

Hope Brook News

**Week ending:
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Dear Parents, Governors, Staff & Friends,

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year. It has been a busy but fantastically enjoyable term. We are starting to feel that things are getting back to normal. The children have been on trips, the sporting events have started and we are back singing together. It was so lovely to hold a service in the church last week. It's hard to believe that some of our children have never taken part in a church service. (The church services are such an important part of school life at Hope Brook.)

There are lots of events to look forward to next term too. We are planning to hold the Remembrance Service at school; there will be school photographs, Children in Need Day, Christmas Making day, Nativity plays, Christmas lunch and of course the School Council event. This is usually a talent show, but we let the children decide what they would like as an end of term event. All the dates for these events are listed on the diary dates page. We want to make sure you have enough notice for all the events that are happening. I love the build up to Christmas but we know it can be a very busy time for families.

At the beginning of this term, we welcomed Mrs Danielle Christie to the Hope Brook team. Mrs Christie has been teaching at an infant school in Gloucester for the last six years, so brings a wealth of new experiences to the team. She will be the music co-ordinator for Hope Brook and is looking forward to setting up a KS2 choir after half term.



Mrs Marshall (previously Ms Rowe) continues to work as SENCo at Hope Brook. Her usual working days are Mondays and Tuesdays. Many of you will have seen Mrs Marshall welcoming children at the school gate in the mornings. If you have any questions relating to additional needs, please feel free to email her on sen@hopebrook.gloucs.sch.uk or catch her first thing in the morning.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely half term and we look forward to starting the new term on Monday 1st November.

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Diary Dates

| Date | Event | Date | Event |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Thursday 21 and Friday 22 October | INSET days | Friday 18 February | Last Day of Term |
| Monday 1 November | Back to School | Monday 28 February | Back to School |
| Thursday 11 November | Remembrance Service at school | Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 23 March | Parents' Evenings |
| Wednesday 17 November | School Photographs | Sunday 27 March | Mothering Sunday Service at All Saints Church |
| Thursday 18 & Wednesday 24 November | Parents' Evenings | Friday 8 April | Term Ends |
| Friday 19 November | Children in Need | Monday 25 April | Back to School |
| Friday 26 November | Nasal Flu Immunisation Years R—6 | W/c 9 May | SATS week - Year 6 |
| Friday 3 December | Christmas Making Day | Monday 30 May | Half Term Starts |
| Wednesday 8 & Thursday 9 December | Nativity (1.30pm) | Monday 7 June | Back to School |
| Tuesday 14 December | Warwick Castle Trip for Years 1 and 2 | Wednesday 8 June | Brooklets Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 16 December | Christmas lunch & Christmas events | Friday 8 July | Sports Day |
| Friday 17 December | Last Day of Term | Tuesday 12 July | Year 6 Production (afternoon) |
| Monday 4 January | INSET Day | Wednesday 13 July | Year 6 Production (evening) |
| Wednesday 5 January | Back to School | Thursday 21 July | Last Day of Term |

We hope an overview of events in the year is helpful and will try to stick to these dates as closely as possible. However, there will inevitably have to be some changes made for reasons we have not yet anticipated. Please check future newsletters for any changes or the calendar on our school website <https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/calendar/309901>

School Dinners

We have a new dinner menu for this autumn term; which is available on the school website https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/school_lunches_/311726 and we hope that your children have been enjoying the new meals.

With Mrs Littlefair cooking to order over 70 meals each day, please could we ask you to help us by booking your child's lunch via ParentPay before the 8am cut off each day.

If you believe that you may be eligible for free school meals, please visit <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/> to apply online.



Safety Notice



Please could we remind parents to be a good role model by using paths and not walking on the road any longer or cutting across the car park at school. Children have been reminded that they should walk in and out of school, staying with their parents and that scooters and bicycles should be pushed once inside the school gates. We would also like to remind parents that there should be no cars on site between

8.30am and 4.30pm. Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.

Flu Vaccine—Friday 26 November

We will be sending home Flu Consent Forms and letters after half term. Please return them to school before Monday 22 November. For more information please visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu



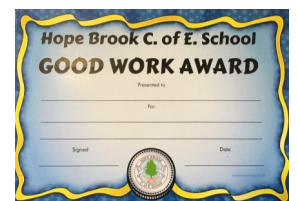
Lateness

Our school day starts promptly at 8.55am. Whilst we appreciate that the majority of children arrive on time, any children who are late arriving can miss out on the first task of the day, and often unsettle the class as a result. Lateness after the registers are taken is classed by the Department for Education as unauthorised absence.

Thank you for your support in instilling a regular routine to ensure children are punctual for school.

Good Work Awards

Each week a couple of children from each class may be given a 'Good Work Award' in our Friday celebration assembly. If your child gains five good work awards, please ask them to post them into the school letterbox (in the porch) before Wednesday so that we can award them with a Head Teacher's Award certificate and cup in the celebration assembly.



Well done to Izzy Baker, Toby Daughtrey, Stirling Mason, Lydia Moverley, Jake Tilling, Lily Chelu and Lily Webb who have achieved a Head Teacher's Award this term.

Windsor Castle

Kestrels and Kingfishers classes visited Windsor Castle on Friday 24 September. They visited the 'Long Walk', St George's Chapel, Queen Mary's Dolls' House and the State



Apartments. The children took part in workshops, and some dressed up as The Pope, kings, queens, nobles, craftsmen, knights and peasants.

For more photos, please visit the class pages on our website: [Kestrels Class Page](#) and [Kingfishers Class Page](#)

St Fagans

Years 1 and 2 visited the Museum of Welsh Life near Cardiff on Tuesday 21 September. The weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed the visit. They saw how people used to live about 100 years ago. They visited houses, an old fashioned shop, a mill with a working water wheel a farm and a school.

For more pictures please visit their class pages on our website: [Woodpeckers Class Page](#) and [Robins Class Page](#)



Dean Heritage Centre

Wagtails class had a wonderful (even if it was wet) day trip to the Dean Heritage Centre on Thursday 30 September to study local plants and wildlife.

They looked at invertebrates and plants at surface level within the wood environment, carried out some studies at water level in the local environment and looked at the plants within a quadrant at land level and then completed a worm survey.



For more photos please visit Wagtails Class Page on our website: [Wagtails Class Page](#)

PTA

With things feeling a bit more "normal" we are starting to think about events...

The first date for your diary is Christmas movie night for the children on the 3rd December. More details to follow closer to the date, tickets will be available via parent pay.

The second date is the 21st January for family BINGO night! (If you have a bingo machine we can borrow please let us know)



We are also looking for a small team of people who can provide materials and/or labour to create some new raised beds and playground benches for the children. Please email hopebrookptfa@gmail.com if you can help. Hope Brook PTFA has a Facebook account (<https://www.facebook.com/hopebrookptfa>) - please follow us for up to date news.

Harvest Service

It was lovely to return to the church for the Harvest Service last week. The Forest Food Bank thank you for your generous donations.



Cross Country Event—A Superb Sporting Achievement

On Wednesday 13 October, we took two teams to the Cross Country Event at Five Acres. It was great for Hope Brook to be part of the team events again and the results were testament to the hard work they've put in with the Daily Mile.

Well done to Annabel Sanders, Florence Jones, Ben Pearce, Harvey Bullock, Katie Pugh, Toby Hayward, Isaac Lawrance, Keelan Coleman, Ted Matthews, Ada Savidge, Freya Vincent, and Phoebe Morris.

We are very proud of the whole Hope Brook Cross Country Team who achieved gold (girls) and silver (boys) medals, which is a FANTASTIC result. Well done team! A big thank you to Mrs Barnes and Mrs Collis who supervised the team during the event and to Dene Magna who provided the minibus to transport them to the event.

