



# Hartwell Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11th January 2019

## Our Stars of this Week:

Class R: Tommy-Lee

Class 1: Daniel

Class 2: Max

Class 3: Elena

Class 4: Gemma

Class 5: Orla

Class 6: Luke



## Happy New Year & welcome back!

I hope that all our families had a fun filled time and hopefully some time to relax too!

I am super impressed with how learning ready the children came back to school last Friday. I am certainly excited to see what they can all achieve in the Spring Term.

## Be aware - head lice are about!

We have been made aware of a couple of recent cases of head lice. Please check you child/ren's hair regularly. If your child has shoulder-length hair or longer, we would always advise that it is tied up for school.

Treating head lice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Our Attendance - Autumn Term Overview

**As you know our attendance target for the year is 97%, we are currently at 96.6% for the Autumn Term. I am pleased with this marker, as I know many children (and parents) have been struck down by illness.**

**I would like to apologise that I had forgotten to send the children's Attendance badges for Autumn 1 home - I found them packaged up and ready to go when I came to do Autumn 2s. Very sorry! The children should have received badges and certificates today.**

**Punctuality is also something we look at with attendance. It is so important that all children are in on time everyday. When children arrive first thing in the morning they do short tasks, like responding to marking or practising times tables, which consolidates their learning. If lateness goes after 9am, children are then missing the main teaching section of the first lesson of the day - this has a big impact.**

## Thank you for continuing to support your child/ren's learning

### Reading

We expect children to read at home at least four times a week. If your child is still in the early stages of learning to read, share the book with your child, asking them to spot key sounds and tricky words they have been learning. Also, discuss the story. This develops children's word reading and comprehension of the book.

### Maths

Please support your child in learning their times tables at home. Little and often is perfect! Just ask if you need ideas!