

11th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What is my child learning this year?

"What did you do at school today?" is a question we all ask our children when they come home from school - and the answers vary from a 20 minute detailed account of every single thing, to "Nothing"!

To help you know the topics we are covering in each term and in each year group this year, below are links to our Curriculum Overviews:

[Early Years Curriculum Overview 2026 27](#)

[Year 1 Curriculum Overview 2026 27](#)

[Year 2 Curriculum Overview 2026 27](#)

[Year 3 Curriculum Overview 2026 27](#)

[Year 4 Curriculum Overview 2026 27](#)

[Year 5 Curriculum Overview 2026 27](#)

[Year 6 Curriculum Overview 2026 27](#)

If you have any questions or queries about these overviews, please do come and see Mrs Sparrow (Vice Principal, Teaching and Learning) or send questions into the school office.

Residentials at Hadrian Academy

We are delighted to share an exciting expansion to our residential programme!

Driven by our ethos of 'Achieving Excellence Together,' we are broadening these valuable experiences across Key Stage 2 to inspire our pupils and support their independence, resilience, and social growth.

Our exciting plan for the upcoming academic year includes:

- Year 3: 1 night sleepover in school (March '27)
- Year 4: 1 night stay offsite (Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire) (April '27)
- Year 5: 2 night stay offsite (Hope Valley, Derbyshire) (May '27)
- Year 6: 3 night stay offsite (Phasels Wood, Hertfordshire) (June '27)

We are currently finalising travel and accommodation details and will send full information letters—including dates and costs—to each year group soon. Venues are all booked!

We look forward to embarking on these brilliant adventures with our pupils! Next July, we will invite feedback from parents, staff, and children to help us evaluate the new model and shape our future plans together.

In the meantime, please direct any questions to Mrs Sparrow (Vice Principal).



40 Fantastic Books to Read Together!



We believe that sharing books with your child is one of the most special ways to develop a lifelong love of reading. It doesn't have to be about reading independently. It could be listening to a story, talking about the characters, laughing together or wondering what might happen next are all valuable reading experiences.

To help you discover some fantastic stories, we have put together a 40 Fantastic Books to Read to Your Child guide, with book recommendations for each year group.



There are 40 suggested books for each year group, carefully chosen to offer a mixture of:



Wonderful stories and characters



Different experiences, cultures and perspectives



Books to make you laugh



Stories to make you think and talk



Firm favourites and modern classics

The books are suggestions rather than a checklist. You don't need to read them all! We simply hope the list gives you some inspiration when you're looking for your next book together.

Remember, children are never too old to be read to. Even as children become more confident independent readers, reading aloud to them continues to build vocabulary, comprehension, imagination and a love of stories.

So, whether it's a bedtime story, a Sunday afternoon on the sofa or a few minutes together after school...



Pick a book, get cosy and enjoy reading together!

Happy reading!

Miss Delaney

Fantastic 40 - [Click here](#)



School Council Elections

This year, we will be launching a School Council at Hadrian Academy. The School Council will give pupils the opportunity to share their views, listen to the ideas of others and help make positive changes across our school.

Representatives will meet regularly to discuss ideas and feedback, which they can then share with their classmates and teachers. Any child in Years 1–6 can stand for election, with one representative elected from each class. Reception pupils will have the opportunity to join the School Council in the summer term.

I will be speaking to the children about the School Council and how the election process will work during my assembly on Monday.

Key dates

Monday 28th September

Pupils wishing to stand for election will share their ideas or manifesto with their class, followed by a class vote.

Friday 2nd October

The election results will be announced during Celebration Assembly.

We are looking forward to seeing our pupils take on this exciting opportunity to develop their confidence, leadership skills and ability to make their voices heard within our school community.

Star of the Week

This week, teachers have chosen the following children for demonstrating **Wonderful Writing**.

Panda	Rhino	Koala	Macaw	Turtle	Penguin	Honeybee
Mason	Radisha	Tobi	Harleen	Malaika	Alicja	Dominik
Sunbear	Elephant	Giraffe	Leopard	Butterfly	Tiger	Dolphin
Matylda	Vinnie	Blanka	Justin	Alex	Saira	Bianca

Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Turtle class with 99.3%

Panda class with 99.3%

Honeybee class with 99.3%

The whole school average attendance this week is **96.8%**

Mr Griffin

Principal
Hadrian Academy

Key Stage 2 Stars of the Week



Dates for your Diary			
Thur 17 th Sep	Welcome back – Coffee Morning What's new at Hadrian this year?	All	
Fri 18 th Sep	Bikeability Level 1 24 places available	Yr 4	Details on how to sign up sent via ParentMail
Fri Sep	Tempest Individual and Sibling Photos	All	Smart uniform
Thur 8 th Oct	Coffee Morning MHST- help dealing with anxious children	All	
Tues 13 th & Wed 14 th Oct	Parents Evenings	All	Bookings will be available online via ParentMail on Monday 28 th September from 4.30pm

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.

Safeguarding

We want all children and families at Hadrian Academy to have happy, safe lives. The following are useful links about where to seek help and support if you are worried about your own, or another child/young person's safety:

Reporting a concern:



Escalating your concerns further:



NSPCC - Keeping children safe



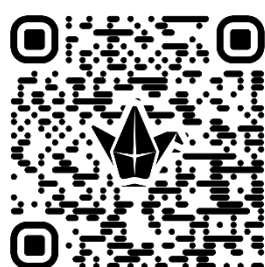
Mental Health Support

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



CAMHS



Starting School 2027

Central Bedfordshire



Beaudesert Lower School, Lewis Turner, AGE 8



Scan here to apply

Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?

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You can also complete a paper application form by downloading it from our website or by contacting School Admissions @ admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk 0300 300 8000

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