



Respect – Responsibility – Resilience – Kindness – Teamwork

Mrs Thirkill's Blog 3.10.25

Good afternoon,

Another busy week and the weeks just keep flying by. We have introduced our houses and our House Captains this half term and the children are really enjoying celebrating their successes.

Hoyle Court Houses

We are delighted to introduce our brand-new house point system this year! You may have already heard your child talking about which house they belong to. Each house is linked to one of our key Learning Behaviours, which are outlined below:



The children have thoroughly enjoyed representing their houses during weekly assemblies. Together with Mrs Thirkill, they have even created unique actions to match each animal! You could ask your child if they can remember the action for their house! Each Learning Behaviour is also connected to a story that highlights the value of that animal. These stories are part of our Behaviour Policy, which can also be found on the school website.

Children can earn house points by demonstrating positive behaviours such as:

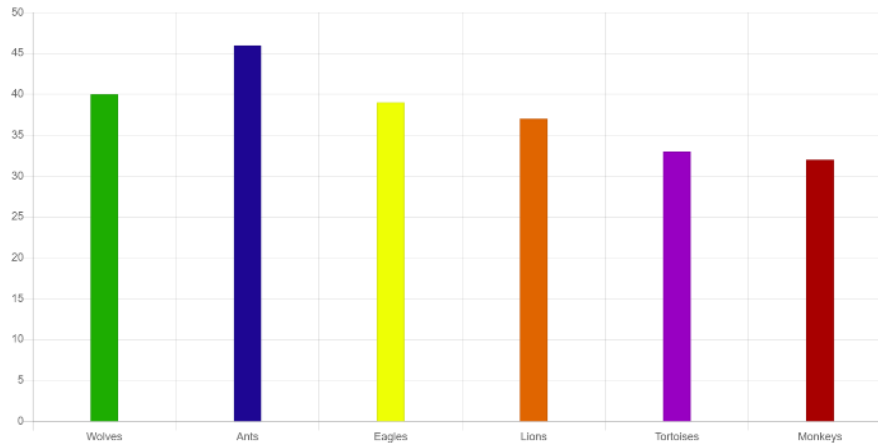
- 🏆 **Champion Learner** – 1 point
- 🧠 **Dojo Champion** – 1 point
- 🏃 **Representing School in a Competition** – 3 points
- 🙋 **Teacher's Discretion** (e.g., helping at events, being a School of Sanctuary buddy) – 1 point
- 📚 **Completing all homework over a half term** – 5 points

We are also pleased to announce that we now have house captains! Each child who applied filled in an application form explaining why they would make an excellent leader. Our house captains are:

- **The Eagles – Challenge** – Annabelle
- **The Ants – Collaboration** – Ellie
- **The Monkeys – Curiosity** – Oliver
- **The Tortoises – Determination** – Mia

- **The Wolves – Independence** – Stephen
- **The Lions – Pride** – Ava

Every week, our house captains help track the scores and update our leaderboard. Here is how the competition currently stands:



We have a few things coming up in school, that I would like to make you aware of.

Next Week Scholastic Book Fair 8.25am-8.40am & 3.15m-3.30pm Monday - Friday - Cash or card payments - In the school Library

Hello Yellow - Friday 10th - Wear something yellow in support of children's mental health payments available on parent pay or cash.



I would also like to let you know about the Harvest festival at our local church. All families are welcome to attend.



Celebrate Harvest with us on
 Sunday 5th October 2025
 at 10am at St John's Church.

We launch our Hearts for Harvest, there will be harvest hymns, children's activities and then stay for lunch! Everybody welcome.

We are excited to let you know about our upcoming open days for Nursey and Reception. We have places available in nursery now and we are looking forward to showing perspective parents our school for reception places in September 2026. Please share our information about open day.

Hoyle Court Primary School
Nursery and Reception
OPEN DAY!

- ✓ We take children from 2 years old
- ✓ Teacher-led provision
- ✓ Excellent academic outcomes
- ✓ Wrap round care
- ✓ Hot lunches made on site

Saturday 8th November
 10.00am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 11th November
 9.30am - 10.30am
 1.30pm - 2.30pm
 5.00pm - 6.00pm

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Come meet our amazing teachers, explore our classrooms & Forest School area and experience the joy of learning at our school! Our open day includes face painting, pony rides and a bouncy castle!

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Attendance

Target 96%	Owls	Beech	Aspen	Sycamore	Ash	Hazel	Birch	Willow	Rowan	Oak	Maple
School average 96.5	98.7	93.6	96.6	99.2	100	93.9	98.5	95.0	98.3	93.6	92.2

We have seen an improvement but lateness this week is 6.8 hours. That is still too much lost learning.

Word of the week - Commitment

Have a fabulous weekend.

Mrs Thirkill