



Hemington

Primary School

Headteacher: Mr Alun Randell

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4th September 2026

Welcome back!

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to greeting our children and families on Monday! We hope you all had a wonderful, restful summer break. The entire staff team is bursting with excitement for the year ahead. We have so many dynamic learning opportunities and exciting activities planned, and we are looking forward to seeing all of our pupils grow, succeed, and shine over the coming terms.

This is an extra special year as it is Hemington Primary's 150th birthday this year! We will be sure to mark it in style in the summer terms!

As we start the year, please find a list of important dates and useful reminders below:

Monday 14th September 2:15pm *Year 1-6 Meet The Teacher* Parents of children in Year 1-6 are invited to meet their teacher's class teacher to find out about the curriculum, expectations and how families can support their child's learning.

Tuesday 13th/ Wednesday 14th October *Parents' Consultation Evenings*

Friday 9th October - *'Hello Yellow' Mental Health Day*

Thursday 15th October 2:00pm - *Harvest Celebrations/ Stay and Share*

Friday 16th October - *Break the Rules Day*

Wednesday 21st October - *Year 5/6 Wells Literacy Festival Trip*

Thursday 22nd October/ Friday 23rd October - *INSET Days - school closed*

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - *Half term holiday*

Wednesday 25th November - *INSET Day - school closed*



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Start and End of the Day Procedures

School starts at 8:45 prompt for children in Reception - Year 6. Being in school every day and arriving on time is crucial for your child's educational progress and wellbeing. Missing even a few minutes at the start of the day can mean missing important announcements and starter activities and can result in children feeling anxious. We ask for your full support in ensuring your children arrive promptly before the start of the day each morning, ready to learn.

The school gates are open 8:45-9:00am and 3:00-3:30pm. If you are accessing the school outside of these times and buzz for admittance, please do not use the vertical bolt to prevent the gate from closing behind you.

School finishes at 3:15pm.

The hours for children in the nursery are 9:00 - 3:00pm.

Parking/ Drop Off and Pick Up

We encourage families to drop children off using the zig zag lines in front of the school in the morning to ease parking difficulties. However, if you need to park and come into school to see a member of staff, please do not park on the yellow lines.

Please do not park on the zig zag lines at the end of the day

Please do not park outside Jubilee Cottages as the road is very narrow and farm traffic is often obstructed.

One Way System

It helps enormously in terms of safety and traffic flow if parents can abide by the voluntary one way system. Please drive into the village from the Faulkland direction and exit onto the A362. Many thanks for your understanding.

Uniform Expectations

We take great pride in our school community, and wearing the correct uniform helps instill a sense of belonging and readiness to learn. Please ensure all uniform items—including coats, jumpers, and water bottles—are clearly labelled with your child's name so lost items can be returned quickly. Full details of our uniform requirements are available on the school website.

Arbor & Contact Information

Our primary method of communication is through Arbor.



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- **Updating Information:** Please log in to your Arbor account to check that emergency contact details, consents, dietary needs and medical conditions are up to date. It is a parental responsibility to keep this information accurate throughout the year, as it is used in emergencies.
- **Getting Started:** If you haven't downloaded the app yet, please contact the school office for assistance.

School Lunches

School lunches must be booked by 12:00 p.m. on the Thursday of the week prior. Reminders were sent during the holidays. If you missed the deadline, please ensure your child has a packed lunch for the week.

When booking, be sure to select a main course and a dessert for each day and press the save button. You can book up to a full term in advance.

- Lunches are provided free of charge for children from Reception to Year 2.
- For children in Year 3 to Year 6, lunches are £2.90 per day, unless your child is eligible for Free School Meals.

If you believe your child may be eligible for benefit-related free school meals: We strongly encourage you to apply as soon as possible. Even if your child does not wish to have school meals every day, their eligibility for free school meals secures valuable Pupil Premium funding for the school, which directly benefits all children.

BANES: Please apply via <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or by calling 01225 39 43 17.

Somerset: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/free-school-meals/>

Breakfast & After-School Club

We are currently able to provide free wrap around care and intend continuing to do so, funding allowing. However, please ensure you do book a place via Arbor. For an emergency late booking, please contact the office to book a place.

- Breakfast Club: 8:00am - 8:45am.
- After-School Club: 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Social Media

To stay connected and see what's happening at our school, please follow us on our official Facebook page. We regularly post updates, photos, and important reminders. This is a great way to get a glimpse into your child's day and keep up with school events.

School Policies

At Hemington Primary we have many policies that we share with all schools within the Midsomer Norton



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Schools partnership. All policies can be found following the link below. Please ensure you are fully aware of the attendance and safeguarding policy -

<https://www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/trust-policies.htm>

Governors

Our Chair of Governors is Catherine Farmer. If you would like to contact her at any time, please email catherine.farmer@msnpartnership.com. Please note this is a voluntary position so emails are checked often but not daily. Please also feel free to contact our Clerk of Governors Katie Payne on katie.payne@leighonmendip.mnsp.org.uk.

Medical Conditions

We understand that from time to time, your child may need to take medication during school hours. Our staff can administer prescribed medication to your child, provided it has been formally prescribed by a doctor. Please note that we are not permitted to administer any non-prescribed medication, such as Calpol or other over-the-counter remedies. If your child requires medication during the school day, please contact the office to complete the required form. This ensures we have all the correct information to care for your child safely.

Term Dates

The term dates for [2026 / 2027](#) can be viewed here.

If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to ask.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Alun Randell

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