

25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've had another busy week at Hadrian, with lots of exciting things happening across school.

Visit from our School Improvement Advisor

This week we welcomed our School Improvement Advisor and Ofsted inspector, Michele Geddes, who spent two days reviewing our support for disadvantaged pupils, including Pupil Premium and SEND, and sharing positive suggestions for further development. We also reviewed writing planning and classroom practice, with clear next steps identified to strengthen the teaching of writing across the school.

Become a Trustee at Hadrian Academy

You should have received information this week about joining our governing board as a Trustee. This is a meaningful way for parents to shape school life and support our pupils. If you are interested, please contact the school office for an information pack and the application timeline.

Black History Month (October 2026)

We are busy planning which inspirational people we will be studying next month in Black History Month, where this year's theme is '**Honouring our Community**'. This reflects the fact that Black history is not only made through landmark events or by famous names, but created through everyday acts of leadership, care, service, creativity, courage and commitment.

Across Britain, Black people are contributing through education, healthcare, faith, business, sport, culture, heritage, public service, environmental action, youth work, volunteering and grassroots community leadership. We would love to hear from any parents or family members who can help to bring this alive for us: sharing stories and helping us to explore the rich history, achievements and traditions.

Culture Day 2027 (June 2027)

To reflect our rich and diverse whole school community, we are planning our first Culture Day at Hadrian Academy on Friday June 11th 2027. We would love to involve as many families from as many cultures as we can!

We're looking for support in a few ways:

- **Volunteers:** We could use a few parents to help set up, run activity stations, or supervise during the event.
- **Cultural sharing:** If your family would like to share a tradition, recipe, story, song, or artifact that reflects Black history or culture, we'd be honored to include it.
- **Guest speakers:** If you or someone you know has expertise or a personal story related to your own heritage, we'd love to invite them to speak with our students.
- **Food or supplies:** We're hoping to include some traditional dishes or snacks, and could use help with cooking, baking, or donations of ingredients/supplies.

- **Classroom resources:** Books, photos, music, or other materials that celebrate our diverse community and different cultures are always welcome.

If you are able to help in either event and in any of the ways above — or have another idea — please let us know by contacting the office to give your name, or Mrs Sparrow, Vice Principal directly at gaynor.sparrow@hadrianacademy.co.uk

Thank you for continuing to help us create meaningful, enjoyable and educational experiences for all our students: Achieving Excellent Together!

School Council elections — Monday 28 September 2026

On Monday 28 September (this coming Monday) we will hold School Council elections. Please talk to your child about standing over the weekend. Pupils who want to stand should be ready to present a short manifesto or speech to their class on Monday. We look forward to hearing their ideas.

Guide to Online Learning Platforms

At our first Coffee Morning of the year, parents asked for help with the online platforms we use. Mrs Sparrow has prepared a short guide, "Guide to Online Learning Platforms and Resources We Use at Hadrian Academy," which is included below. We hope it helps you support your child with home learning.

The road to Wembley!

The early bird gets the worm! Our third full week of school and here we go again. Thanks to Luton Town's polite refusal to qualify for the play offs last May, we find ourselves competing in the Vertu Trophy / Jersey Mike's trophy again. Which means 7:00pm kick offs and Hadrian kids making the short bus trip down the busway to take in the glamorous (!) surroundings of Kenilworth Road.

For those parents who have sent their children on these trips, they will be aware of the warning that Kenilworth Road stadium is not particularly luxurious. However, as we walked along Beech Path, around the outside of the stadium, the boys commented on their first time touching a stadium. There was slight disappointment when they realised that, no, there is no Domino's pizza outside the famous Oak Road away end, but as we turned the corner onto the Kenilworth Apron, there was a first sight for some of Luton Town's home.

So, we grabbed our tickets, a couple of programmes were bought (yes, that DOES count as reading!) and we went to find our seats, which as one child pointed out, had no back. Yes, you were warned!

Seats were found, snacks were munched, drinks imbibed, Kevin Foley (Luton Town coach, ex Premier League player and ex Republic of Ireland INTERNATIONAL!) graciously posed for a photo and the match was on.

Happy to say, Luton played well, Ipswich didn't and at half time, we were 3-0 up. Into the second half at 4 minutes in, there was a query from a fan behind us, that the crowd was quite quiet. One minute later and the children disproved that as they celebrated the fourth goal hitting the back of the net. The action didn't stop there, as Luton kept up their good play, by scoring twice more, with the final score ending up Luton Town 6 Ipswich Town 0.

We stood up, we applauded, we hoped for a t-shirt (no luck there,) and made our way home. The children behaved beautifully throughout the whole evening, and it was a pleasure to be there. The one caveat is that perhaps next time we visit (Tuesday 17th November,) the opposition probably won't let us stroll to another 6-0 win! We'll just have to wait and see!



Star of the Week

This week, teachers have chosen the following children for demonstrating **Effort in Reading**.

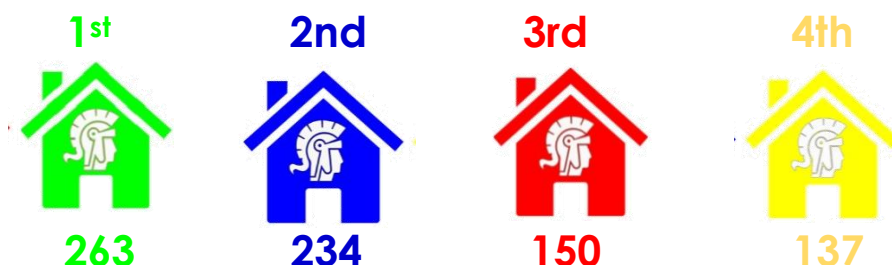
Panda	Rhino	Koala	Macaw	Turtle	Penguin	Honeybee
Saffron	Prakshi	Dev	Sanuel	Halil	Amaya	David
Sunbear	Elephant	Giraffe	Leopard	Butterfly	Tiger	Dolphin
Miguel	Nela	Adam K	Maxwell	David	Clay Matthew - Resilience	Idris

House Points

Weekly total:

St. Patrick	103
St. David	26
St. George	27
St. Andrew	50

Overall points since the start of the school year:



Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Panda class with 100%

Rhino class with 100%

Tiger class with 97.8%

The whole school average attendance this week is **95.8%**

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Griffin

Star of the Week

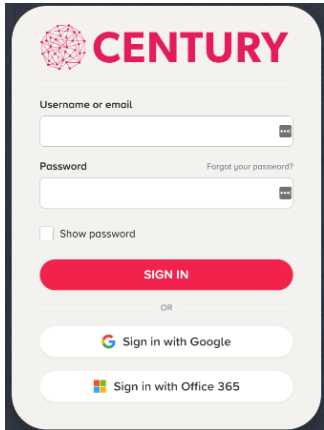


Dates for your Diary

Fri 2 nd Oct 9.30am	Early Year Open Morning For children starting school in 2027		Applies to children born between 1/9/2022 and 31/8/2023
Thur 8 th Oct 9am	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
Tues 20 th Oct 9.30am	Early Year Open Morning For children starting school in 2027		Applies to children born between 1/9/2022 and 31/8/2023
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
Mon 2 nd Nov	Chiltern Open Air Museum	Yr 3	Details and payment sent via ParentMail

Guide to online learning platforms and resources we use at Hadrian Academy:

FOR HOMEWORK:

 https://trockstars.com/	Year 2 onwards	Number bonds & Times Tables practice. Password provided by teacher: Numbots in Y2, TTRS Years 3-6
 https://www.century.tech/	Year 3 onwards	Maths, reading, science, grammar and spelling practice. Password not needed. Make sure you are signed in to your school google account, not a home gmail account. THEN click on Sign in with GOOGLE:  The child will then see their recommended pathway and homework is set under 'Due Assignments' 



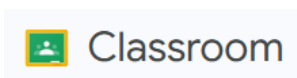
Year 3
onwards

Spelling practice.
Children are given passwords by staff.
Spelling games relate to that week's list of spellings.

<https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login>

OTHERS USED AT SCHOOL in Years 3-6:

Google Classroom:

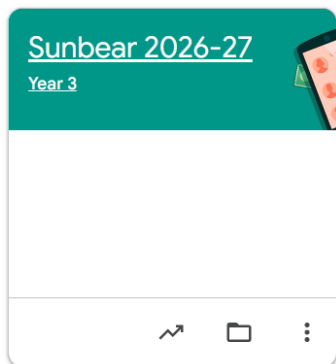
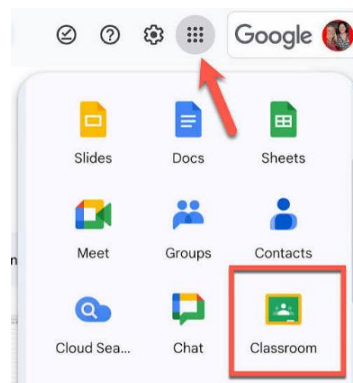


Make sure you are signed in to your school google account, not a home gmail account.

Click on the waffle & select Google Classroom:

(OR search for Google Classroom in a Google search)

Then you will see something like this - click on the name of the class to see the 'stream'.



We use Google Classroom to share resources e.g. links to websites we want the children to use.
We do not use it to set homework.

DreamBox Reading Plus



Children do not need to access this at home, as we plan 3 lessons of this per week at school.

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



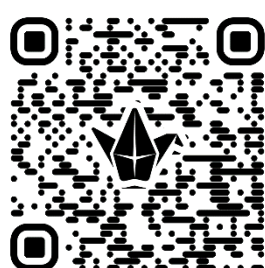
Mental Health Support

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?

They will start school in September 2027, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2027.

Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

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

A great place to live and work.

Transfer to 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?

They will start school in September 2027, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2027.

Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

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

A great place to live and work.