



This Week

The past few weeks at Hedgewood have been fantastic, filled with exciting activities and wonderful moments across the school.

Some of our children took part in a **Pentathlon event** at another school, where they competed in a range of sporting activities. It was a brilliant opportunity for them to showcase their skills, build confidence, and represent Hedgewood with pride.

We have also enjoyed a range of **wellbeing activities** throughout the school, creating calm, positive spaces for pupils to relax, connect, and express themselves. These moments have been a lovely way to support the children's emotional wellbeing alongside their learning.

School Day

Mon-Thurs

8.30am—3pm

Friday

8.30am-2.30pm

The gate will close at 8.45am.



Message from our Designated Safeguarding Lead

Children's Spy Books by the author Andy Cope

We are bringing to your attention a recent safeguarding issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day was a great success at Hedgewood. It was lovely to see the children taking part in activities focused on kindness, as well as exploring co- and self-regulation strategies during PSHE sessions. The children engaged thoughtfully, showing care for themselves and others.

A real highlight of the day was seeing so many children and staff wearing yellow or dressing in their favourite clothes to show their support. The bright colours and personal touches brought a warm, cheerful atmosphere to the school, putting smiles on everyone's faces. It was a wonderful way to come together as a community and highlight the importance of mental health and wellbeing.



Spellbound Day

On Thursday 24th October, we will be holding both the flu vaccination session and our exciting Spellbound celebration on the same day. All children who have received parental consent will be scheduled to receive their flu vaccination during the school day. The vaccine is a quick and painless nasal spray, and the nursing team will work carefully to ensure the process runs smoothly. Please note, while we will support and encourage children to take part, no child will be forced to have the vaccine if they are unwilling on the day.

Alongside this, children are invited to come to school in their costumes for our Spellbound celebration, making it a fun and memorable day for everyone.

Upcoming Events

Spellbound — 24th October 2025

Last day of the half term— 24th October 2025

First day back—3rd November 2025

