BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Hitherfield were once again invited to take part in The Big Read at Alleyn's Junior School along with 15 other schools from the Kent and South London area. Five children from Year 6 attended on Saturday to hear author Zohra Nabi talk about her magical adventure book Kingdom over the Sea.

There were activities, refreshments, a Q&A and a book stall, and the children got to talk to the author and get their free books signed. It was great to see all the children so excited for books and reading. Wonderful event!!



Dates for the Diary

Monday 19th October
2 Mongoose trip to Botanical Institute

Tuesday 20th October
2 Hummingbird and 2 Manatee trip to Botanical Institute

Tuesday 20th October
Puffin Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Wednesday 21st October
Wolverine Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Friday 23rd October
Last Day of Term

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
Half term

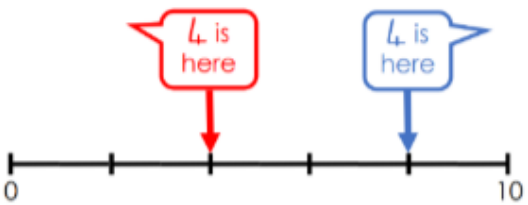
Monday 2nd November
Children return to school

Wednesday 4th November
Individual & Sibling Photos

Hitherfield Friday Maths Challenge

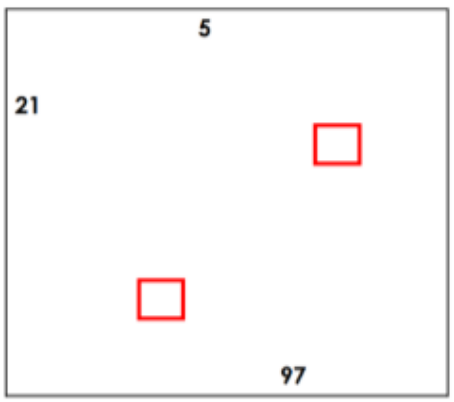
Challenge A

Which answer?



Challenge B

What numbers could be in the red boxes?



Answers will be given at KS1 and KS2 Good News assemblies each week.

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GOOD NEWS CARDS

Congratulations to these children who have really impressed their teachers this week.

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Alice & Isabelle	Zayd and Elis	Luke and Janae
2 MANATEE	**2 MONGOOSE**	**2 HUMMINGBIRD**
Daisy and Oliver	To be announced next week	Nora and Ledjon
3 JAGUAR	**3 MACAW**	**3 ANACONDA**
Zahra and Charlie Cook	Rena and Louis	Romelia & Tabby
4 CHEETAH		**4 FLAMINGO**
Esmae and Amelia		Leah and Betty
5 KINGFISHER	**5 HEDGEHOG**	**5 OTTER**
Nyruby and Stella	Isabelle and Thamiel	Lilah and Emmeline
6 PUFFIN		**6 WOLVERINE**
Mariam and Annie		Persephone and Eliza

Ready Steady Spell

There will also be a parent workshop morning on Friday 6th November for parents/guardians of children in year 2 - year 6 where you are more than welcome to come and take part in a live lesson as well as going over strategies on how to support your child with their practice at home.

Deadline for the Christmas Card templates - Thursday 22nd October (next Thursday)

Please Keep Packed Lunches Nut-Free

A gentle reminder that nuts and products containing nuts should not be included in children's packed lunches.

We have children in school with severe nut allergies, and even small amounts can cause a serious allergic reaction.

Please check the ingredients of packed lunch items carefully and help us to keep all our children safe. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Change to Library opening times next week!

The Library will be open on Monday & Tuesday after school next week instead of the usual Wednesday and Thursday.

Head lice - We have had a few reported cases of head lice across all year groups. Please remember to check your child's hair regularly.

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On Tuesday the children in Years 3 & 4 had a visit from Paula Harrison the author of the popular Kitty series. She talked to the children about life as an author and her new series of Animagicals books. She did an interactive quiz and ended with an interesting Q&A. Lots of fun interesting questions were asked like “How old were you when you wrote your first book?” There will be more visits from different Authors throughout the year spread amongst the different year groups. We’ve found them to be very inspiring for the children and it’s a nice break from the norm for them.





Parents/Carers of children in Reception - Year 6

The Lambeth Immunisation Team will visiting Hitherfield Primary School on Monday 23rd November 2026 to administer flu vaccinations. If you would like your child to receive the vaccination, please complete the consent form using this link

- https://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2026/lambeth

Please note that **your child will not receive the vaccination unless parental/carer consent has been given**.



EARLY COLLECTIONS

We understand that occasionally children may need to leave school early, and we appreciate that appointments and other commitments cannot always be avoided.

We would kindly ask that, wherever possible, children remain in school until the end of the school day. Afternoon learning time is just as important as the morning, and early collections can disrupt lessons and mean that children miss valuable learning and classroom activities.

Thank you, as always, for your support and understanding.

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HITHERFIELD PTA PRESENTS

COMEDY NIGHT 2026

AS SEEN ON MOCK THE WEEK & HEARD ON THE NEWS QUIZ

ALASDAIR BECKETT-KING

'Either a genius or a very silly man' Rolling Stone



AS SEEN ON THE RHOD GILBERT SHOW

JENNY COLLIER

'Refreshingly original' Broadway Baby



ALEXANDER BENNETT

'Warm, insane and very funny' Evening Standard



AND YOUR HOST...

BEN VAN DER VELDE

'A master of audience interaction' Huffington Post



A FUN NIGHT WHILST ALSO FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

WEDNESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER

Bar & Food 6:30, Comedy & Bar 7:30 - 9:30

Buy tickets now on ParentPay

£10 in advance or £12 on the door

(Pre-order food on Parentpay until 11th Nov. Veggie Curry & Rice £8)

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Annual Calendar 2026–27

TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

Autumn Term 1	Thursday 3rd September – Friday 23rd October 2026
Autumn Half Term	Monday 26th – Friday 30th October 2026
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2026
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027
Spring Term 1	Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February 2027
Spring Half Term	Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2027
Spring Term 2	Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March 2027
Easter Holiday	Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April 2027
Summer Term 1	Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May 2027
Summer Half Term	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027
Summer Term 2	Monday 7th June – Friday 16th July 2027
Summer Holiday	Monday 19th July – TBC
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027

INSET DAYS & END-OF-YEAR DATES

INSET Days	Tuesday 1st September 2026 • Wednesday 2nd September 2026 • Monday 19th July 2027 • Tuesday 20th July 2027 • Wednesday 21st July 2027
Friday 16th July 2027	End of Summer Term – school closes at 1:30pm

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Wednesday 14th October	Years R–6 • 2–7pm
Wednesday 18th November	Nursery only to 6pm • no afternoon nursery for all children
Wednesday 27th January	Years R–6 • 2–7pm
Wednesday 3rd March	Nursery only to 6pm • no afternoon nursery for all children
Wednesday 28th April	Years R–6 • 2–7pm
Wednesday 9th June	Nursery only to 6pm • no afternoon nursery for all children

YEAR 6 SATs

Monday 10th – Thursday 13th May	Year 6 SATs every morning

SCHOOL EVENTS

Friday 25th September	PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning
Monday 16th – Friday 20th November	National Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 18th November (evening)	PTA Comedy Night • adults only
Friday 11th December • 3:15–5:30pm	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 12th February	Hitherfield's Got Talent
Friday 5th March	World Book Day Celebration • Dress Up Day
Monday 15th – Friday 19th March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Wednesday 24th March	Eggstravaganza – Drop off (collect on Thursday 25th March)
Friday 14th May • 9:15–11:40am	Sports Day • Years 1 & 2 • school field
Wednesday 19th May • 9:30–11:30am	Sports Day • Early Years • school field
Friday 21st May • 9:15am–2pm	Sports Day • Years 5 & 6 • school field
Wednesday 26th May • 9:15am–2pm	Sports Day • Years 3 & 4 • school field
Saturday 19th June • 12:30–4pm	Summer Fair
Thursday 8th July • 7pm	Year 6 Concert
Thursday 15th July • 6–8pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party

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OTHER DIARY DATES

Monday 7th September • 3:45pm	Year 6 Secondary Transfer meeting • Hitherfield Studio
Wednesday 4th November	Individual and Sibling Photos
Sunday 8th November	Remembrance Sunday at Streatham War Memorial
Monday 23rd November	Flu Vaccinations • Reception–Year 6
Wednesday 21st April	Class Photos

CLASS ASSEMBLIES & OPEN MORNINGS

All assemblies/open mornings: 9:15–10:30am (Nursery 9.30am)

Tuesday 20th October	Puffin Class • Year 6
Wednesday 21st October	Wolverine Class • Year 6
Tuesday 10th November	Mongoose Class • Year 2
Wednesday 11th November	Manatee Class • Year 2
Thursday 12th November	Hummingbird Class • Year 2
Tuesday 2nd February	Cobra Class • Year 1
Wednesday 3rd February	Dugong Class • Year 1
Thursday 4th February	Sunbird Class • Year 1
Tuesday 9th February	Jaguar Class • Year 3
Wednesday 10th February	Anaconda Class • Year 3
Thursday 11th February	Macaw Class • Year 3
Wednesday 10th March	Hedgehog Class • Year 5
Thursday 11th March	Kingfisher Class • Year 5
Friday 12th March	Otter Class • Year 5/4
Wednesday 17th March	Flamingo Class • Year 4
Thursday 18th March	Cheetah Class • Year 4
Wednesday 5th May	Koala Class • Reception
Thursday 6th May	Platypus Class • Reception
Friday 7th May	Kookaburra Class • Reception
Wednesday 16th June • 9:30am	Tadpole & Robin Classes • Nursery

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Tuesday 8th December • 10am	Cobra, Manatee & Anaconda
Tuesday 8th December • 2pm	Year 4
Wednesday 9th December • 10am	Dugong, Hummingbird & Macaw
Wednesday 9th December • 2pm	Year 5
Thursday 10th December • 10am	Sunbird, Mongoose & Jaguar
Thursday 10th December • 2pm	Year 6
Tuesday 15th December • 10am	Reception Classes
Wednesday 16th December • 10am	Nursery Classes
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Lunch for the whole school