



Achieving Excellence Together

23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, I am delighted to share some important updates and celebrate recent achievements.

LAMDA Exam Success

A huge congratulations to over 50 of our talented pupils who recently took part in their LAMDA examinations. We are thrilled to announce that all participating children passed, achieving Merits and Distinctions. This outstanding success is a testament to their hard work, confidence, and commitment. We are incredibly proud of each child's performance and the positive way they represented Hadrian Academy.



Changes to School Gate Opening Times – Effective from Tuesday 3rd June

To further enhance the safeguarding of our school site, we will be making adjustments to the times the school gates are open.

- Ridgeway Avenue (Park) Gate, Goldstone Crescent (Willow) Entrance & Main Gate (Next to the Library)**
Open every morning from 08:35 to 08:55 and again in the afternoon from 15:05 to 15:25.
- Main School Entrance:**
The gate by the main entrance on Hadrian Avenue will be open earlier to allow access to the breakfast club however this will close at 08:55 and not be reopened until 15:05.

Members of staff will be present at each entrance to welcome families and assist as needed.

Sports Day Schedule Confirmed

We are pleased to confirm the Sports Day dates and times for each year group:

- **Early Years & Year One:**
Tuesday 8th July | 13:45 – 15:00
- **Year Two:**
Wednesday 9th July | 13:45 – 15:00
- **Years 3 and 4:**
Thursday 10th July at Stockwood Park | 09:30 – 15:00
- **Years 5 and 6:**
Monday 14th July at Stockwood Park | 09:30 – 15:00

We look forward to welcoming you to these exciting events and celebrating the children's sporting efforts together.

Please note that all children in Key Stage Two will be taken by coach to Stockwood Park from school and will return by coach to school. Parents will not be allowed to drop off or collect children from Stockwood Park!

Art Gallery Winners – Summer Term 1

Congratulations to the talented winners of our Summer Term One Art Gallery competition.



Halil	Rhino
Maria	Panda
Luciana	Macaw
Pearl & Nyra	Koala
Olly	Turtle
Jael	Penguin
Lilly-Anne	Sunbear
Rae	Honeybee
Kai-Henry & Scarlett	Elephant
Hallie & Elodie	Giraffe
Aaryan	Butterfly
Alice	Leopard
Oktawian, Hari & Nicholas	Dolphin
Miles, Archie and Oakley	Tiger

Year Six Visit to Whipsnade Zoo

On Monday, our Year Six pupils visited Whipsnade Zoo. Finally, time to have fun and relax after the hard work of their KS2 SATs last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves exploring the many animals at the zoo. Time to chill and celebrate—congratulations to all!

Young Sports Leaders Inspire Active Play at Lunchtimes

Our Young Sports Leaders have just completed their first half-term of leading a weekly lunchtime club, offering a range of fun and energetic sporting activities. Their efforts have already made a big impact, inspiring younger pupils to stay active and develop fantastic teamwork skills.



To earn their roles, each leader completed an application form, outlining the skills they could bring to the position. After participating in a couple of focused training and coaching sessions with Daniel Crosby, their confidence and leadership qualities have truly shone through — as you can see from the fantastic photos below!

They'll continue running their lunchtime sessions every Thursday for the rest of the summer term. Look for their distinctive black and yellow caps, a symbol of their leadership and commitment to making lunchtimes more active and inclusive for everyone.



TEACHING TALONS

THE ANIMAL AMBASSADORS

EYFS and KS1 had an exciting visit from Teaching Talons this week. The visitors were very complimentary about our children's knowledge and behaviour.

We have been learning about animals in our Science lessons and it was great to bring their learning to life! The children were so brave and had the opportunity to touch a cockroach, a tortoise, a lizard and a rat! Ask your child about the visit and see what they learnt about the animals they saw.



Congratulations to all the children who took part in this half term's Mile Club!



Each week, our enthusiastic runners challenged themselves to complete a full mile—**five and a half laps** of the school track—while aiming to improve their times week by week.

But the Mile Club was about more than just running! Children began each session with a warm-up, including **stretching and fun exercises** like jumping over hurdles. After completing their mile, they cooled down by **practising their athletic throwing skills** using vortex howlers.

We'd like to say a **huge thank you** to all the children who signed up and gave it their all, and to the **parents who stayed to support and help** during the sessions.

Each participant received a **special certificate** showing their **fastest mile time**—a wonderful keepsake of their hard work and progress.

Well done, Mile Club! 🏃

FOHA

Break the Rules Friday was a great success raising an impressive **£748.10**.



The FOHA are have the Father's Day Gift shop and Freezing Fridays lined up and full details can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Parking on Hadrian Avenue



Can we remind parents to park safely near the school and be courteous to our neighbours and other road users. Pavements and grass areas are for the use of pedestrians and so please avoid these areas when parking.

Hadrian Avenue can get very busy with cars at drop off and pick up times. Where possible please try to 'Park and stride', by parking a little further away from Hadrian Academy and then walk the rest of the way to school. Also, please watch your speed in the vicinity of the school and always be cautious of children.

Bees Nest



Thank you to our local resident and registered bee keeper Kevin Rowland who has once more come to our rescue and safely removed a bee nest from the school grounds.

House Points

Weekly total:

St. Patrick 87

St. David 101

St. George 87

St. Andrew 60

Overall points since the start of the school year:



Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Rhino class with 99.3%

Koala class with 98.8%

Dolphin class with 97.7%

The whole school average attendance this week is **95.1%**.

Finally, we're excited to share this week's stars below who have shown one of our school values in action – congratulations to them all!

Panda	Rhino	Koala	Macaw	Turtle	Penguin	Honeybee
Madina Creative	Raina Ambitious	Nishandeepr Resilience	Luciana Ready to learn	Saudah Resilience	Nia Kind	Aarya Ambitious
Sunbear	Elephant	Giraffe	Leopard	Butterfly	Tiger	Dolphin
Maxwell Ready to learn	Vali Resilient and ambitious	Evelyn Resilient – trying so hard to get her AR target	Bailey Resilience	Sharika Ready and Role Model	Logan Safe during cooking	Klay Respectful

As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

Mr Griffin

Principal

Celebration Assembly



Dates for your Diary

Tues 3rd & Wed 4 th June	FOHA Father's Day Workshop		Details sent via ParentMail
Fri 6 th June	FOHA First of our Freezer Fridays	All	Details attached
Fri 13 th June	Coffee Morning – Reading Focused on reading at home with your child especially aimed at EYFS and KS1	All	All are welcome to come along and join us in the school hall
Mon 9th Jun – Fri 13th Jun	Action4Youth - Caldecotte	Yr 6	All payments to be made via ParentMail
Thut 19 th June	Whipsnade Zoo Visit	Yr 1	Details to follow
Tues 24 th June	Whipsnade Zoo Visit	Yr R	Full details and payment via ParentMail
Mon 7 th Jul	Whipsnade Zoo Visit	Yr5	Full details and payment via ParentMail
Tues 8 th July	Sports Day Year R & Year 1 1.45 – 3pm	Yr R & Yr 1	Details to follow
Wed 9 th July	Sports Day Year 2 1.45 – 3pm	Yr 2	Details to follow
Thu 10 th Jul	Sports Day – Stockwood Park	Yr 3&4	Details to follow
Fri 11 th Jul	Year 3 Celebration Assembly	Yr 3	Starts 14:30
Mon 14 th Jul	Sports Day – Stockwood Park	Yr 5&6	Details to follow
Tues 15 th Jul	Early Year Celebration Assembly	Yr R	Starts 9:15
Tues 15 th Jul	Year 1 Celebration Assembly	Yr 1	Starts 14:30
Wed 16 th Jul	Year 6 Leavers Party 4.30pm – 6pm	Yr 6	Details to follow
Thur 17 th Jul	Year 5 Celebration Assembly	Yr 5	Starts 9:15
Thur 17th Jul	Year 2 Celebration Assembly	Yr 2	Starts 14:30
Fri 18 th Jul	Friends of Hadrian Academy FOHA AGM	All	All are welcome to come along and join us in the school hall
Mon 21 st Jul	Year 4 Celebration Assembly	Yr 4	Starts 9:15
Mon 21st Jul	Year 6 Leavers Assembly to Parents	Yr 6	Starts 14:00

Safeguarding

Please contact Mr Griffin, Mrs Auker, Mr Roxburgh, Mrs Sparrow or Mrs Norris should you have any safeguarding concerns.

Click onto [this link](#) for further details on our school website.

Safeguarding

We want all children and families at Hadrian Academy to have happy, safe lives. The following are useful links about where to seek help and support if you are worried about your own, or another child/young person's safety:

Reporting a concern:



Escalating your concerns further:



NSPCC - Keeping children safe



Mental Health Support

Central Bedfordshire Mental Health Support Teams Mental health services and resources for Children and Young People (CYP) collated by the MHSTs across Central Bedfordshire.

[Parent / Carer Padlet](#)



[Children and Young People](#)



[CAMHS](#)





Father's Day Gift Shop

A chance for the children to treat someone special in their life. Be that their Dad, Step Dad, Grandad, or other male relevant / carers.

£4 per gift

Please send the money in an envelope with your child's full name, class and who the gift is for.

It is vital you put the relevant details to ensure your child's name gets ticked off accordingly.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code on this page and pay directly.

Please use your child's full name and class name as a reference.



Payments due by Monday 2nd June.

Payments after this date will be refunded.

Please email us if you are able to volunteer to support at the gift shop. foha@hadrianacademy.co.uk



Freezy Fridays

EVERY FRIDAY
3.15 PM
UNDER THE
SHELTER ON THE
PLAYGROUND

ALL LOLLIES £1 EACH

Start Date - Friday 6th June 2025

Four colorful illustrations of lollipops and ice lollies are arranged around the text. One is a tall, colorful swirl on a stick, one is a blue rectangular ice lolly, one is a red and yellow spiral lollipop, and one is a smaller red lollipop.



Here are details to a Minecraft Workshop being run during the half term.

If you are interested in a place for your child then either scan the QR code or email lucy@opalarts.co.uk

MINECRAFT WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY
9AM-12PM £15.00



GROVE CORNER
DUNSTABLE

AGES 5-10
DRINK &
SNACK
INCLUDED



COME ALONG
FOR
• ARTS +
CRAFTS
• POOL TABLE
• GAMING SUITE
• AIR HOCKEY

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TO BOOK A SPACE

SPACES ARE LIMITED
EMAIL LUCY@OPALARTS.CO.UK
WITH ANY QUESTIONS

