



## Achieving Excellence Together

14th March 2025

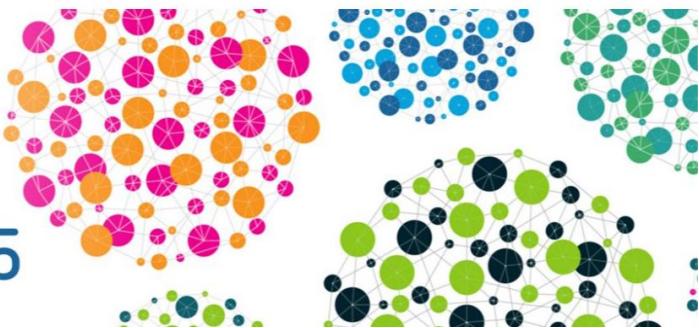
Dear Parents,

We have had a very exciting week at Hadrian Academy celebrating British Science Week. Mrs Harwood, our Science Lead has written all about it:

7 - 16 March



**BRITISH  
SCIENCE  
WEEK 2025**



This week marks the end of Science Week! Year 3 have been investigating the properties of three rock types, assessing the density, durability and permeability! Year 5 have visited the National Space Centre in Leicester. They had an amazing day and enjoyed the hands-on activities that are available there. At the very top of the museum there is an entire floor dedicated to the 1960/70s space race era! Definitely worth a visit as a family day out! <https://www.spacecentre.co.uk/>

Across Years 2, 3 and 4 we were joined today by Keiran from West End In Schools. We completed workshops about climate change, using dance, drama and games. Thank you Keiran! West End In Schools was funded by the Science and Arts departments in school.

Mrs Blackie, one of Hadrian's parents, is an insurance investigator and came in to talk with Years 5 & 6 with all of the equipment to make her job possible. We wanted to showcase our parents, careers in STEM environments and use of technology to assist in the workplace. Thank you so much for coming in!





Next week a selection of children will be joining Miss Smith and I on a special trip to Whipsnade Zoo. The zoo is passionate about biodiversity and supporting wildlife and have invited the school to plant trees in their new forest! Photos on Class Dojo soon!

What an amazing week! But Science does not end in March! Next half term, the children in Reception and Year 5 will be learning about life cycles and will be joined by butterflies and ladybirds! The butterfly nets are ready and a new home has been ordered for the ladybirds to move into!

Year 1 will also be the next year group to work on our school wide science goals - Wild Challenges with RSPB. We are striving to include as many STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) opportunities as possible for all of our children - if you would know of an opportunity or would like to come in regarding a science themed event/assembly please contact Mrs Harwood: [nichola.harwood@hadrianacademy.co.uk](mailto:nichola.harwood@hadrianacademy.co.uk)

Thank you and well done all!  
Mrs Harwood

This week, **Year 5** continued their discovery of the wonders of space by visiting the National Space Centre in Leicester. After an exciting visit to the UK's largest planetarium to watch a solar system show, they climbed the rocket tower and explored what it would be like to be an astronaut launched into space. The galleries were crammed full of interactive activities, and Year 5 immersed themselves in exploring more about the universe, planets and the life of an astronaut.



## FOHA

### School Disco



Just a reminder that the School Disco is after school next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

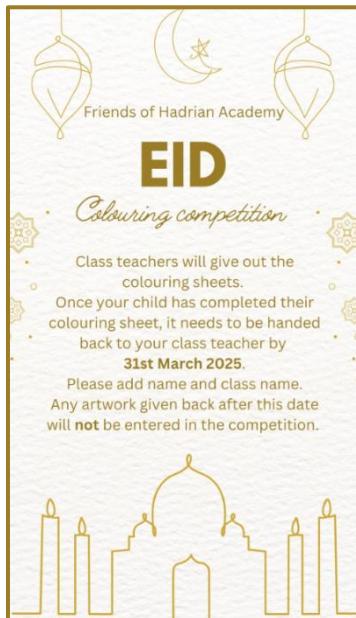
Year 1,2 and 3 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Years 4,5 and 6 5.45pm to 7pm

The Early Years disco will be taking place during school on Tuesday afternoon. Check your Class Dojo for details.

Due to the school disco the **Cool Kids Club** after school club will be held in year 5 Butterfly class. Parents collecting their child from the Cool Kids after school club will therefore need to follow the picket fence around the year 1 classrooms to the pathway that runs up the grass slope and leads to Butterfly class.

Thank you to all those parents who have registered with ASDA's 'Cashpots for Schools' and selected Hadrian Academy for your chosen rewards. So far you have collected **£169.82** towards playground improvements.

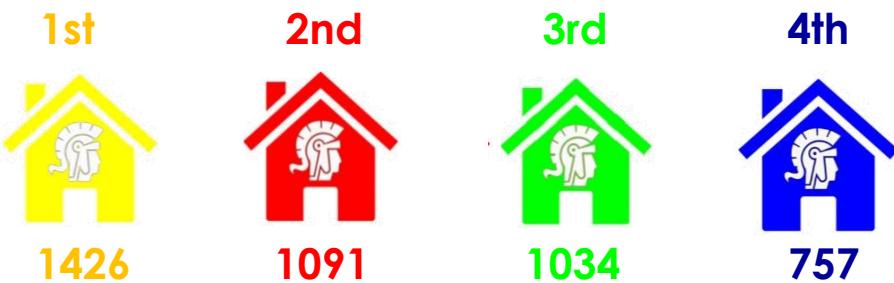


The **FOHA** are running an Eid colouring competition in which all children have the chance to take part. The colouring sheets will be handed out in class on Monday. Simply enjoy colouring it in and return your completed entry to your class teacher by Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. The winners will be announced in our final celebration assembly of the term on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April.

This week, the staff at Hadrian have chosen the following students for demonstrating kindness:

Panda	Rhino	Koala	Macaw	Turtle	Penguin	Honeybee
Alicja	Halil	Elijah	Bailee	Adam	Viktoria	Francis
Sofia	Ezra	Jack	Luciana	Minahil	Oakley	Summer
Sunbear	Elephant	Giraffe	Leopard	Butterfly	Tiger	Dolphin
Tara	Darcey	Aaminah	Ivy	Isabelle	Aaru	Klay
Momore	Bianca	Christabel	Aamir	Maya	Leo	Amelia

Overall points since the start of the school year:



## Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Sunbear class with 99.6%

Dolphin class with 98.4%

Tiger class with 98.2%

The whole school average attendance this week is **96.4%**.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Griffin  
Principal

## Safeguarding

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

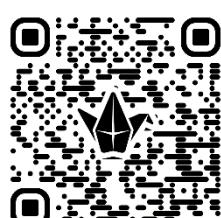
Click onto [this link](#) for further details on our school website.

## 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

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	Yr1,2&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	Full details can be found on the attached flyer
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

### Easter Break 7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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

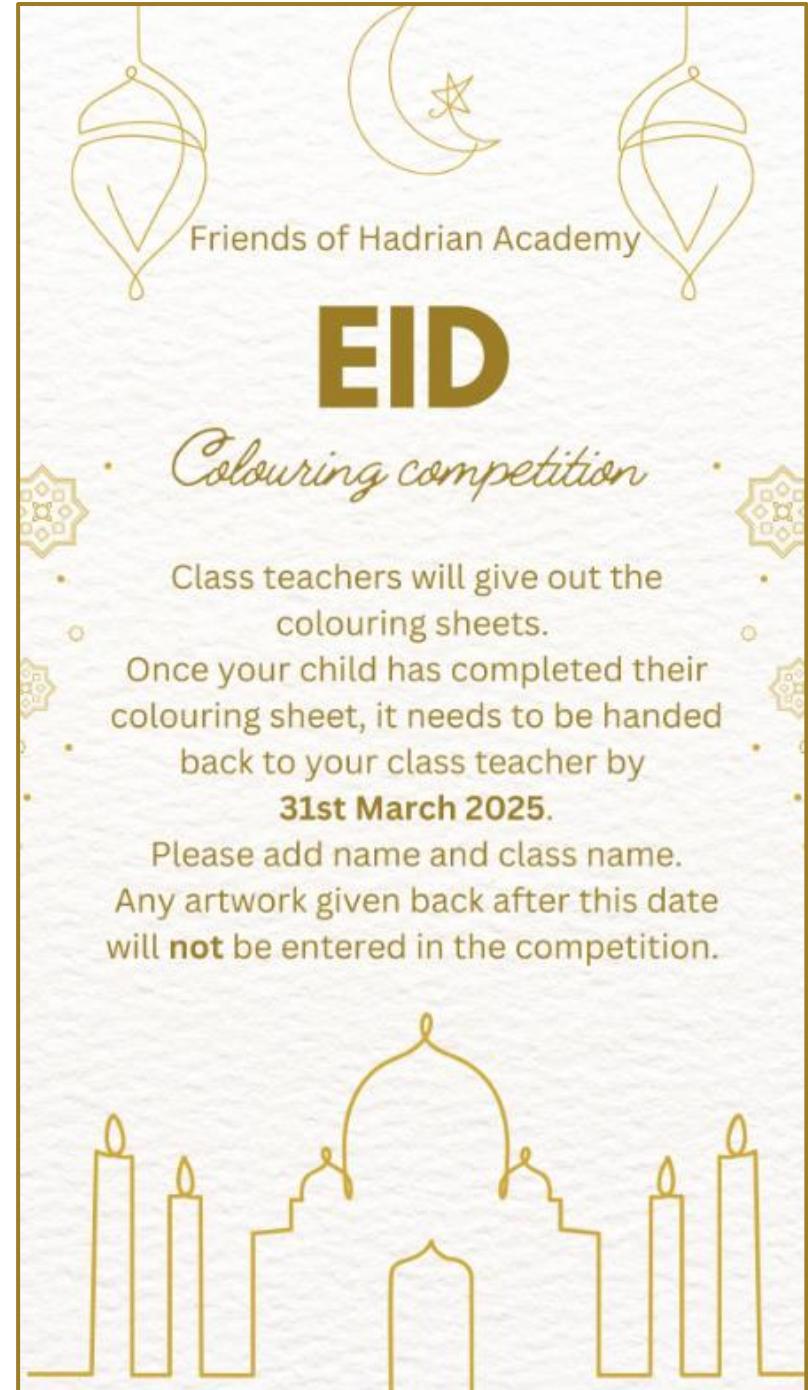
### Lost Property

## 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.

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.



## 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



## 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.



## 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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# 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>

