



Hemsby Primary  
School & Nursery

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had in school!

A huge well done to our Year 6 children who have worked their socks off this week doing tests in school. We are so proud of them. To mark the end of a busy week, we celebrated with lollies and ice creams kindly supplied by Carousel Café, Hemsby. Many thanks to Keith for the kind donations. It was such a lovely way to end the week.

Many thanks also to the Governors and staff for supporting us in school with KS2 SATs. Thank you to Mr Brodey for organising SATs breakfast. It was great to see the children so relaxed, in good spirits, enjoying a real social time with their friends.

May I also take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for their support and for ensuring the Year 6 children arrived in school early. The Home School partnership is an absolutely vital part of your child's educational journey.

We want to work together with parents/carers to ensure your child gets the most from their time with us here at Hemsby.

Thank you to Miss Brown for organising our Coronation Competitions. There were so many entries so a huge well done for supporting this. You will find more information about our Coronation celebrations further on in the newsletter.

Next week our children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be visiting Kingswood for a residential visit. Having chatted with the children, I know they are very excited. We will be in regular contact with the group throughout their stay. The group will leave at lunchtime on Monday 15th May. We will send a communication to let you know the group have arrived safely later that afternoon. We will also update you each morning. Thank you for your support with this visit, which I know, will create a lot of special memories for the children.

As Mr Brodey will be accompanying the children to Kingswood, Mr Wicks will be teaching our Year 4 class with support from Mrs Coleman during this time.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

*Donna Walker*

**Mrs Donna Walker**  
**Acting Headteacher**



## Social Media Platforms

Make sure you're following us on social media to receive updates about what we are getting up to in school.

We can now be found on Instagram as well as Facebook!  
Just search Hemsby Primary School & Nursery or click the links  
below.

[www.instagram.com/hemsbyprimaryschoolandnursery](https://www.instagram.com/hemsbyprimaryschoolandnursery)

[www.facebook.com/hemsbyprimaryschoolandnursery](http://www.facebook.com/hemsbyprimaryschoolandnursery)



## Attendance

At Hemsby Primary School, we expect children to attend on time every day. Research shows that regular attendance is directly linked to raising achievement and helps build skills for life, developing children's confidence and helping them to make and keep lasting friendships.

### What should I do if my child is absent from school?

- Contact the School Office to leave a message giving the reason for absence.
- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please keep them off school for 48 hours to reduce the spread of infection.

Office contact details: [office@hemsby.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@hemsby.norfolk.sch.uk)

Telephone: 01493 730364

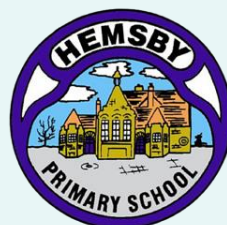
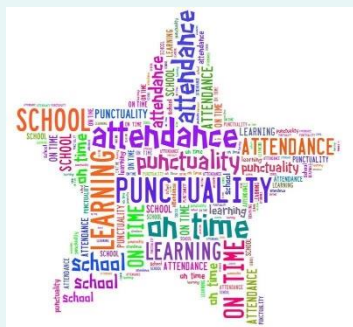
The school day starts at 8.50am, the school gates will be opened at 8.40am.

Top three classes attendance from: 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> May.

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Woodpeckers 95 %

Kingfishers	93.82 %
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# Aims and Values

We expect everyone at Hemsby Primary School to:

- Be Respectful
- Be Kind
- Be safe

This is the Hemsby School mantra and we will keep reminding the children to be respectful, kind and safe. Staff talk to the children about what it looks like to be respectful, kind and safe and reward them when they are.

We want everyone at Hemsby Primary School to **ASPIRE** to be the best they can through developing the following values and behaviours for learning.

They are:

- Accepting
- Successful
- Proud
- Independent
- Respectful
- Enthusiastic



Our half termly assembly themes reflect each value and staff talk to the children about what each learning behavior looks like. At the end of each week class teachers nominate children for an ASPIRE Award. This is celebrated during Friday assemblies. There are half termly Headteacher Aspire Award Assemblies for one child in each class. Parents are invited to attend if their child is selected.

Our theme this half term is: **Respectful**





# Online Safety – Internet Safety for Kids

In the guide, you'll find helpful tips that you can share with your children to keep them safe online.



# Coronation Events



It was lovely to see the children all dressed up in their regal costumes or wearing the colours of the United Jack flag.

Unfortunately, despite a bright sunny start to the morning, the rain put a stop to our plans for an outdoor picnic lunch and sing song. Instead, children enjoyed their Coronation lunch in their classrooms which was a novelty and something that the children said they enjoyed. The entire school managed to get together in the hall at the end of the day to sing the King's Coronation song before standing to sing the National Anthem.

We had lots of wonderful entries for our acrostic poetry competition for those children in years 1 – 6. It was a difficult decision to choose winners from each year group.

The winning entries were:

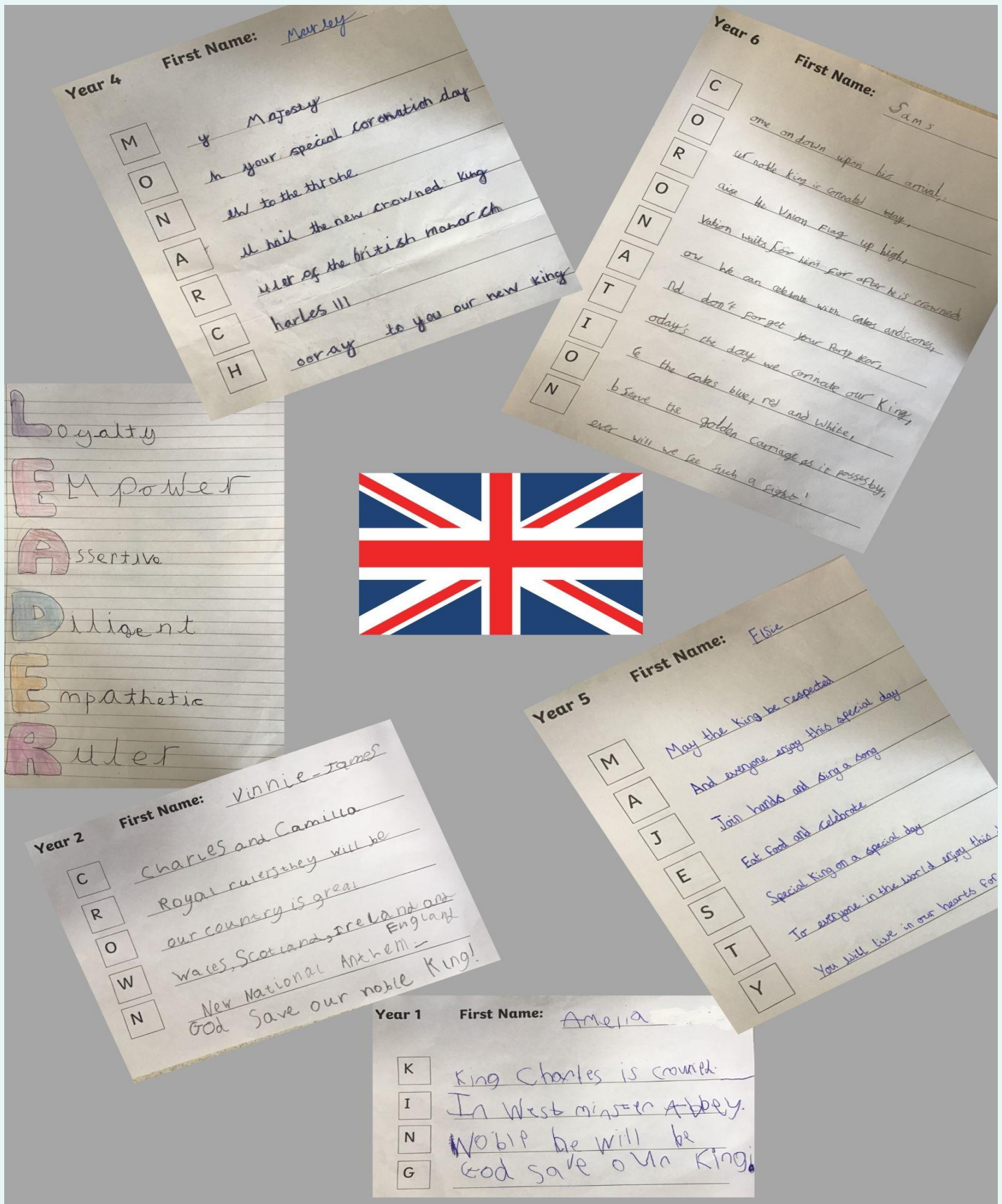
Year 1 – Amelia  
Year 2 – Vinnie  
Year 3 – Harper  
Year 4 – Marley  
Year 5 – Elsie  
Year 6 – Sam S

All entries have been sent off to Buckingham Palace and we will let you know if we have a response.

Children in Nursery and Reception designed and made some wonderful bunting and our winners were:

Nursery – Jackson  
Reception - Charlie





Winning Poems





## Photographs from the Coronation Celebrations

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, the Kingfishers and Woodpeckers created portraits of the King in Art, designed bunting and enjoyed learning more about the King and his family. The children were delighted to eat their special lunch in the classroom – Miss Brown.



Kingfishers Class

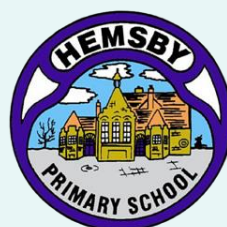


Woodpeckers Class with their commemorative pencils and badges – Mr Brodey.





Robins class designed and made crowns to wear. They also made some crown biscuits which they decorated with icing and sprinkles – yummy!! – Mrs Hickman.





Children in the Nursery enjoyed celebrating with their own special banquet – Karen





The Jays have enjoyed learning about the Coronation of King Charles III. During our Design and Technology lessons we have been designing our own medals and royal carriages. The Jays all enjoyed their coronation lunch.





# KS1 SATs – Year 2

These will be happening in school over the next few weeks. The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Most pupils won't know they are taking them as teachers will include them into everyday classroom practice.

## **Do all children have to take SATs?**

In England, the tests are compulsory for all Year 2 pupils (KS1 SATs in Year 2).

## **How are SATs marked?**

Although Y2 SATs are set externally, they are marked by teachers within your child's school. Assessments from teachers are also used to build up a picture of your child's learning and achievements.

# KS1 – Phonics Screening Check

## **What is the phonics screening check?**

The phonics screening check, a statutory assessment, is taken individually by all children in Year 1 in England, and will be taken week beginning Monday 12th June 2023. It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics. It will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill. Children in currently in Year 2 who did not pass in year 1 will also retake the test.

## **What is in the phonics screening check?**

There are two sections in this 40-word check and it assesses phonics skills and knowledge learned through Reception and Year 1. Your child will read up to four words per page for a teacher and they will do the check in one sitting of about 5–10 minutes

We are inviting Year 1 parents to come along to a meeting which will be held in school on Monday 22nd May 2023, at 2.45pm about the phonics screening check. This meeting aims to explain this process, in addition to providing you with ideas to help your child with phonics at home. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Walker will make contact with those parents/carers of Year 2 children who did not pass in Year 1 and invite them to the meeting.



# All Stars Cricket Programme

There are a handful of free places on the All Stars Cricket Programme which is due to take place at Winterton Cricket Club on Saturday mornings for 8 weeks from 20<sup>th</sup> May. These spaces are available for those children eligible for free school meals and are for those aged between 5 and 8 years old (years 1-3). Each child will receive a free All Stars Kit which includes a t-shirt which can be personalised, backpack, bat and ball.

The cost for this course is usually £40. There are paid spaces available.



The links below will provide you with more information:

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/video/623752/what-is-all-stars-cricket>

If you are interested in this or would like more information, please contact the office by the end of the day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May and we can pass your details on to the Club Officer.



# Dates for the Diary

15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood
W/C 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	KS1 SATs weeks
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Parent Phonics Screening Check Meeting 2.45 – 3.15pm
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Class/Group photographs
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school
W/C 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 'Meet STEM Superstars' Webinar
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 'Coping with Challenges' workshop 1.30 – 2.30pm
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Athletics Meeting at Flegg High 3.45 – 5pm
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – Timings TBC
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fete (TBC)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Pleasurewood Hills Trip
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers' Assembly
	Break up for summer

