



HCCPS Times

January Reflections

We never thought we would see the end of January but here we are, just about to head in to February and feeling thankful for the slightly milder weather and signs of Spring. Hopefully we will see a drop in illness and medical ailments here at HCCPS too— it has been a very tricky time, with lots of poorly children (and staff), so thank you for your assistance as we have battled on through!



It has been nice to return to school and settle back into the routine. I've enjoyed seeing the children again, particularly watching them engage with their learning and hearing them talk about what they have been doing while I was absent. It has also been good to catch up with parents, which has helped make the transition back easier. Thank you to everyone who sent kind messages and well wishes—they have been appreciated.

Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying their swimming sessions, approaching them with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. The children have shown growing confidence in the water and have been keen to develop their swimming skills, which is part of the school PE curriculum, listening carefully to instructions and supporting one another. It has been lovely to hear about their progress over the sessions so far and the pride in which they are talking about their achievements.

As this is my first newsletter of 2026, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families that have joined us since the beginning of this term. Welcome to the HCCPS family!!

House Points

We are introducing a new house point system to further celebrate positive behaviour, effort, and contribution across all areas of school life. This system has already been launched at Cambourne and will be introduced at Hardwick after half term.

Every child now belongs to one of our four houses: Ruby, Emerald, Sapphire, or Amber. All staff are able to award house points, which can be given for positive learning behaviours in the classroom, being helpful and supportive to others, making appropriate behaviour choices around school, and demonstrating positive conduct on the playground, in corridors, and during assemblies.

House points will be collected weekly, with a cumulative total displayed in the hall so children can see their house's progress. At the end of each half term, the house with the highest number of points will receive a reward.

Parking

In the interest of safeguarding, parking is permitted only in designated parking bays within both school car parks. Vehicles must not be parked where cones are in place, directly at the school entrance or by the school gates, or within hashed areas—these spaces must remain clear at all times. Unsafe parking in these areas significantly reduces visibility, creates congestion, and poses a serious risk to pupils and families entering and leaving the site, as well as restricting access for emergency services. Failure to follow the parking guidance compromises the safety of our school community. Thank you for your co-operation with this request.

School start time

This a reminder that the school day begins promptly at 9am. Arriving late can be unsettling for children, causing them to miss important learning and disrupting both their own routine and the learning of others. Regular lateness also makes it harder for pupils to settle into the school day and can have a negative impact on progress and wellbeing. We appreciate your support in ensuring children arrive on time so they can start the day calmly and ready to learn.

Reporting absence

Message from the school office: When leaving a message on the schools answerphone regarding illness, please can you ensure that you speak clearly, stating your child's name, what class they are in and giving a detailed reason as to why they are ill. Just to make you aware, that while these absences are authorised, they still do effect your child's attendance percentage.

Dogs

I would like to remind parents and carers that dogs are not permitted on the school playground or school site, with the exception of registered assistance dogs. This policy is in place to ensure the safety, wellbeing and comfort of all children, including those with allergies or anxiety around animals. We kindly ask for your cooperation in supporting this rule and helping us keep the school environment safe for everyone.

Term dates

16th—20th February	Half Term
Friday 27th March	End of Spring Term
Monday 13th April	Summer Term begins
25th—29th May	Half Term
Fri 17th July	End of Summer Term for children
Mon 20th July	School Closed (INSET DAY)
Thurs 3rd September	Beginning of Autumn Term 2026