

JOHN HELLINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Harvest

Next week we will be collecting for Harvest. Please can you pop any donations in the front office where we have a table prepared.

A reminder of the items you can donate:

- Tinned meat
- Tinned veg/potatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Packets of rice/pasta
- Tea bags/coffee
- Longlife milk
- Savoury biscuits/snacks
- Chocolate

Celebration Assembly

Well done to our children who were on the hard workers bench this week!



Parent/Teacher Meetings - Bookings are now open

Just a friendly reminder that bookings are now open for our virtual Parents Evening meetings, taking place in October.

These virtual meetings are a wonderful opportunity to chat with your child's teacher about how they have settled into school, with a particular focus on their wellbeing and how they are getting on.

Bookings will close at midnight on Friday 9th October, so please make sure you book your appointment before then.

We look forward to speaking with you and sharing how your child is getting on in school!

Franklin Full Time

This week Franklin class have completed their first full week. What a fun and busy week they have had.



Be sure to follow us @john_hellins



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Help Create The Very Hungry Caterpillar Scarecrow!

The Friends of Deanshanger Library are taking part in the Scarecrow Trail, with their entry inspired by the much loved story The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Children are invited to join them at their next two craft sessions and help create the Very Hungry Caterpillar scarecrow:

- Friday 25th September, 3.30–4.30pm
- Friday 2nd October, 3.30–4.30pm

The sessions are free and drop-in, with all materials provided and refreshments available.

The Friends of Deanshanger Library would love to see lots of children getting involved and helping to bring their Very Hungry Caterpillar scarecrow to life!

Tours for New Starters

It is the time of year when parents of 3 and 4 year olds, begin to think about selecting a school for their children. If you know anyone who has a child due to start school in September 2027 and wish to view our school, please let them know we are offering tours. Please do contact the office to book on to one of our tours.

Newton Class Phonics Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who attended the phonics meeting this week. The recording will be uploaded to the class page on the school website shortly.

Bikeability - Hodgkin Class

Just a reminder that Bikeability Level 1 will take place on Friday 9th October. If your child is taking part, please ensure your child brings their bike and helmet in on this day.

Franklin Class Phonics Meeting

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to our Franklin Phonics Meeting, which will take place in person on Tuesday 6th October at 9:30am.

Come along to find out more about how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home. There will also be hot drinks and cakes available for you to enjoy.

If you're unable to attend, don't worry! The meeting will be recorded and uploaded to our school website, so you can watch it at a time that is convenient for you.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Lunches

Did you know that our school cooks prepare our meals on site in our own kitchen, from scratch each day? They use fresh ingredients making everything themselves. Even our sauces contain healthy hidden veg! We are so lucky to have this amazing facility available to our children. Lunches are free for children in Franklin, Newton and Edison Class and cost £2.65 for pupils in KS2. All meals can be booked on Parent Pay.



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Calendar of Events

28 th September	Harvest celebration week
6 th October	Franklin class Phonics meeting
7 th October	Newton class visit to the church
9 th October	Curie class bikeability
14 th October	Einstein class visit to the church
19 th October	Parents evening - online
21 st October	Hodgkin class visit to the church
21 st October	Parents evening - online
23 rd October - 1 st November October Half Term	
9 th November	Flu vaccinations
10 th November	Visit from the Archdeacon
13 th November	Come and learn - reading
25 th November	Franklin class visit to the church
8 th December	Christmas performance 1 & 2
9 th December	Christmas performance 3 & 4
10 th December	Christmas performance 5 & 6
17 th December	Last day of Autumn term
18 th December - 4 th January Half Term	

BREAKFAST CLUB

**BOOK NOW ON
PARENTPAY!**

NEXT WEEK... Autumn Week

- Creating beautiful artwork using conkers
- Making colourful leaf collages
- Crafting adorable hedgehogs using seasonal fruit

