

Monday 7th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our School Reception & Nursery!

A very warm welcome to the start of a new school year at Hamstel Infant School and Nursery. I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable summer, and that the children are feeling happy and ready to begin an exciting year with us.

There has been lots happening behind the scenes over the summer. Our staff and dedicated site team, Mr Palmer, Mrs Nixon and Mr Roddis, have worked incredibly hard to prepare the school, classrooms and grounds so that everything is ready for the children's return. Our swimming pool renovations are also taking shape and we are on schedule for re-opening in the new year.

We were really excited to seeing Year 1 and Year 2 walk back through the school gates last week, and we look forward to welcoming our new Reception and Nursery children this week, when we will be back to full capacity.

The whole team are excited to welcome some children back, meet those who are joining us for the first time, and get to know our new families. We have lots of exciting learning experiences planned for the term ahead, and we are looking forward to sharing these with the children.

At Hamstel Infants, we place great importance on building positive relationships with our families and ensuring that communication between home and school is as strong as possible. One way we can support this is by giving you as much advance notice as we can about events and opportunities to be involved in school life.

With this in mind, we have included a number of important dates for your diaries, along with opportunities for you to come into school and take part in your child's learning. Events that parents and carers are invited to attend are highlighted in bold in the tables on the following pages. Further information will be shared closer to each event, but we would encourage you to make a note of these dates and times now. Your involvement makes a real difference to your children and is greatly valued by us.

Please remember to check your child's classroom window regularly, as this is where we will display important messages and any updates or changes to arrangements.



If you have a question, concern or difficulty relating to any aspect of school life, please do come and speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office at **office@his.porticoacademytrust.co.uk**. We are always happy to listen and help wherever we can. We strongly encourage families to speak directly with us rather than raising concerns through social media groups or conversations with other parents. In our experience, open and direct communication allows us to understand concerns properly and work together to find a positive solution.

Most importantly, we want every child to enjoy coming to school each day. We hope that throughout the year our children will feel happy, valued, confident and safe as members of the Hamstel Infant School and Nursery community.

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead and to working closely with you and your children.

Best regards



Mr. S. Roche

Principal

Hamstel Infant School and Nursery – Dates for your Diaries

Whole School Events	
Friday 18 th September	First Open House session to see children's work
Week beginning 28 th September	Harvest food donations into school
Monday 28 th September	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 8 th October	Individual Photographs
Friday 9 th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 16 th October	Black History Day
Tuesday 20 th October	Firework Safety Assembly
Friday 23 rd October	Sponsored run (details & timings to be confirmed)



Friday 6 th November	Non-Uniform Day – bring in a gift for the Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance event
Week beginning 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day to launch Anti-bullying week
Friday 20 th November	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 25th November	Christmas Fair – 3:15pm to 4:30pm
Tuesday 1 st December	Christmas Ballet performance
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Flu immunisations mop up

Nursery

Monday 7th September	Stay & Play with parents
Tuesday 8 th September	Stay & Play without parents
Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th December	Nursery Nativity performance (times TBC)

Reception

Monday 7th September	Stay & Play with parents
Tuesday 8 th September	Stay & Play without parents Reception curriculum meetings at 9:10am and 2:30pm in Infant Hall
Tuesday 6th October	Phonics Workshop 9am in Infant Hall
Thursday 22nd October	Handwriting workshops in Infant Hall Kingfisher & Owl – 9am



	Woodpecker & Peacock – 2:15pm
Tuesday 10th November	Parents to watch a handwriting lesson – 9am
Monday 23 rd November	Walk to Post box
Tuesday 8th December	Nativity performance (Peacock & Owl) – 9am in Infant Hall
Wednesday 9th December	Nativity performance (Kingfisher & Woodpecker) – 9am in Infant Hall

Outdoor Learning Timetable 2026/2027

	YEAR 2	YEAR 1	NURSERY / RECEPTION
MONDAY		Rainbow and Starlight	Nursery
TUESDAY	Fox	Duck	Woodpecker
WEDNESDAY	Squirrel	Newt	Kingfisher
THURSDAY	Hedgehog	Dragonfly	Peacock
FRIDAY	Otter	Heron	Owl

AUTUMN 1	
1 st September	
7 th September	Year 1
14 th September	Year 2
21 st September	Nursery / Reception
28 th September	Year 1
5 th October	Year 2
12 th October	Nursery / Reception
19 th October	Year 1
AUTUMN 2	
2 nd November	Year 2
9 th November	Nursery / Reception
16 th November	Year 1
23 rd November	Year 2
30 th November	Nursery / Reception
7 th December	Year 1
14 th December	Year 2

SPRING 1	
4 th January	Nursery / Reception
11 th January	Year 1
18 th January	Year 2
25 th January	Nursery / Reception
1 st February	Year 1
8 th February	Year 2
SPRING 2	
22 nd February	Nursery / Reception
1 st March	Year 1
8 th March	Year 2
15 th March	Reception
22 nd March	Year 1

SUMMER 1	
12 th April	Year 2
19 th April	Nursery / Reception
26 th April	Year 1
3 rd May	Year 2
10 th May	Nursery / Reception
17 th May	Year 1
24 th May	Year 2
SUMMER 2	
7 th June	Nursery / Reception
14 th June	Year 1
21 st June	Year 2
28 th June	Nursery / Reception
5 th July	Year 1
12 th July	Year 2
19 th July	

