

# The Hazel Leys Chronicle

October 2025 Academy Newsletter

## Principal's update

As we reach the end of Autumn Term 1, I'm delighted to share two exciting new partnerships that are enriching our school and wider community.

Rock and pop band lessons with Rocksteady  
Did you know, we now partner with Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons, right here at HLA! These weekly music lessons take place in school and are led by professional musicians who make learning music fun. It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to amplify confidence, wellbeing and social skills.

We're also proud to announce a new collaboration with **Mencap**, providing **supported internships** for young adults aged 16–24 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This initiative helps bridge the gap into the workplace and offers volunteering meaningful, supported experiences for young people within our community. Watch the video to find out more. [Mencap Training Academy partnership with Bella Italia and Emily](#)

Finally, a sincere thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent consultation evenings and completed the parent survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us continue to grow and improve. If you were unable to attend, our teachers will have already reached out to you. If we've missed you, please don't hesitate to get in touch.  
Wishing you all a restful break and thank you for your continued support.

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Mrs Beverley Trotman  
Principal

## Dates for your Diary

We do not want you to miss anything so please see below our key dates for Autumn 2.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Term 2 starts for pupils  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 6 trip to Hazard Alley  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Socks Day  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti Bullying week  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Day  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – EYFS/KS1 Parent reading drop in  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – EYFS/KS1 Parent reading drop in  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Children In Need  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – PTA Elfridges  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 1 trip to Hammerton Zoo  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – PTA Christmas movie night  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – KS2 Carol Concert 2.30pm  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Training Day – School close to pupils  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas Nativity  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery and Reception Christmas events  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas lunch, Christmas Jumper Day & new Nursery intake meeting  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Class Christmas Parties and Santa visit  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Training day – school closed to pupils  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – School Opens for Term 3

## School Lunch



Just a reminder that if you have not booked your child's school lunch time meal for next week, please can you make sure they are sent into school with a packed lunch.

The deadline for ordering meals is **every Wednesday** for the week ahead. Please can parents wanting their child to have a school dinner make sure the meals are ordered by **midnight every Wednesday**.

## After School Clubs

Available this half term:

### **Monday**

Lego – Clubs Complete

### **Tuesday**

Arts & Crafts – Clubs Complete

### **Wednesday**

Master Chef – Clubs Complete  
Gymnastics – Unmatched Coaching

### **Thursday**

Mad Labs – Clubs Complete  
Multi Skills – Unmatched Coaching

### **Friday**

Taekwondo – East Northants 1<sup>st</sup>  
Taekwondo

Each of the above clubs are booked directly with the external provider – please contact the school office for more information.

## Breakfast Club

Available from 7.45am Monday to Friday. Please book online.

## School coats

Now that we are in the winter months, your child must bring a school coat into school every day. Thank you

## Punctuality

Please arrive at school on time every day.

## Reception to Year 6

Academy opens	8.30am
Registration closes	8.45am
Break	10.30 - 10.45am
Nursery Lunch	11.45 – 12.15pm
Reception and KS1 Lunch	11.45- 12.45pm
KS2 Lunch	12.00 - 1pm
End of Academy Day	3.15pm



## School Uniform

Please remember to name all your child's clothes – one Hazel Leys sweatshirt looks much the same as another!

If you have any uniform (including shoes) that is in good condition, that you would like to donate, we are always happy to accept it.



## Bikes and Scooters

A reminder that those children riding bikes and scooters to school should wear a safety helmet. Bikes and scooters left on the premises must be parked in the racks provided.

**All bikes and scooters are left on the premises at your own risk. We accept no responsibility for any loss or damage.**

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## Attendance

If your child is absent from school, you **must** contact the school on 01536 202681 and leave a message **before 8.00am**.

This is particularly important for children who walk to and from school without an adult.

Thank you.

### Days off school add up to lost learning

**175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR**

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



**Whole School attendance week ending 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**92.85%**

**Regional 93.8%**

**National 95.1%**

## Our School Values



### Hot Meals

Please make sure you are ordering your child's hot dinners if they have them (log-in details can be given if you visit the Academy office).

<https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/>

**It is your responsibility to order your child's hot Dinner even if they are free!**

Thank you.



Please help us to remind our children of the **crossing rules to keep them safe**. Also, a reminder for parents and carers, please avoid **double parking** outside the school as this can cause safety concerns for our community. Thank you.

# Celebrating Learning

Well done to all the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge!



Year 6 had an amazing time on their residential at PGL Caythorpe Court



It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception children. We have had a fantastic time getting to know the children and introducing them to school life.



Well done to all the STARS and READERS of the week across the school showing our school values!



**ROCK  
STEADY**

# DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?



**With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.**

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



Scan QR code to  
find out more!

**98%**

**OF PARENTS SAY  
THEIR CHILD LOVES OR  
ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY  
BAND LESSONS**

**94%**

**OF PARENTS SAY  
ROCKSTEADY  
IMPROVES THEIR  
CHILD'S CONFIDENCE**

**0330 113 0330** (Mon-Thurs 8am-9pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

**rocksteadymusicschool.com**