NEW TO RECEPTION 2026


Welcome

Key Staff - Dragonflies



Miss Surridge



Mrs Slater



Mrs G



Mrs R

Key Staff - Honey Bees



Mr Trinder



Mrs Cartwright



Mrs G



Mrs R

Communication

Daily:

- Email
- Messages through Arbor
- Informal chats on the door

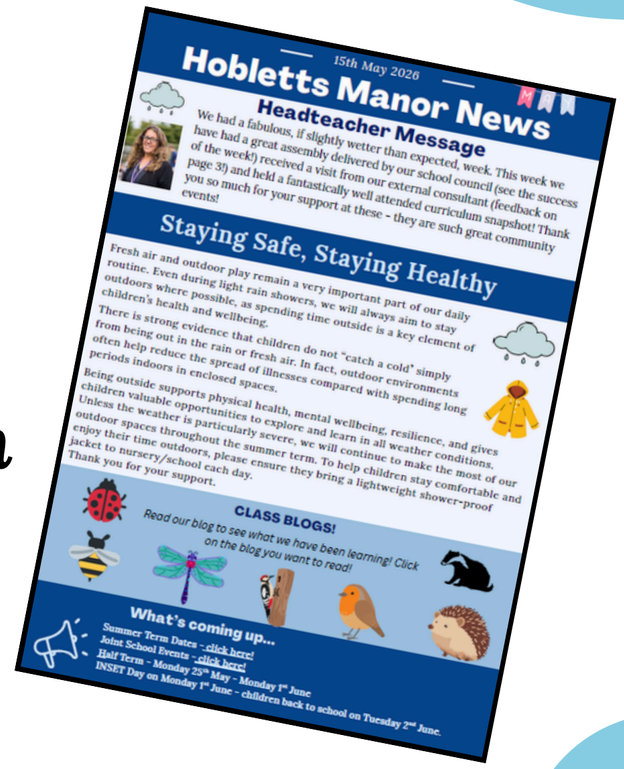
Email the office to book a longer conversation

Weekly:

- Weekly School Newsletter
- Weekly Class Blog

Half-termly:

- Curriculum Snapshots
- Half termly Curriculum newsletters


15th May 2026

Hobletts Manor News

Headteacher Message

We had a fabulous, if slightly wetter than expected, week. This week we have had a great assembly delivered by our school council (see the success of the week!) received a visit from our external consultant (feedback on page 3!) and held a fantastically well attended curriculum snapshot! Thank you so much for your support at these - they are such great community events!

Staying Safe, Staying Healthy

Fresh air and outdoor play remain a very important part of our daily routine. Even during light rain showers, we will always aim to stay outdoors where possible, as spending time outside is a key element of children's health and wellbeing.

There is strong evidence that children do not "catch a cold" simply from being out in the rain or fresh air. In fact, outdoor environments often help reduce the spread of illnesses compared with spending long periods indoors in enclosed spaces.

Being outside supports physical health, mental wellbeing, resilience, and gives children valuable opportunities to explore and learn in all weather conditions. Unless the weather is particularly severe, we will continue to make the most of our outdoor spaces throughout the summer term. To help children stay comfortable and enjoy their time outdoors, please ensure they bring a lightweight shower-proof jacket to nursery/school each day.

Thank you for your support.

CLASS BLOGS!

Read our blog to see what we have been learning! Click on the blog you want to read!

What's coming up...

Summer Term Dates - click here!
Joint School Events - click here!
Half Term - Monday 25th May - Monday 1st June
INSET Day on Monday 1st June - children back to school on Tuesday 2nd June.

Attendance & Punctuality

'Every school day counts'

- 95% attendance = around 9–10 days missed per year
- 90% attendance = around 19 days missed per year
- 85% attendance = around 29 days missed per year

Please let us know if your child is not going to be in. We have a duty of care so will always call and will carry out a home visit if we are concerned.

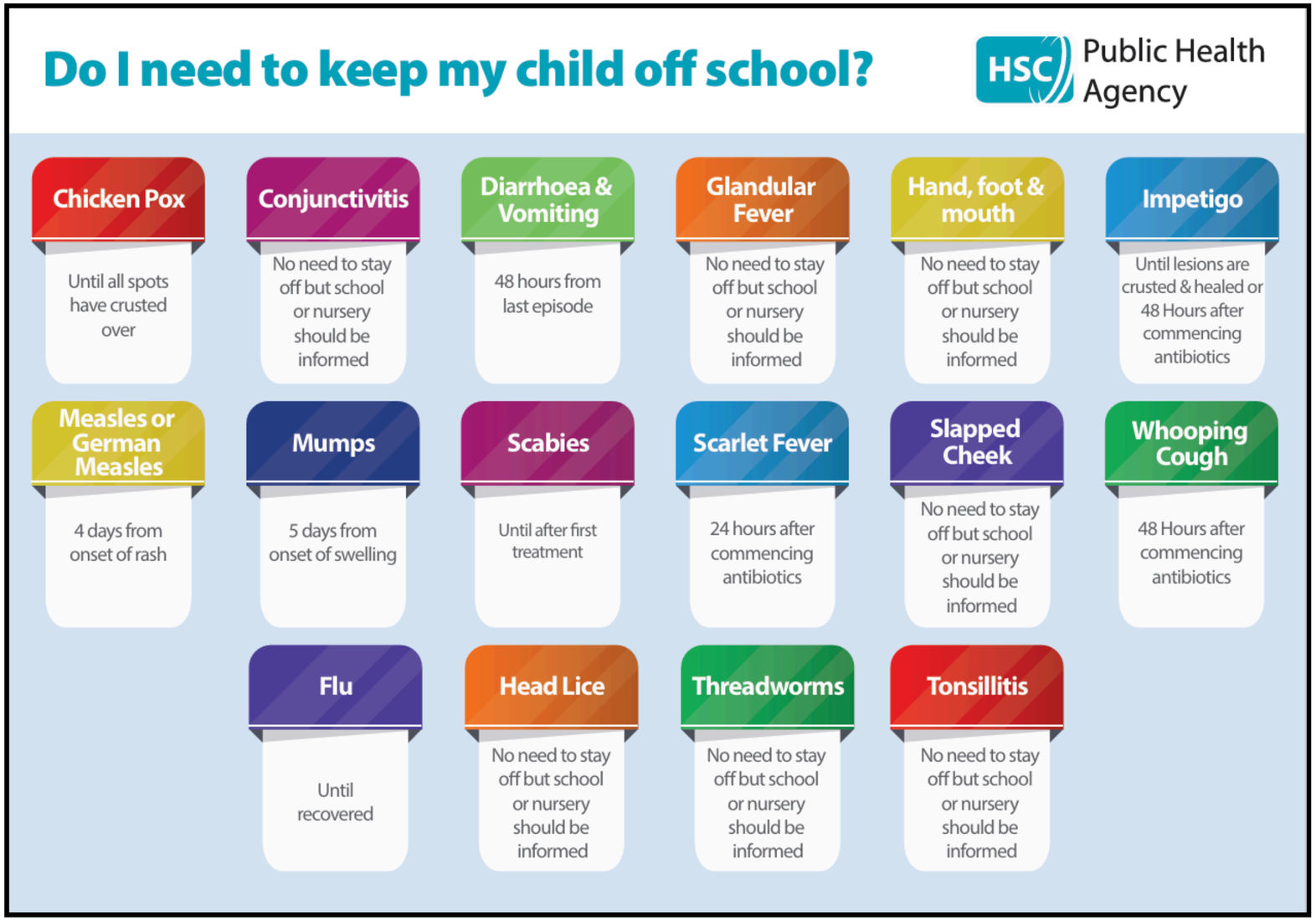
Attendance & Punctuality

- We cannot authorise term time holidays when your child is in statutory school age.
- **Please** do notify us if you are taking a term time holiday.
- **Please** do not put your child in the position where they have to feel uncomfortable about telling the truth.

Fill in an absence request form.

You request these from the office team.

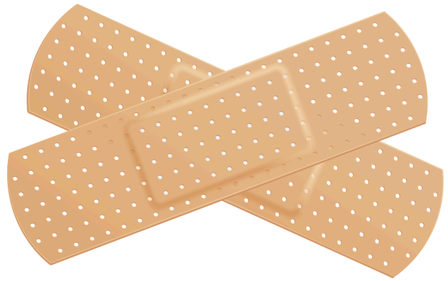
Health, Safety & Well-being



First Aid

- All staff in Reception are Paediatric First Aid Trained
- When children are injured they will assess and treat
- You will receive a first aid slip that gives you the information needed about the injury/incident and treatment.





How do we keep your child safe?

- **Adults:** all adults recruited have been through robust safer recruitment processes
- **First Aid:** All staff in the school have attended first aid training within the last year.
- **Attendance:** we monitor attendance very closely
- **Safeguarding:** we attand regular safeguarding training and staff are provided with weekly updates.
- **Curriculum:** we have developed a safety curriculum across the school explicitly teaching children about staying safe
- **Risk assessments:** we risk assess events/equipment and trips

We do not remove all risk...

climb

run

cycle



swing

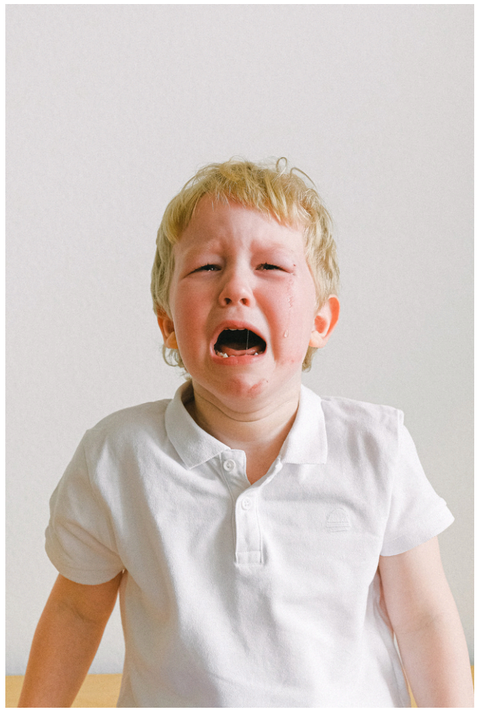
jump

spin

roll

Behaviour

‘All behaviour is communication’



As children learn to identify and regulate their emotions they will make mistakes; as they will in other areas such as Maths and English.

Phrases we use in school...

“It’s OK to feel angry. It’s not OK to hurt people”

“Absolutely, we can. We just need to…”

“I wonder if…”

“Nothing is going to change.”

Phrases / Signs we teach children to use...



Stop I don't like it

?

Can I have a turn please?



Help please



I need an adult

A Day in our care..

What does this look like?

Our promise is to make children happy, healthy and active

UK's largest physical activity, sport and childcare provider

What makes us unique?
Range of activities, quality assurance, Staff make up, booking platform, relationship with school/parents, EYFS/SEN focus



Provision details
- Pause point to start and conclude the school day
- Open choices through play, with a structure to engage
- Inclusive practise
- Safeguarding

Food
A healthy snack and lite tea will be served each day

Example – Pasta, Wraps, Fruit, Water, Yoghurts, pizza wraps and much more!



Thank you for your time!
We look forward to supporting you.

Any Further Questions?

Please email:

rcatchpole@premier-education.com



Transition

All About Me! Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Visits/calls to previous settings

‘Stay & Plays’

Transition Tips over the Summer

Two day staggered start

Start School Full Sessions!

What your child will need...



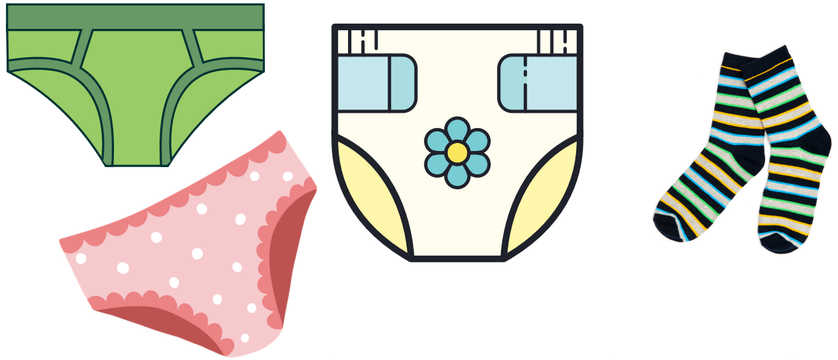
Coat



Water Bottle



Spare Clothes



Spare underwear/nappies & socks!



Book Bag

What your child will not need...



A bag



Snacks



Toys

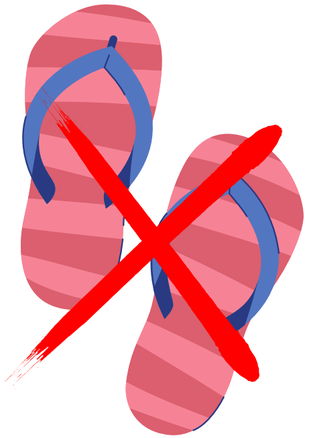
Uniform

- Uniform is blue t-shirt / blue jumper
- Please do see our school sustainability shop for items
- Note: we are phasing out the yellow t-shirts



Please Avoid...









Universal Free School Meals

- All infants school children from Reception up to year 2 are entitled to a free school meal irrespective of family income.
- You can choose their meal via Arbor on a daily basis before 8am. These can be preselected per half term also.
- They will wear a band to the counter matching their meal choice.
- The Herts Catering Team will cater for most dietary requirements/allergies. Please ensure you apply for this menu before they start otherwise a packed lunch will need to be provided.

Packed Lunch

- Please read guidance for suggestions and what cannot be included
- Be mindful they will have a snack
- Do not over pack



Hobletts Manor Schools

Working together to support healthy, happy eating

We recognise that food plays an important role in children's health, wellbeing, and ability to learn. Our approach to packed lunches aims to support nutritious, balanced meals while also respecting individual eating preferences, sensory needs, and cultural or medical requirements.

What you could include in your child's lunchbox...

Water · Dairy · Fruit & Vegetables · Protein · Carbohydrates

What cannot go in your child's lunchbox...

No nuts · No fizzy drinks · No bones

We advise avoiding chocolate as we have nowhere to keep packed lunches refrigerated and chocolate will melt.

Lunchbox Ideas!

It can be a challenge to come up with ideas for making lunch boxes interesting. Click on the lunchboxes below for links to websites with ideas for making packed lunches healthy and exciting!

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a positive and safe food environment for all children.

Where do I drop off?



Where do I pick up?



Settling in

We ask that you give us the opportunity to settle the children

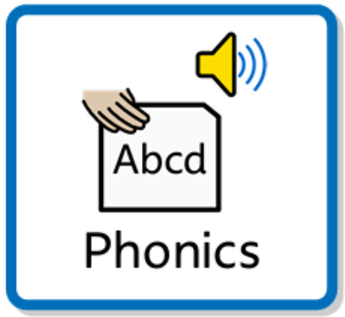
To help we suggest:

- ‘Tea & Tissues’ in the school hall
- Shorter initial sessions
- We will inform you if your child is still upset



Daily Routine - Morning

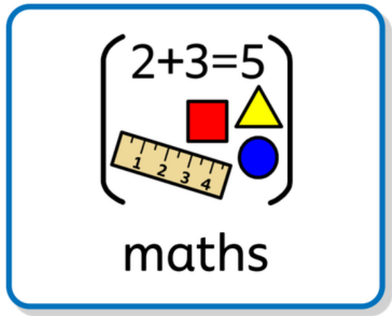


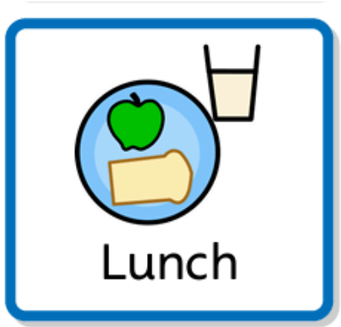




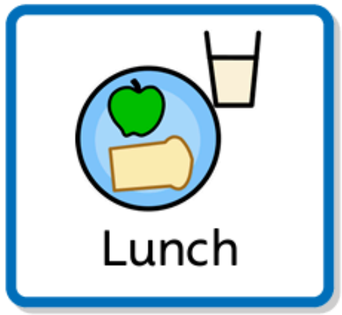


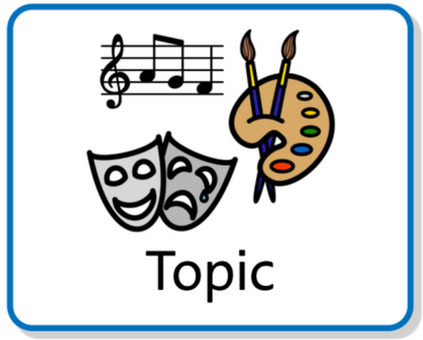




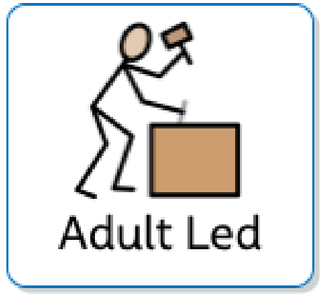


Daily Routine - Afternoon















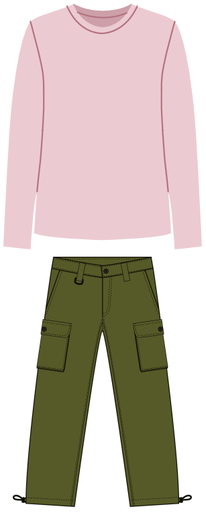
Forest Schools

Starts after October half term

What your child will need...



Coat



Long sleeves and trousers



Welly boots



Hats, scarf, gloves and extra socks!

Helpers Welcome!

What Next?

Over the summer...

- Information on the curriculum will be shared at the start of term
- Try the activities on the ‘Supporting Transition’ ideas.
- Look out for the ‘Transition Tips’ over the summer
- Teach your child some of the phrases and signs

Most Helpful Things to Practice...

Over the summer...

- Walking carrying a tray/plate of food.
- Taking shoes on and off.
- Taking jumper off.
- Putting jumper back on.
- Taking coat off and hanging up.
- Putting items in their book bag.

