

HORRABRIDGE PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2026



Discovering, Learning

& Achieving Together

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and are ready for a busy Summer term!

This newsletter is full of important information and reminders which are particularly relevant as we start the new term and we encourage you to read it carefully. If you require a paper copy, please contact the school office.

Information, such as term dates and events, can also be found on our school website.

SUMMER 2026 TERM DATES

Monday 20th April - Tuesday 21st July
Half term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
School will be closed on Mon 4th May (May Day)

TERM DATES 2026-2027

Term	Start on	Finish on
Autumn - 1st half	Mon 7 th Sep 2026	Fri 23 rd Oct 2026
Autumn - 2nd half	Mon 2 nd Nov 2026	Fri 18 th Dec 2026
Spring - 1st half	Wed 6 th Jan 2027	Fri 12 th Feb 2027
Spring - 2nd half	Mon 22 nd Feb 2027	Thu 25 th Mar 2027
Summer - 1st half*	Mon 12 th Apr 2027	Fri 28 th May 2027
Summer - 2nd half	Mon 7 th Jun 2027	Thu 22 nd Jul 2027

*** School will be closed on Mon 3rd May 2027 (Bank Holiday) ***

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

20th: First day of Summer term
27th: After-school activity clubs start
28th: Year 5 Swimming (1 of 8)
29th: Full Governing Body meeting @ 6:00pm

MAY

1st: Year 2 class assembly @ 9:00am
1st: Year 5 Swimming (2 of 8)
4th: School closed - Bank Holiday
5th: Year 5 Swimming (3 of 8)
8th: Year 5 Swimming (4 of 8)
11th - 15th: Year 6 SATs Week
12th: Year 5 Swimming (5 of 8)
15th: Year 3 class assembly @ 9:00am
15th: Year 5 Swimming (6 of 8)
19th: Year 5 Swimming (7 of 8)
22nd: Year 4 class assembly @ 9:00am
22nd: Year 5 Swimming (8 of 8)
22nd: Break up for half term

JUNE

1st: Second half of Summer term begins
5th: Year 5 class assembly @ 9:00am
10th: Full Governing Body meeting @ 6:00pm
16th: Tempest Photography - class and team photos
19th: School Sports Day @ 9.30am (reserve date 26th)
25th: Year 6 Leavers' Party (6:00pm - 9:00pm)
26th: Reception class assembly @ 9:00am
26th: Reserve Sports Day @ 1:00pm (if 19th is too wet)
26th: Last day of after-school activity clubs

JULY

3rd: Year 1 class assembly @ 9:00am
8th: Full Governing Body meeting @ 6:00pm
10th: Whole school Music assembly @ 9:00am
10th: School reports sent out
21st: Year 6 & Leavers' assembly @ 2:00pm
21st: End of Summer term

New events will be added to the 'Calendar of School Events' page on our website so please check regularly for updates

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SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

We would like to remind you of the dates of our school assemblies for the Summer term. Assemblies start at **9:00am**, except for the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, which will start at 2:00pm. Parents/carers are always welcome to attend.

- * **Friday 1st May:** Year 2
- * **Friday 15th May:** Year 3
- * **Friday 22nd May:** Year 4
- * **Friday 5th June:** Year 5
- * **Friday 26th June:** Reception
- * **Friday 3rd July:** Year 1
- * **Friday 10th July:** Whole School Music assembly
- * **Tuesday 21st July:** Year 6 Leavers (2:00pm)

We will issue our weekly class certificates and awards for all year groups during the assemblies, and parents/carers of the recipients of these are also invited into school to see their child collect their award.



THE SCHOOL DAY

A reminder that the school day for children in Reception to Year 6 runs from 8:45am - 3:15pm.

- Breakfast Club from 7:30am (booking required)
- Playground gates open at 8:40am
- Classroom doors open at 8:45am
- Registration closes at 8:50am
- Playground gates close promptly at 8:50am*
- School finishes for all classes at 3:15pm
- After-School Club is available from 3:00pm - 6:00pm (booking required)
- Nursery: children enter through the hall doors and leave school through the main doors
Morning session: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Afternoon session: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

* If you have brought your child onto the school playground, please ensure that you leave promptly, and before the gate is locked. Any child arriving after 8:50am will need to come into school through the front door, by the school office. Those children who arrive between 8:50am and 9:00am will be marked as late, those arriving after 9:00am will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

PARENTMAIL APP - EMAIL SETTINGS

If you use the ParentMail app, we would like to remind you of a setting which will enable you to receive instant email notifications via your email provider, in addition to notifications received in the ParentMail app.

Please go to your IRIS ParentMail App > Settings > Email Preferences > Email Settings > Always receive an email (App users only). If this setting is enabled, you will receive an instant email when we send out a message. If the setting is disabled, notifications are sent to the app only (this setting only applies if you have the ParentMail app installed).

CLASS PE DAYS - SUMMER 2026

For the **first half of the Summer term**, class PE days will be as follows:

Reception: Four mornings - school PE kit not yet required

Year 1: Wednesdays & Fridays

Year 2: Thursdays & Fridays

Year 3: Wednesdays & Thursdays

Year 4: Mondays & Thursdays

Year 5: Swimming on Tuesdays & Fridays until half-term

Year 6: Tuesdays & Fridays

We will notify you of any occasional changes to these days via email.

Children in Years 1 to 6 should come into school on their class PE days wearing their school PE kit, and remain in it for the whole day. The kit is:

- Burgundy or black PE shorts
- Burgundy t-shirt
- Trainers
- Dark grey or black tracksuit trousers or leggings and burgundy school sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece

Children should **ONLY** come into school in their PE kit on class PE days, and on days they have sports-related after-school activity clubs or sports events during the day.

ACCIDENT FORMS

If your child has a minor accident at school, the member of staff treating the child will complete an incident form. This form will then be emailed to you.

It is important that you read the form carefully and email us back straight afterwards, confirming that you have received the form and are aware of any action taken.



ABSENCE REPORTING PROCEDURE

Further to advice from the Attendance Improvement Officer (AIO), we wish to confirm the procedure for the reporting of absences, and action that will be taken should we not receive a reason for a child's absence from school.

- **Any child's absence should be reported by 8:50am.** The school office answerphone is available to take messages if your call cannot be answered. You can also email us, by 8:50am, at admin@horrabridge-primary.devon.sch.uk or report your child's absence via Absence Reporting on ParentMail. Please fully complete the online form, giving as much information as possible.
- If we do not receive notification of a child's absence by 8:50am, we will ring the contact numbers we have on file and also send email/text messages to addresses/numbers we hold.
- If, by 9:20am, we have not spoken to anyone who can confirm the child's reason for absence, and therefore there is a genuine concern for the child's welfare, we will contact the AIO and/or the police.

TO PREVENT ANY UNNECESSARY ACTION BEING TAKEN, PLEASE ASSIST US BY REPORTING ABSENCES BEFORE 8:50AM

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please try to arrange medical appointments out of school hours or during school holidays, wherever possible. If your child does have a medical appointment, which will result in them missing any school time, you must advise the school office in advance and provide an appointment card or letter, to include with the register, in accordance with advice from the AIO.

SAFE PARKING & CAR PARK DROP-OFF ZONE

A reminder that we have a **drop-off zone** in the school car park, in front of the double gates, adjacent to the KS2 playground, which you can use to drop your child off in the mornings. The school car park is **not** to be used in the afternoons when collecting your child.

At both the start and the end of the school day, **we have permission to use the car park directly adjacent to the football pitches, off New Park**, which has ample room and is only a short walk from the school grounds. If you choose to park elsewhere, please ensure that you park sensibly, considerately and in accordance with the law, to ensure the safety of all children and adults.

CHILDREN IN KS2

A reminder for parents/carers with children in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) that if your child is due to be collected at the end of the school day, and you are not there when expected, your child **must** return to the school building, notify the office that they are still in school and wait in the foyer until they are collected. They must not wait on the playground, on the pathway leading up to school or on the pavement at the front of school. This is for the safety of our children. Also, children should not play on the equipment in the KS2 playground at home time, but leave the school grounds promptly at 3.15pm. The playground gates will be locked at 3:25pm in order to support security on the school grounds for those children attending after-school clubs.



A reminder that ParentMail is our primary method of communicating with parents/carers. We send information such as trip consent forms and certificate winner notifications, along with other general information relating to your child's class.

Once you have registered, you can download the FREE app to make access to ParentMail easier.

ABSENCE REPORTING You can use ParentMail to report your child's absence from school. Please notify us of any absence by 8:50am.

SCHOOL MEALS We use ParentMail to manage online payments for your child's school dinner account. With ParentMail, parents/carers who pay for their child's school meals in KS2 will be sent a weekly reminder to top up their child's dinner account when the credit balance falls below £5.

BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB For parents of children in Years Reception to Year 6, you can use ParentMail to make online payments for Breakfast Club and After-School Club. A weekly reminder will be sent when the credit balance falls below £5.

NURSERY Please note that fees, school dinners and trip payments for children in Nursery cannot currently be made using ParentMail and should continue to be paid by cash, cheque or vouchers via the school office.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

We offer a selection of healthy breakfast foods and a range of group and individual activities
Themed days/weeks

Reception to Year 6: from 7:30am to 8:45am (£6.25 per child, per session)

Nursery: 7:30am to 9:00am (£7.50 per child, per session)

Nursery: 8:00am to 9:00am (£5.00 per child, per session)

Nursery: 8:45am to 9:00am (£1.25 per child, per session (childcare only))

For more information, including the food choices we offer, please take a look at our [school website](#)

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Our After-School Club is available from 3:15pm til 6:00pm

Reception to Year 6: 3:15pm to 4:30pm (£6.25 per child, per session)

Reception to Year 6: 3:15pm to 6:00pm (£13.75 per child, per session)

Nursery: 3:00pm to 3:15pm (£1.25 per child, per session)

Nursery: 3:00pm to 4:30pm (£7.50 per child, per session)

Nursery: 3:00pm to 6:00pm (£15.00 per child, per session)

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