

# Hangleton in 60 Seconds



Belong, Explore, Soar

## Attendance Reminder

As we progress through the term, we want to share a quick reminder about why regular attendance is so important in primary school.

### Did You Know?

Sometimes, an attendance percentage can look quite high while masking a lot of missed learning:

- 95% attendance means your child has missed 9 days of school in a year.
- 90% attendance means your child has missed 19 days of school—almost 4 full weeks of foundational reading, writing, and maths!

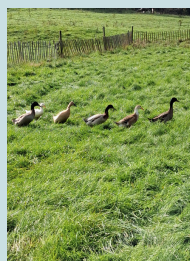
Because primary school lessons build step-by-step each day, missing even occasional days can make it tricky for children to feel secure in their class routines and keep up with their friends.

We completely understand that children get poorly and that family emergencies happen. In line with the latest [Department for Education Guidance](#), our approach is always to listen and understand first.

If your family is facing any hurdles—whether it is morning routines, transport, anxiety, or health worries—please do not face them alone. Pop into the school office, or message your child's class teacher. We want to work in partnership with you to find solutions that help your child attend happily and successfully.

## Year Group Spotlight

Year 2 had the best day at Saddlescombe Farm on Tuesday. We learnt all about the normal day of a farmer, farming in the past and saw the gorgeous sheep dog, Fly, round up all the sheep and take them to a pen. The children then helped farmers, Roly and Izzy, weigh the sheep. Children said it was "Awesome", "Amazing" and the "Best". Wonderful memories were made.



## Play Focus

The children were very excited to hear about OPAL Bingo in Assembly this week and to come up with lots of ideas of how they could use different loose parts in play - there were really imaginative suggestions! They then found out that on Fridays after half term, we will be launching 'Freedom Fridays' where the children will be able to freeflow between the two playgrounds at lunchtime. There will also be some exciting mystery loose parts that we will be unveiling, ready for the first Friday. Attached with this newsletter is the OPAL Bingo grid, full of the items we are collecting. If you are sending your child in with donations, please ask them to give them to their class teachers or please take any larger item donations round to the school office. Which class will be the first to tick off all the items on the grid and win Bingo?!

A reminder: we would really like to hear your views on play through the link below:  
[OPAL Parent Survey Link](#)

## Star of the Week Assemblies

Thank you for the lovely feedback about our new Star of the Week assemblies. Children are really enjoying hearing the wonderful things their classmates have to say about them and there are lots of big, proud smiles in our Friday assemblies.

## Upcoming Events and Dates

### October

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> - Connect Coffee Morning 9am

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> - EYFS Parent Meeting

and Phonics Workshop 8:45-9:45am

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> - Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> - EYFS and KS1 Harvest Assembly - 9am

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Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> - Pumpkin Trail, PFA Spooky Cake Sale  
and Non-Uniform Day

### November

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> - EYFS and KS1 Spooky Disco 3:30-4:30pm

KS2 Spooky Disco 5:00-6:30pm

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> - Orca Class Assembly 9am

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> - Connect Coffee Morning 9am

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> - Manta Ray Class Assembly 9am

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Trip to Bunker