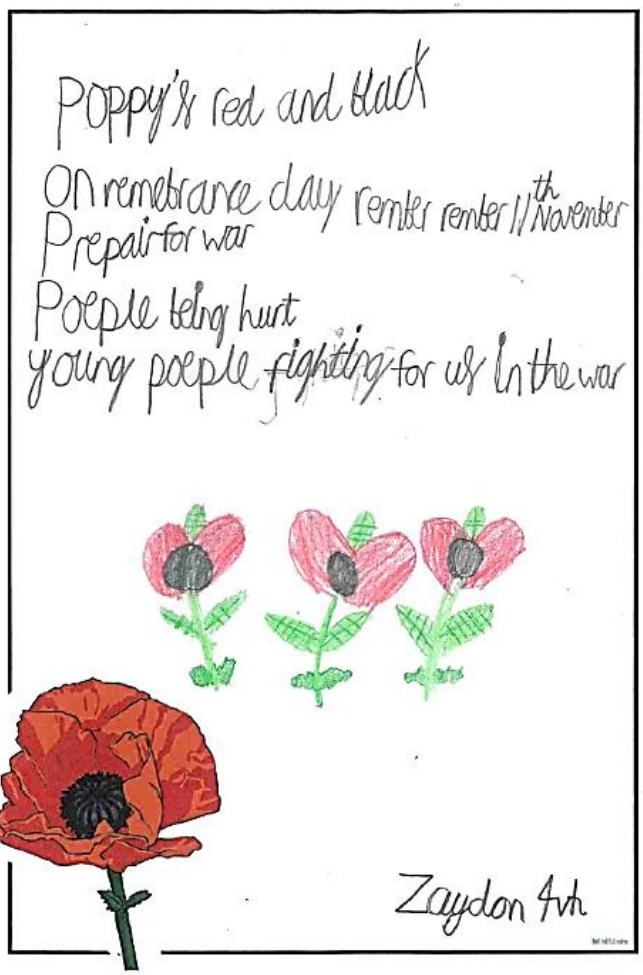
Remembrance ~ Mr Bellevue on SJA Duty






Remember Remember the 11th of November
when the Soldiers who Fought for us were
alive but now Sadly they live in the fields of
Flanders. Every 11th of November we do a 2
minute Silence to appreciate the Soldier
who thought for us. As we are
today the gates of heavens open
to the Soldiers and they may walk in
peacefully.
Ellie - 4rH


Poppys
in the fields
poppies grow. They
mark the remembrance
of soldiers ghosts, people
in the war, fought
for us saving
our lives
but now
turned
to
dust.
Now
we
remember
the
11th
of
November.
Noah
4VH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Prepair for war
Poeple being hurt
young poeple fighting for us In the war
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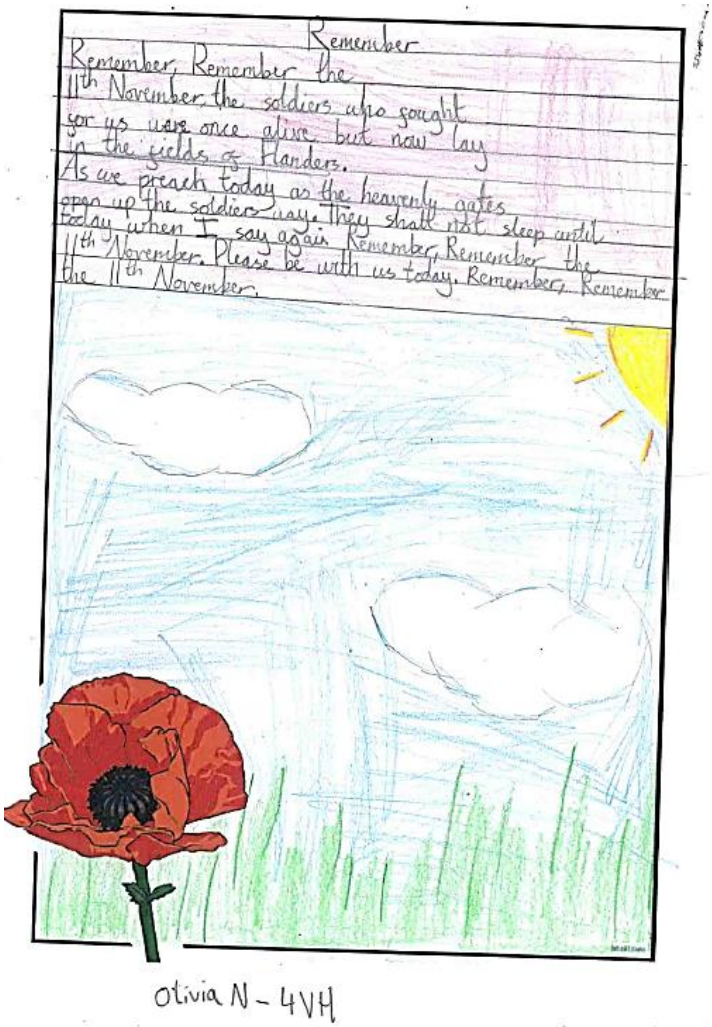
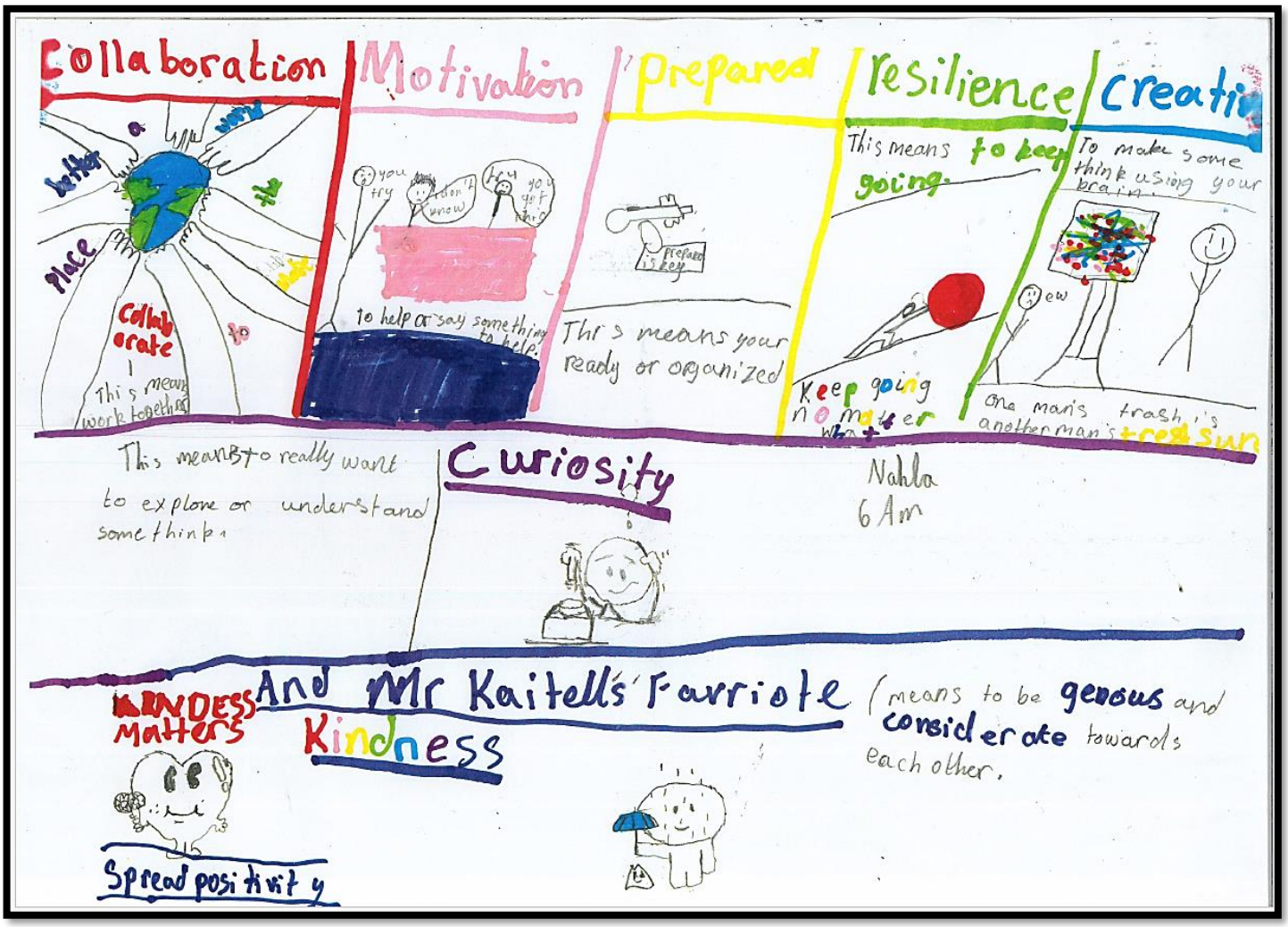

Remember
Remember, Remember the
11th November the soldiers who sought
for us were once alive but now lay
in the fields of Flanders.
As we preach today as the heavenly gates
open up the soldiers may they shall not sleep until
today when I say again Remember, Remember the
11th November. Please be with us today. Remembers Remember
the 11th November.
Olivia N - 4VH

Odd Socks Day



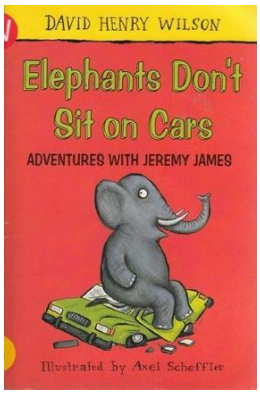
School Values – Nahla (6AM)



Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

Get to know the teachers at Hunters Hall Primary School by figuring out their favourite children's books. Read the descriptions and try to 'guess who' loves each book!

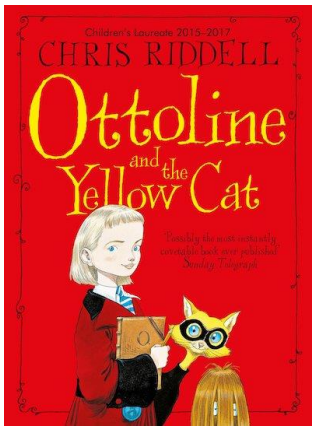
Once you've had a guess, answers are displayed in the corridor by front reception. Just life the flap to find out. How many can you get right?



Elephants Don't Sit on Cars
David Henry Wilson

Jeremy James, a young, logical boy tries to make sense of the confusing adult world, starting with the baffling claim that an elephant is sitting on his father's car. He always seems to be getting into mischief and is fed up with grown-ups never knowing the answer to important questions.

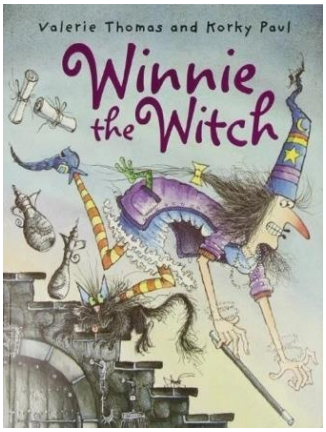
Join Jeremy James as his navigates his way through messy pesky supermarkets, goes to a football game and discovers the consequences of eating too many sweets . . .



Ottoline and the Yellow Cat
Chris Riddell

Introducing Miss Ottoline Brown, an exceptionally inquisitive Mistress of Disguise, and her partner in crime, Mr Munroe. No puzzle is ever too tricky for the two of them to solve . . .
Together they look after the Brown family's eclectic collections - and dabble in a spot of detective work, so they are the first to the scene of the crime when a string of high-society dog-nappings and jewel thefts hits Big City.

Ottoline and Mr Munroe go undercover – and expose a scam masterminded by furry feline crook, the Yellow Cat . . .



Winnie the Witch
Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul

Winnie lives in a big black house with her faithful black cat, Wilbur. There's just one problem: because everything is black, Winnie keeps tripping over him! Determined to avoid any more bumps and bruises, she decides to use a little magic to solve the problem. But finding the perfect spell isn't as easy as it sounds. As Winnie experiments with different magical solutions, poor Wilbur ends up looking very strange indeed. It takes a series of amusing mishaps before Winnie finally discovers the best way to make sure she can always see her furry friend.



Parent Contact Pathway

We understand that parents naturally want the best outcomes for their children, and we welcome open communication. However, to ensure concerns are resolved efficiently and appropriately, we ask that parents follow our structured parent contact pathway rather than going directly to the headteacher.

Please follow this sequence:

Year Group	1st point of contact	2nd point of contact Year Group Leader	3rd point of contact	Final point of contact
Nursery	Miss McCarthy	Miss Cooper or Miss Mullaney		Mr Kaitell
Reception	Class Teacher	Miss Liburd	Miss McCarthy	
Year 1	Class Teacher	Mrs Keane	Miss Mullaney	
Year 2	Class Teacher	Miss Gurry	Miss Mullaney	
Year 3	Class Teacher	Mrs Kaur	Miss Mullaney	
Year 4	Class Teacher	Miss Vernon	Miss Cooper	
Year 5	Class Teacher	Miss Ede	Miss Cooper	
Year 6	Class Teacher	Mrs O'Dwyer	Miss Cooper	

- **Class Teacher** – Your child's class teacher should always be your first point of contact, as they know your child best and can often resolve concerns quickly
- **Year Group Leader** – If the matter remains unresolved or requires additional support, the year group leader will provide the next level of oversight
- **Senior Leadership Team (SLT)** – For more complex or ongoing issues, a member of SLT will become involved
- **Headteacher** – The headteacher will address concerns that require the highest level of decision-making or have not been resolved through the previous steps

When you meet with your child's class teacher, clear actions will be agreed and recorded, including:

- Specific steps the school and/or home will take
- A review date to assess progress
- Documentation on CPOMS (our safeguarding and pastoral system) to ensure continuity and accountability

This structured approach ensures your concerns receive the appropriate attention at the right level, allows teachers to resolve issues within their remit, and prevents unnecessary delays. It also protects staff wellbeing by ensuring concerns are managed systematically rather than overwhelming individual team members. If you're unsure where to start or have an urgent safeguarding concern, please contact the school office, who will direct you to the appropriate person.

Promote our School

Please place a copy of this advert in your window (house/ car/ office…)

Hunters Hall Primary School

At Hunters Hall, our ethos incorporates British Values; promotes high self-esteem; enjoyment; empowerment; high expectation of achievement; respect, and equality for all. We do this within a nurturing, vibrant and safe environment. Our intention is to value each day by making it engaging, challenging, productive, and equipping every pupil with the essential knowledge, transferable skills, compassion, and resilience to have success in the future.

Our school song: "Believe" highlights the characteristics and attitudes which we, as a school, feel are essential to achieving greatness.

Remember: I can be anything I want, if I can just believe in me.

Call us to arrange a visit 0208 2704768

School Website

SCAN ME

https://www.huntershallprimary.org.uk/

Apply via LBBD admissions

SCAN ME

https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions#12fdaba3

Social Media: X

SCAN ME

https://twitter.com/Huntershallps



Parent/Carer Handbook

SCAN ME

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*H*appy
*U*nderstand
*N*urtured
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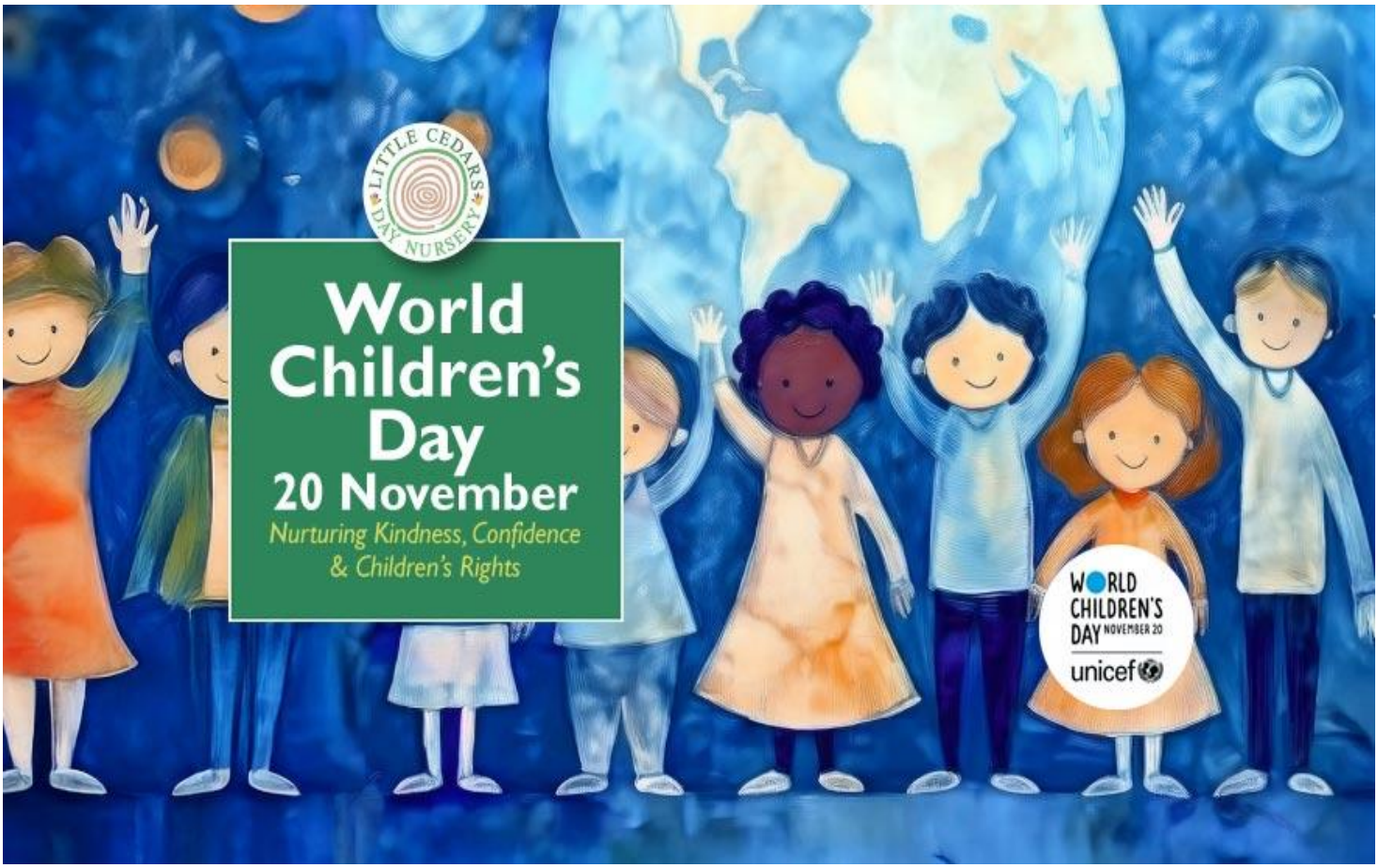
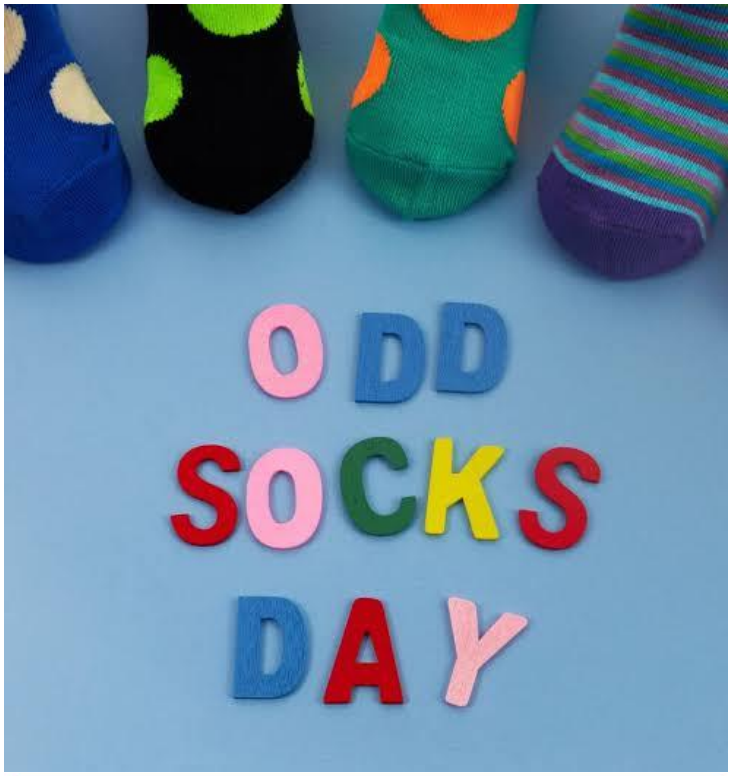
*E*motionally- intelligent
*R*esilient
*S*elf-Aware

Wear Blue on 20th November 2026



Odd socks Monday 16th November 2026



We will be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

Monday 16 November

Nurse Drop in dates

Hunters Hall - School Nurse Drop In dates 2026-2027

Tuesday 13th October 2026
Tuesday 1st December 2026
Tuesday 2nd February 2027
Tuesday 23rd March 2027
Tuesday 25th May 2027
Tuesday 13th July 2027

These sessions will run from 9-10am

If you are unable to attend the drop-in session but wish to speak to a member of the team, please call us on: 0300 300 1813 between Monday-Friday 9-5pm

Follow up on Facebook: NELFT Barking & Dagenham School Nursing Service

BARNARDO'S
Changing childhoods. Changing lives.

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust



Winter Holiday Camps



Premier Camps Near You

Multi Activity Camps

Sacred Heart of Mary's - Upminster - 9am - 4pm
Scott's Primary School - Hornchurch - 9am - 3pm
Roding Primary School - Dagenham - 9am - 3pm
Hunters Hall Primary School - Dagenham - 9am - 3pm
Hallsville Primary School - Newham - 9am - 3.30pm

Please check our website for all available dates over the Christmas Half Term

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your children entertained over the Christmas holidays.

Our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Join us this Christmas, for a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from nerf wars to gymnastics with some Christmas fun. There's something for every child to enjoy this half term.

PLEASE BRING
Pack lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Book now for lots of Christmas fun!

Scan here for more information

Trustpilot
Based on over 20,000 reviews

Flu Vaccination Catch Up Clinics



Keep Us Updated



Breakfast Club

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club is open term time only Monday to Friday, 7:45 to 8:30am.

No booking is required, you can turn up on the day and pay.

The charge is **£3** per day, you are required to accompany your child into our breakfast club and stay with them until they have been marked in on our daily register.

You are required to have the correct money for payment.

Please note that payments in advance are non-refundable and non-transferable therefore if you choose to pay in advance and your child does not attend you lose that money.

Donations Wanted

WANTED

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

DONATIONS NEEDED

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality pre-loved uniform items. Has your child grown out of theirs? Please donate to the school and come along to one of our sales for bargain replacements!

Winter coats and shoes also welcome.

Please bring any donations in a bag to the school office.



Thank you

DHP Scheme

Are you struggling to afford your rent payments?



Do you have rent arrears?

Do you need help with a deposit?

Help is available through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) scheme

Visit https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/discretionary-housing-payments-dhp

To find out more and apply online

You must be in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing costs to qualify for a DHP





Barking & Dagenham

Household Support Fund

Are you struggling with the rising cost of living?



Do you have utility debts?

Help is available to support the rising cost of living for energy & utility costs, food and other emergency need through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Hardship schemes

Visit https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/hardship-payment-schemes/household-support-fund to find out more and apply online





Barking & Dagenham

RockSteady







https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents

Learn to play in a band

Learning an instrument should be fun. Your child can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.

Lead by real musicians

Your child's music teacher should also be their role model. Which is why all Rocksteady Band Leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of playing music.

In school time

Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents.

From first notes to favourite songs

The Rocksteady Programme is for all children aged 4-11 and is proven to progress musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills with no prior experience necessary.

With regular live performances

Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, your child will be able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band.

And happily affordable

Rocksteady is one of the most hassle-free ways to learn an instrument on a rolling subscription that you can cancel at any time. It's risk free too – cancel in the first month and you'll get a full refund.

Call 0330 113 0330