



# Hammond Academy

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## Attendance

Well done to

**Reception Sunstone & Year 2 Onyx** who are this week's winners with **100%** attendance.

## Forthcoming Dates:

- 8th May: KS2 SATS week
- 8th May: Nursery Stay & Play (Red Group, 8.55—9.25 am)
- 9th May: Nursery Stay & Play (Blue Group, 8.55 am—9.25 am)
- 11th May: Nursery Stay & Play (Green Group, 8.55 am—9.25 am. PM children, 2.45 pm—3.15 pm)
- 15th May, 3.30 pm: Y6 Tolmers meeting
- 17th May, 2:45 pm: Reception Stay & Play
- 22nd May, 3.30 pm: Y5 Cuffley Camp meeting
- 24th May, 2.30 pm: Parent Forum
- 25th May, 3.30 pm: Y4 Camping meeting
- 29th May: Bank Holiday—school closed
- 29th May—2nd June: **Half Term, school closed**
- 5th June: Return to school
- 5th June: Y6 Residential Trip to Tolmers & Y3 trip to Science Museum
- 13th June: Reception trip to Wendover Woods
- 15th June: Y6 trip to Chessington
- 19th June: Shakespeare Week

Dear Parents and Carers

What enrichment the children have had this week. First Year 5 absolutely loved their trip to Harry Potter Studios. They haven't stopped talking about the experience all week. I can't wait to see the writing that they produce as a result of this wonderful 'Wow' day!

Then yesterday Year 4 took part in their Egyptian workshop. I must say they looked absolutely brilliant in their costumes, ranging from mummies, to Pharaohs. Thank you all so much for supporting your children and providing their costumes. I know they had a great day which sets them off for their terms topic.

Also yesterday, Year 5 and Year 6 were entertained by watching a theatre group perform 'The Hobbit'. Year 5 have read extracts this term so it was great to see the story brought to life. It was also a well deserved rest bite for our extremely hard working Year 6 pupils who have been working hard to prepare themselves for their Key Stage 2 SATs next week.

I am so incredibly proud of all the children at this school, but always feel so proud of our year 6 children when it comes to the build up to SATs and during the week itself. Our children really have developed their resilience this year due to our 'Growth Mindset' focus. The children in year 6 are a credit to the school, I know they will do the best that they can and this is all we ask of them. They have grown in so many ways and I know you will join me in wishing them well.

At Hammond as you hopefully are aware, our ethos is '**Grow, Achieve, Believe**'. It is important that we educate the whole child and create as many enrichment opportunities for the children as possible. Working in the Trust allows us to network with the other schools and share best practice. Recently we have also had news from the Aspire Academies Trust that two new schools will be joining our family in the near future - another exciting development. As borrowing the Aspire Trust vision: "**Together we work smarter**".

Have a great weekend with your families. I hope the sun comes out. It has got to warm up soon!

Kind regards,

**Denise Kennedy, Principal**

## Star of the Week



Nursery Ruby: Aryan  
Nursery Opal: Charlie

Reception Sunstone: Ianis  
 Reception Coral: Max  
 Y1 Amber: Ellamae  
 Y1 Jade: Violet  
 Y1 Pearl: Bethanie  
 Y2 Diamond: Maisie  
 Y2 Emerald: Olivia  
 Y2 Onyx: Cayden  
 Y3 Amethyst: Maxwell Y3 Moonstone: Elise  
 Y3 Sapphire: Leon  
 Y4 Jasper: Scarlett Y4 Quartz: Ayyub  
 Y5 Garnet: Grace Y5 Tigers Eye: Russel  
 Y6 Aquamarine: To be announced

## Class Update: Year 1 Jade

This morning after sharing assembly, Jade Class went on a walk round the local area for our topic about Hemel Hempstead and Australia.

## Reminders

### Reception

Sunstone Sharing Assembly: 27th June  
Coral Sharing Assembly: 4th July

### Year 2 Onyx

Please provide your child with a small, empty yoghurt pot by 12th May, ready for making ice lollies in DT the following week.

Helpers for our Y2 trip to Southend on Sea are needed. Please contact the office if you have a DBS and are able to help. Thank you.

### Pupil Premium Orders

Please place with this office by no later than 15th May.



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Year 5 went to **Harry Potter World** on Tuesday - wow, what a trip!!

We had such an amazing time: we rode on broomsticks, walked through the Enchanted Forest, visited Privet Drive, stepped into Hogwarts' magical Great Hall, boarded the Hogwarts Express train and saw many of the costumes which the cast were dressed in for filming. The film sets were just spectacular! We've all come away completely inspired to either start reading JK Rowling's fabulous Harry Potter books or to read them again! It was lovely to hear so many children state that it was "the best trip ever" and the "best day of the year!"



### St Albans Fun Run

This year myself and Mrs Walsh will be running the Fun Run in St Albans on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June.



We would like to invite all children in the school to join us and take on the fun run!

With a route around Verulamium Park, the 1.5 Mile Fun Run is a great way

to get the kids active at the start of summer. Children aged 9 and over can run it alone, but those 8 years and under must run with an adult. The marshals will cheer you on and entertain you with their fancy dress the whole way round, and there's even a free ice lolly waiting at the finishing line.

Please log on to <http://www.stalbanshalfmarathon.co.uk> and sign up. Please let me know if you are registering for this event so I can send further information out nearer the time.

Mr Rickman

**1 of 1 Pamper Night**

**19th May 7 - 9pm**

- Stella and Dot - Tarot Reading -
- Holistic Massage - Forever Living -
- Jamerry Nail Wraps - Medium -
- Angelic Realms - Nail Bar -

**£5 Entry Includes a free glass of Prosecco (Or soft drink) and a raffle ticket**



**Up & coming events:**

**Summer Fair**—date to be confirmed.

**Ice Pops** back on sale in June!

Tickets on sale after school.

### Renewal of Free School Meals Applications (for September 2017)

Notice from Hertfordshire County Council:

As with last year, this summer we will automatically renew free school meals for children who currently receive meals at Hammond. Parents/carers do not need to reapply for a school meal for September 17. Anyone currently receiving 50% music remission will still need to reapply at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) from the 7th June 2017.

**Nikki Cross Memorial Cup**  
 & Family Fun Day 2017

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**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
 Hemel Hempstead Town Fc  
 GATES OPEN AT 11:00AM