



This Week

This week has been a really positive one across the school. It has been lovely to see the children happy, settled, and engaging so well with their learning and routines. There has been a great atmosphere around the school, with lots of smiles and enthusiasm from both pupils and staff.

Our clubs continue to be a huge success, giving children valuable opportunities to explore interests, build confidence, and enjoy time with their peers in a relaxed and supportive environment.

We are also proud of our School Council, who have been meeting this week to share ideas and discuss ways to make improvements around the school.

A great week all round – well done, everyone!

School

Day

Mon-Thurs

8.30am—3pm

Friday

8.30am-2.30pm

The gate will close at 8.45am.

Gentle Reminder

As the weather continues to change, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that **all items of clothing** brought into school are clearly labelled with your child’s name. This includes coats, hats, scarves, jumpers, cardigans, and PE kits.

Many children remove items during playtime, outdoor learning, or transitions throughout the day, and unlabelled clothing can be very difficult to return to the correct child. Labelling items helps us quickly reunite lost clothing with its owner and reduces the amount of lost property.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Small steps like this make a big difference in helping the school day run smoothly and ensuring children remain comfortable and ready to learn.

Allergy Aware

At Hedgewood, we are an allergy-aware school and ask for your support in helping us keep all members of our school community safe. Some of our pupils have severe allergies, including nut allergies, and even small amounts can cause a serious reaction.

To minimise the risk of allergic reactions, we kindly ask that nut products are not brought onto the school premises. This includes:

- Packaged nuts
- Peanut butter or chocolate spreads containing nuts
- Cereal or chocolate bars containing nuts
- Peanut-based sauces, such as satay

We thank you for working in partnership with us to support the health and safety of all our children.

Thank you also for your continued support in helping us streamline our processes and create a safer, more convenient environment for everyone.

Online Safety for Parents



During our Coffee Morning this month, we focused on online safety at home and had the pleasure of our parents and carers joining the discussion and sharing

tips with each other. We highlighted key risks and strategies to keep children safe online, and shared some resources to help parents support their children as they navigate the online world.

Common risks include exposure to harmful content (e.g., fake news, extremism), dangerous interactions (e.g., grooming, peer pressure), inappropriate behaviour (e.g., cyberbullying, explicit images), and financial threats (e.g., scams, gambling).

Key Findings (Children and Parents: media use and attitudes report 2024):

- 96% of children (3-17 years) went online in 2023
- 31% of children (8-17 years) chat to people they don't know via in-game chat (messaging or headset)
- YouTube is the most popular platform for children from age 3

Parental Strategies:

Family Agreement: Set clear rules on device use (e.g. no phones in the bedroom).



Parental Controls: Apply privacy settings on both broadband and devices.

Stay Involved: Communicate openly, play games together, and discuss online friends.

Upcoming Events

Pantomime—27th January 2026

