



A very warm welcome back to all our children and families. I hope you had a lovely summer and were able to enjoy some time together. It has been wonderful to see the school full of children again and to hear the familiar buzz of busy classrooms and happy playgrounds.

A particularly warm welcome to all the new families joining the Honeywell community this term. I know that our staff, children and existing families will help you to feel at home very quickly. I am also looking forward to meeting our new Nursery children and their families as they begin their time with us over the coming weeks.

The children have made a really positive start to the new school year. Our priority during these first few days has been to give children plenty of time to settle into their new classes, get to know their teachers and become familiar with new routines and spaces. It has been lovely to hear so many positive comments from both parents and staff about how happily and confidently the children have returned to school.

Our newsletter will continue to be sent out fortnightly and, as the term gets underway, we will share much more about the children's learning and life at Honeywell. We will continue to add important dates throughout the term and already have lots of exciting opportunities and activities planned for the children and our wider school community.

Over the coming weeks, we are delighted to be welcoming parents and carers to our curriculum workshops. These will give you an opportunity to find out more about what your child will be learning this year and how you can support their learning at home. You will also receive a weekly learning leaflet from your child's class teacher, sharing what the children have been learning and some ideas for continuing and supporting this learning at home.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead and all that it will bring.

Fiona Arnold
Headteacher
10.09.2026

CURRICULUM WORKSHOPS



At the beginning of each academic year, we hold workshops for parents and carers in each year group outlining the work the children would be undertaking throughout the year and offering advice on how to support your child at home. These are useful sessions and we do encourage as many parents as possible to attend. If you are unable to attend, the material from the sessions will be shared on the school website.

Year Two Parent Workshop	Infant Hall	Wednesday 16 th September	9.10--11.10
Year One Parent Workshop	Infant Hall	Wednesday 23 rd September	9.10--11.10
Reception Parent Workshop	Infant Hall	Tuesday 29 th September	9.10--11.10

EARLY YEARS AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB



Our new Early Years After-School Club is now up and running and has been very sweet to see in action! Our Nursery and Reception children are enjoying a fun, cosy and nurturing end to the school day, with plenty of time to play, explore and relax together. We still have a few spaces available, which can be booked either as a full block or ad hoc through MagicBooking

<https://honeywellschools.magicbooking.co.uk/>

You can find more information about the club on our website [Early Years After School Club Info](#)

UPCOMING DATES	
September 2026	
Mon 7	Reception children begin full time
Tues 8	Funny Bones Workshop: Year One
Thur 10	Clubs Booking opens – 1 club only
Fri 11	Nursery half day
Mon 14	Nursery children Full Time African Drumming Workshop: Year Two
Wed 16	Year 2 Parents workshop Hall 9.10-11.10am, Infant Hall
Thur 17	Clubs booking – no limits
Mon 21	Clubs start this week
Wed 23	Year 1 Parents workshop Hall 9.10-11.10am, Infant Hall
Mon 28	Year 1 Tiger Who Came to Tea Drama Workshop
Tue 29	Reception Parents workshop Hall 9.10-11.10am, Infant Hall Harvest Workshop at St. Michael's Church: Year Two
October 2026	
Thurs 1	Black History Month Begins National Poetry Day
Fri 2	Trip to Wetland Centre: Year Two
Mon 5	Harvest Donations Week Year 2 African Drumming Workshop
Tues 6	Beech and Willow visit Clapham Junction Train Station
Wed 7	Holly visit Clapham Junction Train Station
Fri 9	Harvest Assembly / Last day for Harvest donations
Mon 20	Indian Dance Workshop: Year One
Wed 21	Parents Evening 4 -7 pm
Thurs 22	Parents Evening 4 - 6.30pm
Fri 23	Break up half term
November 2025	
Mon 2	Return to School
Fri 6	Diwali Assembly
Mon 9	Animal Workshop: Year One
Tues 10	Trip to National Army Museum: Year Two Open Morning for prospective parents
Thurs 12	Open Morning for prospective parents
Mon 16	Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day
December 2025	
Fri 19	End of term

INTRODUCING OUR NEW FEDERATION BUSINESS MANAGER



We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Federation Business Manager, Ms Horgan. *"Many of you will know me as Becs, either as a parent of two boys who both attended Honeywell or from my eight years coaching the junior netball squads. I'm taking a year off coaching to get to grips with my new challenge as Federation Business Manager – although I'm not sure which is more demanding! I first got involved through the PTFA and my involvement grew from there, eventually leading to 10 years as a Honeywell Governor, most recently as Chair of the Resources Committee. Being a Governor gave me a great insight into what goes on behind the scenes, from finance and HR to premises, health and safety and the day-to-day running of the schools. It was this that inspired me to take on the Business Manager role. Six weeks in, I'm still learning the ropes and asking plenty of questions, but I'm really enjoying the challenge. Having been part of the Honeywell community for so long, I really believe in the schools and their ethos and I'm looking forward to helping things run smoothly behind the scenes and supporting the fantastic work happening."*

WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL

We have a number of children in school with allergies, including some who are at risk of a serious allergic reaction (anaphylaxis). We therefore ask everyone in our community to help us to be allergy aware.

Being allergy aware does not mean that we can guarantee an environment completely free from allergens. Allergens can be present in many foods and products and can also be brought into school unintentionally. Instead, it means that we take sensible precautions to reduce risk, that staff know about the children in their care and that we are prepared to respond appropriately if an allergic reaction occurs.

Parents and carers can help us by:

- Letting us know promptly if your child has a diagnosed or suspected allergy, or if their allergy or medication changes.
- Providing prescribed medications for your children.
- Not sending nuts or products containing nuts into school, including in packed lunches or snacks. Please check labels carefully.
- Washing children's hands and faces before school if they have recently eaten foods containing nuts.
- Not bringing dogs into the playground.
- Supporting children to understand that allergies are a health issue and that we all have a part to play in keeping one another safe.

Thank you for helping us to keep Honeywell a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment for all our children.

MEDICATION



If your child needs an asthma inhaler or an epi pen (or any other AAI or AD), please make sure you have given these items to school with the appropriate paperwork. All medication is sent home at the end of each academic year, so if you haven't brought any in this term we do not have emergency medication for your child. Jennie Appleby in the school office manages all medication on site. Please email her with any queries you have about your child's condition or the medication they need.

jennie.appleby@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk

SCHOOL STREETS



We are very fortunate to have a Wandsworth School Street, helping to create a safer, cleaner environment around the school at the beginning and end of the day. If you need to drive, please park away from the immediate area, in a legal and safe space, and walk the final part of your journey.

Please remember that **Honeywell Road is not completely traffic-free during School Street times**. Residents are permitted to drive through the barriers, so children must remain safely supervised. Our neighbours are very supportive of the school and we ask everyone to be considerate of residents who need to access their homes. By working together, we can keep the area around our school as safe and pleasant as possible for everyone.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

A strong sense of community is at the heart of Honeywell and good communication between home and school is an important part of this. Teachers are available at the beginning and end of the school day for a face-to-face conversation and you can also contact them by email. **Teachers are happy to answer quick queries via email, but if you have a longer issue you would like to discuss, please arrange a face-to-face appointment.** Please note that they are teaching during the day and cannot access their emails then.

Each week, your child's teachers will email the Weekly Learning Leaflet directly to you, sharing information about the children's learning. The link to our fortnightly newsletter will be emailed by the school office, and previous newsletters can always be found in the Newsletters section of the school website.

Infant Staff Contact Details		
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Papaya Class	Esme Gallagher	esme.gallagher@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk

Please use the addresses below if you would like to contact the office staff by email.

Area	Email address
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General Enquiries	office@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk
Clubs	clubsandbookings@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk
Admissions	laura.glover@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk
Medication	jennie.appleby@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk
Absences and sickness	office@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE



We report attendance directly to the Department for Education. If your child is absent, please telephone or email the school on the first day of absence, giving the reason. As part of our safeguarding procedures, we will contact parents/carers if a child is absent and we have not been notified.

TERM-TIME HOLIDAYS

Please plan holidays around the school term dates. Absence during term time can disrupt learning, progress and friendships. Requests for term-time holidays will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances, which are very rare.

Honeywell Schools Federation

Term Dates 2026 – 2027

A community that cares about excellence, wonder and learning for life

Autumn Term 2026

Autumn 1	Thursday 3 September – Friday 23 October 2026	Term time
Half Term	Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2026	School closed
Autumn 2	Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December 2026	Term time
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 December 2026 – Friday 1 January 2027	School closed

Spring Term 2027

Spring 1	Tuesday 5 January – Friday 12 February 2027	Term time
Half Term	Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2027	School closed
Spring 2	Monday 22 February – Thursday 25 March 2027	Term time
Easter Holiday	Friday 26 March – Friday 9 April 2027	School closed

Summer Term 2027

Summer 1	Tuesday 13 April – Friday 28 May 2027	Term time
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2027	School closed
Half Term	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2027	School closed
Summer 2	Monday 7 June – Tuesday 20 July 2027	Term time

INSET Days (School closed to pupils)

Tuesday 1 September 2026
Wednesday 2 September 2026
Monday 4 January 2027
Monday 12 April 2027
Wednesday 21 July 2027



RECEPTION

The reception children have had a wonderful first full week at school, we are so proud of how well they have settled already. We have been getting to know our new classmates and all the exciting provision in our new classrooms, including the doctor's surgery! We have dived into our 'People who help us' topic and have also been sharing what makes us special and unique. We have been playing lots of games to become more familiar with those around us and sharing the many ways we are special! In celebration of our uniqueness, the children have painted their own self portrait, taking time each day to add ears, hair, eyes, nose and mouth to really capture each child's likeness.



YEAR ONE

This week in Maths, the Year 1 children developed their counting and subitising skills. They played a game called Ten Nice Things, taking turns to roll a dice and count out the correct number of objects to give to a friend. They used ten frames to support their counting and practised counting objects accurately using one-to-one correspondence



This half term, the children are exploring the history of our local area. We began by comparing Clapham Junction train station with a smaller railway station outside of London, identifying similarities and differences between the two. The children then explored a carousel of images of Clapham Junction, looking closely at different aspects of the station, including tickets and barriers,



display boards, shops and the busy platforms. They carefully observed each image and recorded what they noticed.

The children have been so enjoying their Funny Bones writing learning journey. This week to support them with describing some of the illustrations in the book, the children took part in a fun-filled drama workshop that meant they were acting out key parts of the story and growing their confidence with some new vocabulary!



YEAR TWO

In outdoor PE the children practiced balancing in different positions, using movement to and resources to challenge themselves.



In PSHE this week, the Year 2 children discussed why rules are important - so that we all feel safe, want to take part in lessons, and everyone can learn. The children then worked in groups to come up with some rules and created posters explaining them, which are now displayed in the classroom. The children were reminded that they can change or add to the rules at any time in the future.





Goodbyes and Goodnights Online Parent/Carer Group

**Do you find it hard to get your child through the school/nursery gate?
Does your child struggle to separate from you?
Are you worried that your child might find it difficult to settle back into a
routine after the school holidays?**



**Join our 4-session online group
to connect with other parents/carers
and learn new ways to support
your child towards their
independence.**

Dates and Times:

Groups will be delivered online on the following
Fridays – 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd October 2026
12:30pm–1:30pm. [Please click here to sign up.](#)

Further groups will be offered throughout the year.

If you are interested but cannot attend these
dates/times please sign up and we will be in touch.



**In many schools, we also provide free 1:1 early support for parents/carers of
primary aged children to support their child's common worries and anxieties or
support children's tricky or challenging behaviours. Please speak to your school to
find out more.**



**Please scan the QR Code
or [click here](#) to sign up.**