



HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

PTA UPDATE



We are now looking ahead to planning our exciting events for this term! More information will be coming out about these very soon, but we wanted to give you a sneak peek of what's in store.

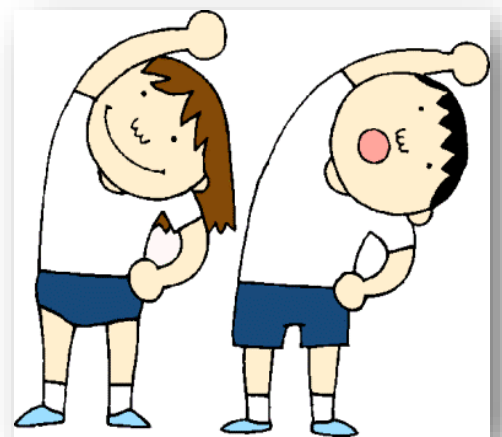
Join us for our **Easter Bingo** on **Monday 30th March**. The fun begins at **5.30pm**, with 'eyes down' at **5.45pm**. It's a fantastic opportunity to enjoy some friendly competition and win some lovely prizes!

Also, mark your calendars for our **'Break The Rules' Day** on **Thursday 2nd April** – a day full of fun and surprises!

PE ACTIVE WEAR UNIFORM REMINDER

Our PE uniform should not have any brand names, unless it is the school logo. Items of uniform with the school logo on can be purchased from our suppliers, Whitakers or Smart Clothing. The PE day uniform includes:

- **Plain white** T-shirt or Hardy Mill logo sports shirt
- **Plain black** leggings or plain black tracksuit bottoms/joggers
- **Plain black** hoodie or zip-up top
- Trainers
- **Plain black** shorts (in warm weather)



If your child cannot wear the correct PE uniform, please speak to Mrs Briggs. Thank you for your support with this matter.



SAFETY NOTICE

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensure the safety and welfare of all children, we would like to remind you of our safety protocols that are in place before and after school hours. It is essential that all children are supervised by their parents or carers during drop-off and collection times. Our duty of care on site extends only to school hours, and it is therefore critical that parents take responsibility for their children's safety outside of these times.

Please be advised that the trim trail must not be used by children before and after school. This measure is to prevent any accidents or injuries that may occur from unsupervised play on the equipment during these times.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's safety, either before or after school, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Briggs directly. We appreciate your cooperation in following these guidelines and thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.

NUT ALLERGIES – SAFETY REMINDER

We are a nut-free school as we have several children in our community with nut allergies. It is essential that we work together to keep these children safe and healthy.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that all snacks and packed lunches do not contain nut-based products, including certain chocolate spreads. By being mindful of this, we can create a safe environment for all our children to thrive.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this important matter.



ATTENDANCE

At Hardy Mill School, we understand that sometimes children cannot come to school because they are truly unwell—this is the right thing to do for their health and for others. However, medical advice shows that children with mild illnesses, like a cold or cough without a fever, are often well enough to attend school. For guidance on this, we recommend visiting the NHS website and reading the section, [Is My Child Too Ill for School?](#)

We also recognise that when children miss school, they can fall behind their friends and classmates. At Hardy Mill School, we believe that a strong community is built when all children are in school, on time, every day. Being in school helps build important life skills, friendships, and prepares your child for future success.

To achieve the best attendance for our children, we need to work together. Please let us know if your child will be absent each day by 8.30 am through a 'phone call or on ParentApp. Inform the school about any medical appointments in advance, and if you're uncertain whether your child is well enough to attend, please check the NHS guidance.

We are here to support you. We check attendance daily and will update you in your child's termly report. If attendance drops below 90%, we will inform you in writing and work together to improve it. If attendance doesn't improve, we may invite you to a meeting to discuss how we can help.

All absences, including appointments, should be requested via email or on ParentApp, as detailed in our [Attendance Policy](#).

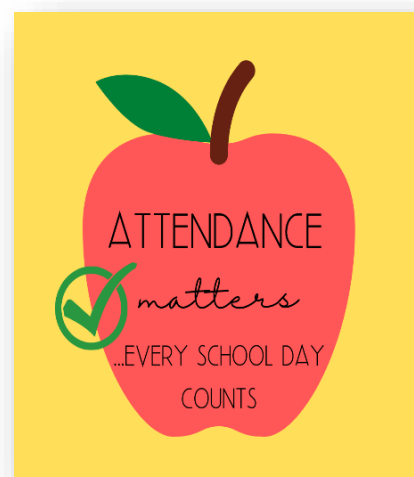
Please note that holidays during term time will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances, and this may lead to fines. To try and avoid this, Hardy Mill has a two-week **half-term break in summer term** from **Monday 25th May to Friday 5th June 2026** to go some way in helping our families secure more affordable holidays outside of term time.

NEW LOOK WEBSITE

We are thrilled to announce that our website has received a fabulous 'glow-up'! We have been hard at work making it easier for you to navigate and find the information you need. From a fresh design to improved functionality, we hope you will find your experience much more enjoyable.

We invite you to take a look at the changes and explore all the new features. Your feedback is incredibly important to us, so please let us know what you think!

[Click here to visit the website and see the changes](#)



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS UPDATE

Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Squad:



First up, a huge congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 Gymnastic Squad! They have truly shone, competing against 19 other primary schools and emerging victorious. Not only did they secure first place in their heat, but they also won the overall competition! Several team members excelled in individual events, showcasing their hard work and dedication. We are so proud of their achievements!



Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics Team:

Equally impressive is our Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics Team. They displayed exceptional teamwork and spirit across a variety of events, including javelin, speed jumping, and the obstacle course. The competition was fierce, but our athletes demonstrated remarkable sportsmanship and resilience throughout. Their efforts were commendable, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a current list of dates for events in spring term.
Please note that this diary of events is subject to change and further details for many of the events listed will follow.

SPRING TERM 2026

Please note that this diary of events is subject to change. You will be informed of any changes.

	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
MARCH			
2 nd and 3 rd	9.00am	Kay Class Phonic workshops	Kay Class
4 th	9.00am	Kenny Class Phonic workshop	Kenny Class
5 th	All day	World Book Day – Character Day	In classes
9 th and 10 th	9.00am	Lancaster Class Guided Reading Workshops	Lancaster Class
12 th	9.00am	Kenny Class Guided Reading Workshop	Kenny Class
16 th – 20 th	All week	End of term assessment week in Year 1 to Year 6	In classes
23 rd	9.00am	Kay Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
25 th	9.00am	Kenny Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
26 th	9.00am	Lancaster Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
30 th	5.30pm	PTA Easter Bingo	Hall
31 st	9.00am	Year 5 Showcase Assembly	Hall
31 st	3.30 – 6.00pm	Nursery to Year 5 Parent Meetings	Classrooms
APRIL			
1 st	3.30 – 6.00pm	Nursery to Year 5 Parent Meetings	Classrooms
2 nd	All day	PTA – Break the Rules Day – more information to follow	
2 nd	2.15pm	School closes for Easter break	
14 th	8.50am	School reopens for Summer Term	