



Hampden Gurney CE Primary School

Headteacher's Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers,

Appreciation and Thank You

Parents and PTA Committee

On behalf of the school I would like to thank all of the PTA for their dedication, commitment and uncompromising hard work to enhance the school environment, resources and learning experiences for all our pupils. The importance of the work that the PTA is immeasurable, the contribution that parents make, time and effort is truly invaluable to our school community.

The PTA committee have led a great group of parent volunteers and we thank each one of them who had helped in so many ways to support the committee: volunteering at events or working behind the scenes to get things ready: cleaning and clearing after events, reaching out to local businesses and communities for support, donations and gifts, and generally, galvanising parental involvement and spearheading enrichment events to enhance our pupils' growth and development.

More importantly, the PTA have fostered a strong school community by building positive relationships, friendship and collegiality between parents, teachers and pupils. May we thank you all for this unwavering commitment to the work and life of Hampden Gurney.

School Leavers

As we move towards the final week of this academic year, we have also entered another period of new learning, challenges and experiences for all our school leavers.

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils, past and present, for amazing accomplishments over the years, achieving nationally as the No. 1 ranking school in England (2023 & 2024) and the Sunday Times School of the Year 2025. Once again, our Key Stage 2 SATs 2025 yield another set of stunning results, a remarkable feat attained by all our Year 6 pupils..

Striving for academic excellence goes beyond just excelling in pupils' test scores — it is about acquiring the skills, habits, and discipline invaluable throughout children's life. It empowers our pupils to know that they can achieve the level best; enhance their ability to approach and solve complex

challenges; building discipline and positive work ethic; and fuelling self-confidence and self-esteem. Not only have we fostered in our pupils the love of learning and the ultimate heights they can reach, our teaching is also deeply rooted in the biblical narrative that embraces diligence, perseverance and resilience.

Our school vision espouses: “ ... a curriculum provides children with a thirst for knowledge and wisdom, a high level of challenge...”

May we thank and celebrate the brilliant triumphs of our 2025 School Leavers who have achieved such resounding success through their self-motivation, positive work ethics and learning attitudes and of course, the support from both their families and staff in the school.

May we wish all our school leavers are fond farewell and that the wisdom and knowledge they have found at Hampden Gurney take them where they wish to go and every opportunity to achieve their dreams and goals.

2025 Key Stage 2 SATs Results

SUBJECTS	% Expected Standards	% Greater Depth
Reading	100%	89%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS)	100%	96%
Writing	100%	20%
Mathematics	100%	100%

It has been an extraordinary year for our Year 6 pupils and despite the challenges experienced this term, all pupils have excelled and performed to their level best. Once again, the Year 6 pupils have attained another set of brilliant results in our KS 2 SATs 2025. 100% pupils have attained the Expected Standards in Reading, Grammar Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) and Writing. We are even more amazed at the remarkable number of pupils attaining Greater Depth in Reading (89%); GPS (96%) and Maths (100%). We will be sending two Reading papers for remark (1 point to achieve GD), and hope for an upgrade with these papers.

Such phenomenal results could not be achieved without the year on year work by all the staff over the years, and the final sprint taken in Year 6 with Ms Eva, Ms Jane, Miss Hegarty and me. We wish to thank all staff for their support in helping to shape and guide all our school leavers over their many years at Hampden Gurney.

Staffing

Resignations

It is with sadness that after 9 1/2 years at Hampden Gurney, Miss Shin will be leaving us to take up a promotion as the Deputy Headteacher of The British School in Barcelona. Miss Shin's dedicated work with the Wellbeing initiative, as the English, and History co-ordinator and her support as a Senior Leader are hugely valued and much appreciated. Miss Shin's contributions to the school and her positive relationships with both pupils and parents will be much missed. We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude and wish Miss Shin every success and happiness as she embarks on new adventures in her next school.

Mr Liam Perkins-Edge, Yr 2 classteacher, will also be leaving us to join an International School in Vietnam. Mr Perkins-Edge started his teaching career as an NQT at Hampden Gurney three years ago and has made a valued contribution in both Key Stages. He is very excited to return back to the Far East. We would like to thank Mr Perkins-Edge for his contributions to the work and life of the school and wish him every success to all his future endeavours.

Miss Elizabeth Hegarty, Year 6 classteacher, has been off sick since the 7th May this year. Miss Hegarty will not be returning to Hampden Gurney in the new academic year and we wish her all our very best to the future.

New Teaching Staff

We are delighted to welcome two new teachers to the school.

Miss Chloe Lovett, will join Hampden Gurney as the new Year 6 classteacher. Miss Lovett has enjoyed leading the Science and Computing departments in her previous school and we hope that she will be able to support the school with her invaluable experience in these areas of the curriculum when she joins the school.

Miss Iqra Ali, a KS 1 and EYFS classteacher will take over the Reception class in the Autumn term. Miss Ali is an enthusiasm and experienced Early Years practitioner who will enhance a strong EYFS team and be an invaluable source of expertise to support our SEND work with her psychology educational background.

Classteachers for next year:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Nursery	Ms Robyn Broaders	Ms Jen Cabarillos Ms Debbie Mulloy
Reception	Miss Igra Ali	Mrs Marian Lyons
Year 1	Ms Stefani Tsoli	Mr Juan Eden-Brown
Year 2	Ms Rachael Brown	Ms Joy Cobacha
Year 3	Mr Pravesh Sangha	Mrs Teresa Kennedy
Year 4	Ms Irina Panas	Ms Vivienne Law
Year 5	Mr Andrew McIntyre	Ms Randa Chafi
Year 6	Ms Chloe Lovett	Ms Jane Lee
Support Teacher Y 3, 4, 5, 6	Mrs Evelyn Chua Ms Eva Valverde	

Anchoring our School Vision

... how our local community and global companions leads us to want to care and serve others.'

STEM Experience at the Halcyon London International School

The Yr 6 pupils were invited to attend a STEM Experience morning at the Halcyon International School as part of our integrated partnership programme. The Halcyon International prioritises a multidisciplinary approach to STEM education. With their science laboratories and design technology room, pupils were given opportunities to engage in scientific concepts to develop their critical thinking skills and creative skills at the STEM workshop. Pupils carried out experiments and designed and create environmental bugs.

Marylebone Arts Mark Creative project

We have completed the Statements of Commitment for St Marylebone to continue with our journey towards achieving our Gold Artmark in 2028. We look forward to begin this initiative with the support from St Marylebone Team over the next two years to achieve this prestigious accolade.

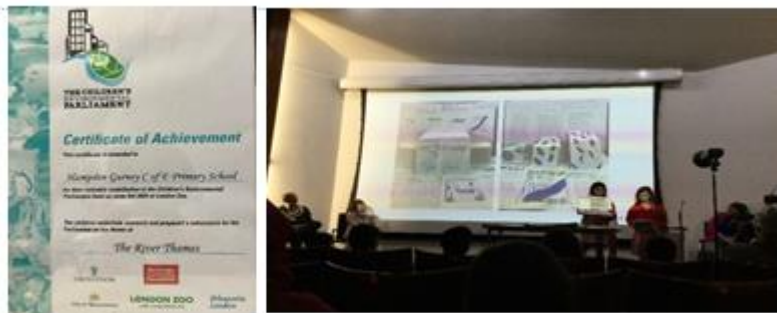
Parliamentary Environmental Project

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Children from ten primary schools in Kensington and Chelsea and Hammersmith and Fulham had their say on green issues for the 21st Children's Environmental Parliament. Approximately 80 Year 6 children (10 – 11 years) took part in the event at London Zoo Conference Centre on the 22nd May 2025. Two elected speakers from each school made presentations on their chosen topics, covering environmental and local issues.

Our school Courageous Advocates researched on the pollution of the River Thames and had met with relevant environmental specialist to explore the problems with flooding, river biodiversity, the impact on the Thames. Pupils designed an impressive competition piece and presented their research work at the Children's Environmental Parliament competition.

Hampden Gurney TAG team was awarded the Research Award for their in-depth research of river pollution, their general knowledge, the creative visuals and eloquent delivery of their project. We are tremendously proud of the Courageous Advocate Team (TAG) who represented the school with much pride and aptitude.



International Visitors

As part of our on-going global outreach work and initiative, we are constantly welcoming and hosting international school leaders and educators. On the 20th June, we hosted a group of Korean officers and school leaders from the Daegu Metropolitan Office of Education, Republic of Korea as part of their overseas study research on School Facility Types and Educational Policies in Response to Future Educational Environments.





Primary Maths Challenge 2025

Hampden Gurney was selected to participate at the Queens College Primary Maths College as one of their top feeder schools on Thursday, 12th June.

The UKMT Primary Team Maths Challenge is a competition giving primary school pupils the opportunity to experience a variety of engaging mathematical activities, while developing teamwork and communication skills. The competition is arranged into seven rounds, designed to be tackled by teams of four students and was inspired by the very successful UKMT Team Challenge in which hundreds of Years 7, 8 and 9 students from across the country compete each year. Each round varies from the last and they include a relay race, a speed test, a logic puzzle and a cross number activity.

A team of four of our most talented Year 5 and 6 mathematicians attended this challenge. The remarkable speed and competency of this team was clearly noted and praised by all supervising adults present and lifting the First Prize trophy was the highlight of the day. Pupils were ecstatic and so were we!

Wraparound Care Provision

Thank you to all parents who had completed a recent survey regarding the Wraparound Care Provisions. At the last Governors Meeting, governors discussed wraparound care at Hampden Gurney. After careful consideration, governors decided to enhance and expand provision in response to parental requests. As a result, this email updates you on our plans for 2025-26.

1. Clubs offered will run for the entire school term except for the unavoidable whole school events such as Sports Day, INSET days and Public Holidays.
2. Hampden Gurney afterschool provision will provide enrichment clubs, with wide ranging activities, providing a more personalised experience for the pupils. The health and safety factors will be a prime consideration when registering the maximum number for each club as well as the children's age range.
3. The school will provide an additional 'Stay and Play' club which will offer parents who would wish for their children to be supervised after school, without joining a specific club, from 3.45-4.45pm, pre-paid for £10 or as a 'drop-in' request for £12. Depending on the uptake for this provision, the cost may increase. A minimum of 5 pupils will be required for this service to remain at £10.
4. School is aiming to work with another local school to take on any pupil/s at their after-school wraparound provision should it be required. Conversations have begun but not finalised.
5. All clubs will be opened for registration from the 14th July. Club attendance will be confirmed on Thursday 17 July.
6. School is still exploring the option of accepting card payments, on a casual basis such as the one-off payment for Breakfast Club and Stay and Play club.

Music Soiree and Frozen

Our Music Soiree on Friday 6 June was a tremendous success once again. As well as showcasing the skills of our talented children, we raised just over xx for the school's IT equipment fund, a superb outcome.

We were delighted to welcome back several alumni pupils to join the school orchestra performing six pieces, in a set that included solo performances by Leo, Y6 and Elizabeth Y5 as well as a quartet from Abigail, Alaina, Leo and Elizabeth. Hopefully, this inspirational performance will encourage younger child to persevere with their musical studies with passion and enthusiasm.



Many children took part in the production of Frozen, our most ambitious musical to date. The calibre of dedication and diligence shown by all the cast is truly remarkable. Many parents contributed their time and energy helping with costumes, makeup, set design and food and refreshments.

Special thanks must be given to Ms Jane Lee for all her work with the music and rehearsals; Mr Fedi and Mrs Randa Chafi for providing the food and drinks and supporting the rehearsals; Mrs Martha Williams, Ms Gillian Brown, Ms Xiaoxue Zhao, Ms Janeth Adorno Salazar, Ms Diana Bakane, Ms Helen-Marie O'Sullivan and Ms Kasia Cobby for their work with costumes, hair and makeup; Mr Jason Lewis for his work on the choreography; Mr Matt for all his work with the staging; and to Ms Julia Rice and Ms Clare Buckmaster for their PTA support with ticketing and sales.

IT Equipment replacement initiative

We are thrilled to inform parents that the school has received a grant to help replace our aged IT equipment. Our old equipment has been a financial burden for several years, but now we are happy to report that together with the funds raised by parents and the school we are able to upgrade the devices in the ICT Suite, the staff desktops, the class interactive whiteboards and the devices for children to use in classroom activities. The new equipment will be installed over the summer. Previously donated equipment, not compatible with Windows 11, is being responsibly recycled and, in more good news, the school also receives a cashback discount on those devices!

Finally, we wish all families an enjoyable, safe and relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for another stimulating year on Tuesday 2 September, 2025!



Please check the school website for the term dates