

## Achieving Excellence Together

7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

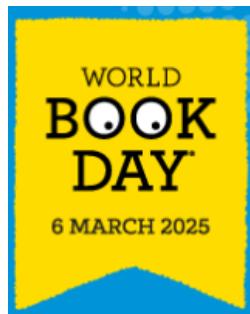
Dear Parents,

This week, the children have been learning in the whole-school assemblies what it means to be a role model. On Monday, several students from year six talked about who their role model was and the qualities required to be considered for this status. We discussed how a role model is someone who inspires you, has the ability to overcome challenges and demonstrates a commitment to helping others. This week, the staff at Hadrian have chosen the following students for demonstrating role model qualities:

Panda	Rhino	Koala	Macaw	Turtle	Penguin	Honeybee
Sienna	Eddie	Odelia	Lukas	Shay	Adam	Mitansh
Malaika	Grace	Dominik	Matylda	Olly	Agam	David
<b>Sunbear</b>	<b>Elephant</b>	<b>Giraffe</b>	<b>Leopard</b>	<b>Butterfly</b>	<b>Tiger</b>	<b>Dolphin</b>
Yannis	Charlie	Ianisa	Nikki	Leo	Ellis T	Annesha
Joseph	Cerys	Aiden	Niah	Selim	Aiza	Alisha



It was fantastic to see all of the amazing costumes and outfits on display on World Book Day! Children from across the school completed a range of activities inspired by World Book Day; we have included some of the photos below:



Year 5 took their characters to Space and to the Moon. We decorated our classrooms to match our Space topic this half-term. Children imagined their characters in a futuristic comic strip and wrote and read their creations.



The children in year 2 have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk in English so the children took part in lots of Jack and the Beanstalk themed activities.





## Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel to School

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 24 March- 4 April 2025. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved. Sustrans inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

By clicking on the images below you can make sure your bike or scooter is safe and ready to go.



## Lost Property

## IF IT MOVES, LABEL IT!

It helps if all property is **clearly named!** Anything that is named is returned directly to the children. Lost property is stored in the reception area. Children and parents are welcome to search for lost items at the beginning and the end of the day.

Please also check items that are brought home have the correct name. We currently have a missing named Nike jacket belonging to Tommy R-G in Year 5.

Children should be encouraged to look after their belongings and we will positively encourage this attitude in school.

At the end of each half term any items remaining are recycled or thrown away.

## House Points

Weekly total:

St. Patrick	79
St. David	58
St. George	43
St. Andrew	43

Overall points since the start of the school year:



## Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Giraffe class with 98.9%

Koala class with 98.8%

Sunbear class with 98.2%

The whole school average attendance this week is **95%**.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Griffin  
Principal

## Celebration Assembly



## Safeguarding

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

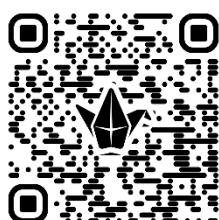
Click onto [this link](#) for further details on our school website.

## 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 Padlet](#)



## Dates for your Diary

Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	National Space Centre	Year 5	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Stockwood Park - Class Linking Project D	Leopard	Details sent via ParentMail
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	EYFS Disco	Year R	Details to follow via Class Dojo
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	FOHA School Discos – Save the date details to follow shortly	Yr 1,2&3 Yr 4,5&6	4.30pm – 5.30pm 5.45pm – 7pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar – 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Sustrans Wheel and Walk to School	All	Details below
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	FOHA – Wrapping Mother's Day Gifts Final payments 24 <sup>th</sup> March	All	Full details can be found on the attached flyer
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Final day for entries to the Eid Colouring Competition	All	Details to follow
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar – Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition	All	Bring Eggs and Bonnets into reception from Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	LAMDA Exams	Full	

Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Chiltern Open Air Museum	Yr 3	Details and payment via ParentMail
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	FOHA – Break the Rules Day	All	Details to follow
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Eid Colouring Competition Winners Easter Egg and Bonnet Winners		Announced in assembly
<b>Easter Break 7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>			
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday – School Closed	All	
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Whole Class Photo - Tempest	All	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Mon 9th Jun – Fri 13th Jun	Action4Youth - Caldecotte	Yr 6	All payments to be made via ParentMail





## We're taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025 challenge.

Join in by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school between 24 March–4 April.

- Be active and feel more energised
- Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- Help us win some fantastic prizes

[www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk](http://www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk)

Headline sponsor:

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## Info sheet

24 March–4 April 2025

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

### Big Walk and Wheel challenge

Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert, and is great for their mental wellbeing.

This year the challenge will run from 24 March–4 April 2025. It is free and easy to take part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. You can register your school for the challenge from January 2025 at [www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk).

### How It works

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school.

A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leaderboards will receive an exclusive Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel certificate.

### Prizes and badges

All schools will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards if over 15% of your school takes part on each day of the challenge. Prizes up for grabs include accessories and equipment to help your school travel actively. All schools that participate in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel will also have the opportunity to earn virtual badges.



In 2024,  
**2,691kg**  
of nitrogen oxide  
avoided as a result  
of the 10-day  
challenge\*

In 2024,  
**1,730**  
tonnes  
of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided as a  
result of the 10-day  
challenge\*

In 2024, pupils at  
**1,727**  
schools made  
**2,389,015**  
journeys to school by  
foot, wheelchair,  
scooter and cycle

\*Based on the assumption the journeys logged in the challenge would otherwise have been made by car.

**FOHA MOTHERS DAY GIFT SHOP**

A CHANCE FOR THE CHILDREN TO TREAT SOMEONE SPECIAL IN THEIR LIFE. BE THAT THEIR MUM, STEP MUM, NAN, OR OTHER FEMALE RELEVANT / CARERS.

**£4.00 Per Gift**

Please send the money in an envelope with your child's full name, class and who the gift is for. Cash to be given to your class teacher. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code on this page and pay directly. Please use your child's full name as a reference.

**30P TRANSACTION FEE APPLIES**  
If you require more than one gift please add payment as tip

**PAYMENTS DUE BY MONDAY 24TH MARCH.  
PAYMENTS AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

# Easter Egg & Bonnet Competition

All entries to be in school from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Winners will be announced on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April during our Celebration Assembly

Happy Easter!

All prizes donated by the AHA



## JSA Easter Holiday Camp Week 1



Open to All!

Children from any school are welcome to join the fun.



What's in Store?

Your kids will enjoy a variety of sports and activities designed to boost teamwork, communication, and confidence. For those who prefer non-sporting activities, we've got LEGO challenges, creative drawing and colouring competitions, talent shows and so much more!



You can book using the link below!

<https://junior-sporting-academy.classforkids.io/camp/2>



Got Questions?

Feel free to reach out—we're happy to help!



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Facebook: @JuniorSportingAcademy

Don't miss out on a week full of fun, learning, and new friendships!



## MULTI SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES CAMP

**CHILDREN AGED 4-12**

**DROP OFF 8:30AM - 9:30AM**

**PICKUP 3:30PM - 4:30PM**



### WEEK 1 DATES

**MONDAY 7TH APRIL - FRIDAY 11TH APRIL**

**(LIMITED SPACES SO BOOK FAST)**

### LOCATION

**LARK RISE PRIMARY  
ACADEMY  
CARTMEL DR  
DUNSTABLE  
LU6 3PT**

### PRICES

**£16 PER DAY PER CHILD**

**OR**

**£60 FOR THE WEEK PER CHILD**

**(£12 PER DAY)**

**SIGN UP  
Here**



### ACTIVITIES

- FOOTBALL
- TENNIS
- DODGEBALL
- MULTISPORTS
- DANCE
- AND MUCH MORE

**07359 530061**

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# PUPIL PREMIUM IS MORE THAN JUST FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may be eligible for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium if you are in receipt of certain welfare benefits. If you think you may be eligible, contact Central Beds by phoning **0300 300 8306**. More details can be found at <https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Did you know ....

We will receive extra funding for every eligible pupil who is registered!

If your child has a packed lunch or if your child is in EYFS or Key Stage 1 you can still apply

## Benefits of Pupil Premium for your child:

- Free daily school meal. This can save you **over £200 per child per academic year**
- 50% off school trips/residential
- 20% off school uniform Logo items
- Discount is available to the Cool Kids before and after school Club
- Free daily carton of milk
- Discount on LAMDA



**Hadrian Academy**

Further details of Pupil Premium/FSM at Hadrian Academy can be found on our [school website](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

Central Bedfordshire Council currently offers any child eligible for Free School Meals a supermarket voucher to help support during school holidays. [Click here](#) for more details.

Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme Central Bedfordshire

For more details [click here](#)

# PUPIL PREMIUM IS MORE THAN JUST FREE SCHOOL MEALS

At Hadrian Academy, we recognise that all pupils regardless of their background should have equal access to a curriculum which will enable them to reach their full potential. The pupil premium is a Government initiative that targets extra money to pupils from deprived backgrounds. Research shows that many of these pupils underachieve, compared to their peers.

## Qualifying benefits for free school meals

The qualifying benefits for free school meals are:

- Universal Credit (if your annual net earned income is no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (if you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

The Government uses pupils entitled to Free School meals as an indicator for deprivation, this year Hadrian Academy will receive £1,480 per pupil, based on the number of pupils eligible for Free School meals.

At Hadrian we use the extra funding in a variety of ways to improve the quality of our children's education and to employ strategies that will support these pupils to increase their attainment, overcome any barriers to learning. This could include improving attendance, supporting emotional well-being, narrowing attainment gaps or providing enhancement opportunities to the curriculum, additional training for staff or employing additional staff to help us meet all of our children's needs.

Therefore, we ask that any PARENTS / GUARDIANS who think that they may be eligible, please apply by calling **0300 300 8306**. Further details can be found on their website <https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals>



