

Newsletter 2

19th September 2025

School Rules

- 1. Be safe
- 2. Be kind and respectful
- 3. Be ready

School Values

Kindness

Courage

Loyalty

Our newsletter will be shared every 2 weeks. We want to celebrate some of the amazing achievements of our pupils.

Week beginning 8/9/25	Star Writer	Star Problem Solver	Silver Cup
Puffin	Tristan	Thomas	Jack
Redwing	Hattie	Aadiv	Finley
Raven	Lowen	Ben	Ramon
Robin	Harry L	Owen	Freya

Week beginning 15/9/25	Star Writer	Star Problem Solver	Silver Cup
Puffin	Chester	Talia	Lola
Redwing	Theo	Jaxon	Archie
Raven	Maria	Aleks	Isabella
Robin	Lilley-Anne	Rou	Hazel B

Week beginning 8/9/25	Star of the Week	
Starling	Sreshta	
Swift	Matilda	
Buzzard	Benji	
Bullfinch	Michael	
Kingfisher	Mylo	
Kestrel	Maisy	
Goldcrest	Elliott	
Greenfinch	Saathvik	

Week beginning 15/9/25	Star of the Week	
Starling	Elouise	
Swift	Kirill	
Buzzard	Siya	
Bullfinch	Iris	
Kingfisher	Laura	
Kestrel Harley H		
Goldcrest	Sunny	
Greenfinch	Imogen	

Changes ahead

We know that celebrating your children's achievements is incredibly important, and we want to share these special moments with our families. We are excited to announce that from November 3rd, our Celebration Assemblies will take place on a Monday at 9.00am and the family of pupils who have an award will be invited to come in and join us. Further details of the arrangements will be shared in future newsletters.

Equipping Children for a World of Possibilities

Henry Hinde Update

What a fantastic couple of weeks it's been across both our sites, especially for our oldest and youngest pupils.

It's been a joy to see our Reception pupils now in full-time school. They have settled into Puffin Class brilliantly, and we are so impressed by their confidence. They've been eager to access new learning opportunities and have already started forming wonderful new friendships.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils have had an adventure-filled time at the annual residential at Willersley Castle. They've tackled a range of exciting activities, including kayaking, canoeing, blind walks and even rock climbing and zip-lining! A huge thank you to the staff who made this trip possible—Mrs. Mann, Miss Bainbridge, Miss Roberts, Mr. Batchelor, Mrs. Bhairi, and Mrs. Williams. We know how much hard work goes into these trips, and we truly appreciate their dedication. We were especially proud to hear that our Henry Hinde pupils received the most compliments from instructors for their "great behaviour" over the three days.

Finally, we want to celebrate the spirit of leadership demonstrated by our Year 6 pupils at the Cornwallis site. The election for Head Boy and Girl brought out some incredible public speaking, with each candidate delivering a fantastic speech to their peers. We are so proud of every single pupil who put themselves forward for these important roles.

The results are in:

Head Boy = Ethan G Vice Head Boy = Saathvik Head girl = Ella Vice Head Girl = Desire

Safety Reminder

As the new term gets into full swing, let's work together to keep our school community safe for everyone. We kindly ask all parents and carers to take extra care when driving and parking, being especially vigilant for children on foot. Please avoid reversing on pavements and always check your mirrors for pupils who may be nearby. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Grenville Site	Cornwallis Site	вотн
Monday 29th September			Individual School Photographs
Thursday 16th October	Harvest Assembly 9.00am		

Harvest Assembly

On Thursday 16th October at 9.00am Year 1 and 2 children will be leading a Harvest Festival celebration in the Grenville site's school hall.

This is open to all parents/ carers of children in Year 1 or 2 only.

We will also be collecting food on both sites for the work of our local Foodbank.

We will be able to accept donations from Monday 29th September.

Thank you.



Please donate an item or two from the list to help local people left without enough money to live on.

Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish

Tinned veg/fruit

Cooking sauces

Coffee/tea

Milk (UHT or powdered)

Cuppa Soup

Fruit juice (long-life)

Tinned pudding

Biscuits

Instant mashed potato





Vets for Pets

Rugby Central

Come in and check out your new look vets.

Wednesday 15th October, 3pm to 7pm Inside Pets at Home, Technology Drive, CV21 IGB

Tour the practice

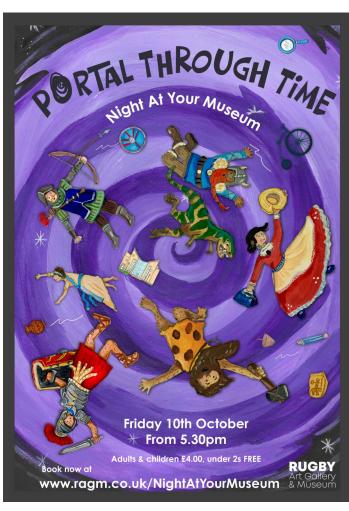
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent i.e. the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

• Penalty Notices are issued to <u>each parent of each absent child</u>, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means <u>each</u> parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

<u>First Leave of Absence offence:</u> The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be
 accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's
 Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (<u>from the date of issue of the first penalty notice</u>):
 A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

Data Protection

To comply with the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 and Data Protection expectations, it is vitally important that Henry Hinde School keeps accurate and up to date information relating to every pupil on roll.

The information we are required to record includes:

- Pupil's full legal name (and if appropriate, their preferred name).
- The name, address and contact details of every person known to the school/academy who is a parent* to the pupil with whom the pupil normally resides (this is the address that has been used to register with their GP).
- The name, address and contact details of any additional parent*.
- Any other emergency contact details.

In order to gather this information, every year we send out data collection forms. Parents are asked to complete the form with as much information as possible and then return to the school, signed and dated. We would ask that even where there are no amendments to the data collection sheet, parents return the form, signed and dated.

Henry Hinde School requests that if you change your contact number, move home or there are any other circumstances which may impact your child, the school is notified as a priority.

N.B. *The Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as a). any natural parent, whether married or not, b). any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person c). any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.