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Hainford Newsletter

Message from Hainford's PTA

It's with mixed emotions that I confirm I'll be stepping down as PTA Chair at the end of this school year, as Jacob moves on to his next adventure at high school.

It has been an incredible experience working alongside such enthusiastic parents and raising vital funds to enrich the children's school experience. Our biggest project is still to come this summer — a fantastic playground improvement including a new netball area and other improvements, which will make a lasting difference for the children.

With just one day left before nominations close, I wanted to highlight how important the future of the PTA is.

Over the past 18 months, the core PTA team has been just Chloe and myself, supported by a brilliant group of volunteers who have helped make every event possible.

To keep the PTA running, we urgently need parents to step forward for the roles of Chair and Treasurer. Without these positions, the PTA will unfortunately have to close.

While these roles are essential, the PTA has always been about teamwork, community spirit, and parents supporting one another — and there will always be help and guidance available.

If you've ever thought about getting involved, now is the time. The children truly benefit from every bit of support we can give.

Regards

Mel

Sports Day and Family Picnic

This year's event will be on Tuesday 30th June. The family picnic will start at midday and sports day will then begin shortly after 1pm. We will keep you informed about events. Our slip day in case of weather will be the following Tuesday, (7th July).

Notices

Attached below is a letter explaining changes to National Guidance on the use of Force. Hopefully it is clear, but if you have any questions, please come and ask.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you to explain some important national changes regarding how schools record and report the use of "reasonable force" and physical intervention.

What is changing?

The Government has introduced new laws that all schools **must** follow. These rules change how we tell you about moments when a staff member has to physically guide or hold a child or use seclusion within our settings.

- **Written Reports:** In the past, we might have given you a quick phone call to let you know about a minor incident. Now, the law says we **must** inform you in writing every time.
- **More Notifications:** Because the definition of "force" is now very broad, you will likely receive more emails from us. This includes simple things, like a staff member physically guiding a child away from a busy road if the child is not completely compliant with moving away from the traffic, or the potential use of a safe space to protect others from harm when a pupil is experiencing high levels of emotional or behavioural dysregulation.

Our practice remains the same

It is very important for you to know that **how we look after your children has not changed**. We still prioritise care, calm, and safety. You might feel like you are hearing about "physical intervention" more often, but this is only because the reporting rules have changed, not because we are using these methods more than before.

Expert Training and Support

All staff in our schools are experts in supporting your children. We work closely with the **Norfolk Steps Team** within the Norfolk County Council Inclusion Department.

- All staff are trained in a therapeutic approach to behaviour management.
- Staff are fully trained in Restrictive Physical Intervention (RPI) and receive regular refreshers.
- Physical intervention is used when it is necessary to prevent harm or to stop a situation from becoming more dangerous. Physical intervention is only used when reasonable, proportionate and necessary within a situation.
- Seclusion: This is not a punishment. It is simply a way to give a child a quiet, supervised space away from others until they feel calm and safe again. A staff member is always there to support them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's school directly.

Mr Cross

Our Christian Theme for this half-term is Truthfulness

As a school community, we will explore how pupils can be supported in being open and honest with one another in school and beyond in the wider community. We will look at how children can recognise the importance of being truthful to themselves.

Let's Celebrate!

15th May	Star Awards	Writing Awards (Perfectly Presented)	Values Awards
Class 1	Isla – for showing great responsibility	James and Otis: super segmenting and letter formation	Daisy G: for being a trustworthy member of class 1
Class 2	Jude- for excellent use of vocabulary		Edith: for being trustworthy and helping to look after resources
Class 3	Clara and Tallulah: for excellent presentations about the Silk Road Year 6s: For excellent work on their SATs this week	Poppy B: for a fact-filled, carefully presented Silk Road text Benedict: for a carefully presented information page	Charlotte M: being trusted to practise timestables and handwriting at home Martha: being trusted to help with jobs

Hainford Attendance Information

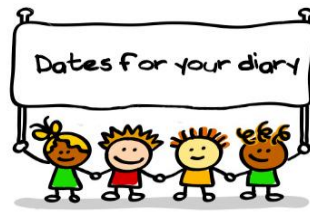
School Target: **98%**

Year to date: **95.26%**

Class 1 to date: **97.43%**

Class 2 to date: **94.96%**

Class 3 to date: **93.97%**



Summer Term 2026

May 2026

19th Class 2 trip to West Stow

20th Hainford Netball team match against Colby Primary School

Half-term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

June 2026

1st First day back after half-term

5th yr5/6 Nebula cricket skills day @ Horsford Mill Lane (*selected pupils only*)

8th Class photos and Year 6 leavers

19th PTA Father's Day shop

WB 22nd City Sports (KS2 athletics for selected pupils)

24th to 26th Aylsham High School Induction days for yr6s

26th New Intake Reception induction morning and whole-school transition.

29th Nebula Spelling Bee

30th Family picnic and sports day

July 2026

3rd Nebula cricket fixtures (ks2)

8th Year 6 trip to Yarmouth

9th New Intake Reception 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' from 2pm

17th Final day & Leaver's Assembly from 9am

Summer Break: Monday 20th July to Thursday 3rd September

Thank you for all your support!