



Friday the 18th of April, forthcoming events for the week commencing 21st April 2025

Monday	21.04.25	8 am -8.40 am 3.15-4.15 pm 3.15-4.30 pm Extended 3.15-5.30 pm	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Tuesday	22.04.25	8 am-8.40 am 3.15-4.30 pm Extended 3.15-5.30 pm	Breakfast Club Football Match (Yr 5 and 6 Boys) Hanwell School Hang Out after school club
Wednesday	23.04.25	8 am-8.40 am 3.15-4.30 pm Extended 3.15-5.30 pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club
Thursday	24.04.25	8 am-8.40 am 3.15-4,15 pm Extended 3.15-5.30 pm	Breakfast Club Maypole Dancing Rehearsal Football Match (Yr 5 and 6 Girls) Wroxton School Hang Out after school club
Friday	25.04.25	8 am-8.40 am 3.15-4.30 pm Extended 3.15-5.30 pm	Breakfast Club Bring an item for the tombola and wear your home clothes Hang Out after school club

Well done to Mrs Cockle, Mrs Pumford and the children of Art Club. Our model for the Easter Rabbit competition will be displayed as part of Banbury's Easter Trail.



I hope you are having a super Easter Break.

We have just had a meeting with the builders/ project management company, and they have made good progress- the steel frame and the ceiling have been put in place, and they have nearly completed the painting. The handover of the site will take place on Thursday, 17th April, before the Bank Holiday, and we will be able to get into the classroom on the first day back. As per my previous email: the new term for the **Reception Class (Apples)** will start on Tuesday, the 22nd of April, and for **Nursery children (Peaches)** on Wednesday, the 23rd of April.

Thank you all for your patience and kindness during the past term. We are lucky to have such a supportive community at Hornton Primary School.

24th April- 2nd Rehearsal for Maypole Dancing 3.15-4.15 pm Pavilion (bring a snack and water bottle)

25th April- Non-school Uniform Day- bring an item for the tombola stall

1st May- 3rd Rehearsal for Maypole Dancing 3.15-4.15 pm Pavilion (bring a snack and water bottle)

5th May- Hornton Village May Day Celebration

12th May- Keystage 2 Statutory Testing Week (SATs)

To ensure everyone can enjoy the events at the end of term, in next weeks newsletter we will have a complete set of dates for the Summer term.



A message of thanks from Phil Holt:

Our New School Garden and Community Growing Space

The day was fantastic, well-attended by about 20 helpers and numerous children. It was a genuinely pleasant gathering, characterised by a strong community spirit. Volunteers from the village, along with parents and teachers from Hornton Primary School, came together to participate. I feel very optimistic that we can unite as a community to ensure this project's success. It serves both the local community and the school by granting access to the school garden and natural areas, while also contributing to wildlife conservation and enhancing local biodiversity.

Together, we achieved a lot. In the school garden, teams levelled and laid wood chip paths around the raised growing beds, mulched around the hedgerow saplings, and prepared the ground for constructing timber composters. The garden is now all set and ready for the children to start growing when they return from the Easter holidays.

News from Hornton Primary School PTA

We are raising funds to purchase more laptops for the children to use in class; we will also be donating funds to each class towards their end of year class trips!



Charlotte Rooney and Ellie Freeman became the Easter Bunny last Friday and created an **Easter treasure** hunt for all the children. They thoroughly enjoyed it and loved collecting clues in the village and eating their chocolate eggs (Thank you to Mrs King for buying them).



Bake Sale – We held another of our very popular bake sales after school, and we raised the grand total of £160 pounds. Once again so many people donated cakes and they all looked delicious.

Mayday event – Monday 5th May

We will be hosting three stalls at this year's Hornton Mayday event!

- **Tombola** – Try your luck to win a prize at our famous tombola stall!
 - We are asking for donations of bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts, alcohol, chocolates, toys, homewares etc for the stall. These can be brought in on the non-school uniform days on 4th April and 25th April.
- **Adopt a Friend** – Choose your friend, discover their unique talent, and complete an adoption certificate!
 - We would be very grateful for donations of any unwanted teddies or soft toys that are in great condition
- **Games Emporium** – Enter our games emporium and play our selection of child friendly games with your friends, while enjoying a homemade lemonade! The stall will be run by members of our Year 6 School Council.



Thank you everyone for your sponsors to Oscar's swimathon - he has so far raised £1,060 for Cancer Research and Marie Curie! Incredible when he only sat out to raise £100. He completed the 5k swim in one session in the total time of 2 hrs and 50 mins.

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Hi, I'm Holly! I am mum to Will in Reception (Apple class) and little Ellie, who is 16 months old. This year, I am going to run the London marathon, which has been a dream of mine for a long time, but with my life revolving around horses and two kids, it just never happened. This year I decided to apply to St John Ambulance to see if I could run for them, and I was thrilled to secure a spot! Now, the training is well underway. I haven't run any distance since school, except for the occasional sprint to grab something for the horses from the lorry at competitions, so I know 26.2 miles is quite a leap from that! However, I'm excited to tackle this challenge, especially since it sets a great example for my children about pursuing goals. St John Ambulance is often present at my competitions, but you only truly appreciate their presence when you need assistance. They do incredible work providing first aid and are the leading first aid charity in the country. Each year, over 400,000 people learn life-saving skills through their training programs. Their volunteers play a vital role in communities, ensuring that fewer lives are lost unnecessarily. I'm genuinely excited to be raising funds for such a fantastic charity!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/h-bates-1723730122181>

After School Clubs-

We will start our next group of clubs in the week beginning the 26th of May. If you would like to volunteer to run a club please let me know. Currently our list of clubs include Lego, Keystage 1 Ball Club, Guitar club and Forest school.

Playground Boxes

We would like to update our Playground Boxes (they were damaged in the flood). If you have any plastic animals, duplo or bucket and spades we would love to have them as part of our collection.

Can I remind people that it is very important to stick to the speed limit when driving through the village. There are parts of the village where we do not have pavements and we have had two occasions recently when parents have reported having to shield their children from passing cars.



Please can I remind you that we are a nut free school. Children should not be bringing nuts into school for lunch or snack. This includes Nutella or any nut based spread.

Hornton Pavilion

*Hornton Pavilion (Village Hall) is a warm welcoming venue ideal for Birthday Parties.
To view and request bookings, contact Phil Holt on 07932 366397 or use the
link: <https://hallbookingonline.com/hornton/>*



INFORMATION ON IMPORTANT STREET WORKS IN YOUR AREA

Dear Resident/Business owner,

We are due to undertake civil utility works in **Bell Street**, works are scheduled to take place from **Junction with West End to outside Manor farm** between **21/04/2025 to 02/05/2025**.

This work is being undertaken by Sf Stefan Civil Engineering Ltd on behalf of Gigaclear Ltd to build a full fibre broadband network in your community enabling access to ultrafast gigabit-capable broadband with speeds of up to 900Mbps direct to the property. This will involve digging trenches in grass verges, pavements, and roads as we install the fibre ducting and external connection points at the boundary of each property.

We will maintain access to and from residential properties while the works take place but please be aware that at times access to these properties might be slightly delayed whilst the works are made safe for access and the site is opened for vehicles to pass through.

We understand that this will cause disruption and inconvenience to residents, and we apologise in advance, and we will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum. We will work as quickly and quietly as possible while we are near your property.

In case of difficulty or emergency please contact the on-site staff or call our projects manager on the number below:

Ionel Blanaru on 07951 574371 or email ionel.blanaru@sf-stefan.co.uk

Gigaclear's Network Access Team can also be contacted on the details below:

Email: na-central@gigaclear.com

Phone: 01865 591199

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation whilst these works take place.