

OUR VALUES, ETHOS & VISION

We are now all settled into the new school year, and there is a real buzz of purposeful activity across the school. It has been wonderful to see the children happily adapting to their new classes, growing in confidence and forming new friendships. Ms. Walker (Deputy Head), Ms. Jessett (Assistant Head), Ms. Rafi (Senior Leadership Team) and I take turns welcoming families at the beginning and end of the school day, so you will usually find one of us by the gates. Please do stop for a chat. We genuinely enjoy getting to know our school community and value these opportunities to connect with you.

Our Values

KINDNESS • CURIOSITY • RESPECT

Since the start of term, the children have been thinking about our school values: kindness, curiosity and respect. These values guide how we learn, how we treat one another and how we contribute to our community. Through stories, discussions and shared examples, we have been exploring what they look like in practice: including others in play, listening carefully, caring for our school environment, persevering with something difficult and asking thoughtful questions. It has been lovely to see the children already bringing these values to life through their actions. I particularly enjoyed visiting the Reception classes to present Headteacher Awards, while Ms. Jessett has been recognising children who demonstrate our values during Achievement Assembly.

Our Ethos

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

Our ethos describes who we are and what matters to us every day. Community means that everyone should feel known, valued and that they belong. Excellence means helping every child to achieve highly and take pride in doing their best. Wonder reflects the joy, imagination and curiosity that we want children to experience in their learning. Learning for life reminds us that education is not simply about what children know now, but about developing the confidence, character and skills they will carry with them into the future.

Our New Federation Vision

As part of our development as Honeywell Schools Federation, we have now created a shared vision for the Infant and Junior Schools. While our ethos describes who we are each day, our vision looks ahead and expresses what we hope every Honeywell child will become as they journey through our schools:

At Honeywell Schools Federation, we nurture every child within a caring community to achieve excellence, grow in confidence and character, and feel a deep sense of belonging, responsibility and respect for others. We aspire for every child to grow – rooted in who they are – into a curious and capable learner, ready to branch out and flourish in a world of change, complexity and possibility.

Bringing Our Vision to Life

Our values, ethos and vision are not intended to be words that simply appear on our website or in school documents. They can be seen in the relationships we build, the way we teach, the opportunities we provide and the care we show each child. At the Infant School, we lay the foundations: helping children to feel safe, happy and valued; to become kind, respectful and inclusive; to develop confidence and curiosity through play and exploration; and to begin their journey as independent, enthusiastic learners. We look forward to sharing more throughout the year about how our children are living these values and how our vision is taking shape across the Federation.



UPCOMING DATES	
September 2026	
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 PTFA AGM
October 2026	
Thurs 1	Black History Month Begins School Census Day 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	Year Two Harvest Assembly Last day for Harvest donations Bookings for Parents Evening Open
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

SCHOOL CENSUS DAY – THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Every school lunch counts!

Thursday the 1st of October is School Census Day, an important day when the number of pupils having a school lunch is recorded. This information helps determine future school funding. If your child usually brings a packed lunch, please consider letting them have a school lunch on Census Day. Even trying a school lunch for one day can make a difference. We'll be sending more information and a response form to parents and carers of children who normally bring a packed lunch early next week.

Thank you for helping us maximise the number of school lunches served and supporting our school's future funding.

PARENT 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 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

PARENTS EVENING



The first parents' evenings of the year for the Infant School are on **Wednesday 21st** and **Thursday 22nd October**. You will receive separate information at the end of the month outlining the booking process which is via an email link. Once you receive the link, you are able to book an appointment to see your class teacher.

These meetings are an important part of understanding the targets set for your child and identifying whether there are gaps in their learning. Please make sure you book your appointment when the system opens. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

ENRICHMENT FUND

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Early Years Enrichment Fund last year. Your generosity helps us provide a curriculum that goes beyond the government's requirements, offering rich experiences and resources that enhance children's learning and contribute to the excellent outcomes our pupils achieve.

To help us continue this level of provision at Honeywell, we kindly ask families to consider making a voluntary contribution per pupil, per term to the Nursery/Reception Enrichment Fund. Contributions can be made through MagicBooking <https://honeywellschools.magicbooking.co.uk/Dashboard> by logging into your account and visiting the **E-Shop** page.

This is entirely voluntary; all contributions are treated confidentially and no child will ever be treated differently according to whether or how much their family contributes. The Enrichment Fund directly supports the quality and range of resources and experiences we can provide for our youngest children. Every contribution makes a difference.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and continued support of Honeywell Infant School.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY



This year, National Poetry Day is on **Thursday 2nd October 2026**, this year the theme is 'Wonder'. Very fitting for our school ethos. The school will be celebrating in a variety of ways and we are asking the children to bring in a copy of their favourite poem to share as part of a class anthology.

Poems can be photocopied, typed or handwritten and illustrated or decorated how they would like. On National Poetry Day we will be reading a selection of the poems in assembly and the class will be reading poems from their anthologies throughout the day.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year we are pleased to announce that we will once again be collecting for the Wandsworth Foodbank. The foodbank is a project founded by local churches and community groups working together towards stopping hunger in our local area.

Parents and carers are asked to send in a donation of food, ideally from the list below, but any non-perishable items are gratefully received. **Please send in your donations anytime during the week beginning 5th October.**

The Harvest Assembly, led by Year 2 children for the other children in the school, takes place on **Friday 9th October.**

The food bank have particularly asked for donations of:

- Squash
- Biscuits
- Cereals
- Tinned soup/fruit/vegetables
- Cooking sauce (jars)
- Tinned meat (beef and chicken)
- Tinned rice pudding
- Jam
- Instant mash
- Deodorant (male and female)
- Loo rolls (4 per pack)
- Toothpaste and tooth brushes
- Shampoo



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



There are still a few spaces in many of the clubs, so please do contact the office if your child would like to try something new. Clubs and Bookings at Honeywell Schools clubsandbookings@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk We hope the children enjoy their new after school activities.

If your child brings a snack at the end of the school day, please ensure this is quick and easy to eat, for example a piece of fruit or a snack bar. The start of clubs are often delayed by children having significant packed lunches to get through before they can begin their after school activities!

All Clubs finish at 4.30pm and we ask parents to wait in the designated area for their club. The club coach will bring the children down to the collection point. The School Street will not be in operation at this time so it is important to be aware of the traffic at pick up time, as the road will be in use as normal.

We ask all parents not involved in after school activities to pick up their children promptly at 3.30pm and vacate the site as soon as possible, so that we can secure the playground and the clubs can start on time. In order to support the coaches taking clubs in the Infant Hall, we ask that parents collecting from Holly Class and Willow Class leave the hall as soon as they have collected their child so these clubs can get underway calmly and on time. The organisational arrangements involved getting so many young children from their classes to the right after school activity cannot be underestimated so thank you for your support and understanding.

FLU IMMUNISATION

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The nasal flu immunisation will be offered to all children from Reception to Year 6 on **Thursday 14th October.** You will receive a link in order to sign up.

The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

The NHS leaflet explaining the vaccination includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

PTFA NEWS



HANDY HELPERS NEEDED

Are you handy with a hammer, drill or paintbrush?
We're looking for creative and practical volunteers who could help us make some fun games for the Honeywell Christmas Bazaar! 🌟

Please contact: chair@honeywellptfa.org.uk

ESTATE AGENT BOARDS

Help raise funds for Honeywell – simply by having an Estate Agent board outside your home! Boards are displayed for just 14 days before key school events, and our Estate Agent sponsors donate up to £2,000 per event – over £10,000 a year for Honeywell! It's an easy way to make a big difference. Please sign up by Friday 4th October.

Link in the PTFA Announcement page

PTFA AGM & Reps Meeting TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

Join us!

7.00pm – PTFA AGM

Hear how much we raised last year and where the money went.

7.30pm – Reps Meeting

Our first reps meeting of the year, where we'll be sharing plans, upcoming events and ways to get involved.

Whether you're a parent, carer, member of staff or friend of the school, everyone is very welcome. Come along, find out more about what the PTFA does and how the money you help raise supports our school.

Entry to the Lower Hall via the Infant Playground. We'd love to see you there!

HONEYWELL SCHOOLS

PARENT TEACHER & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

PTFA AGM & REPS MEETING

ALL WELCOME

TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

7.00PM PTFA AGM

A look back at the year,
including how much we
raised and where the
money went.

7.30PM REPS MEETING

Our first reps meeting
of the year – plans, events
and how you can get
involved.

INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT WHERE
THE MONEY YOU RAISED WENT?
WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT WE DO?

COME ALONG



IN THE LOWER HALL
ENTRY VIA INFANT PLAYGROUND

PARENTS | CARERS | STAFF | FRIENDS | ALL WELCOME



HONEYWELL CHRISTMAS MARKET SAVE THE DATE - THURS 26TH NOVEMBER

Join us for a magical night of festive cheer as we kick off the Christmas season in proper Honeywell style!

Expect over 50 brilliant local stalls, from jewellery and homeware to food, art, embroidery, plus delicious drinks, twinkly lights and the unmistakable sound of Christmas joy. Come shop, sip and socialise!

For questions please, email:
shoppingevening@honeywellptfa

NURSERY

The Nursery children have completed their second full week in Nursery and we have been so impressed how they are accessing so many of the activities in the company of their friends. Establishing new routines, learning lots of names of both their peers and their teachers and displaying photos of their families is helping all of them to feel at home. We are focusing on encouraging new friendships and all the skills you need to be a good friend. Personal and Social Development underpins everything that we do to create a happy and harmonious learning environment. Developing fine motor skills is so important so that the children can cut, draw, paint and collage to their heart's content. The outdoor learning environment and of course the pirate ship garden are proving immensely popular. The children have loved meeting our class pets Lightning McTortoise and the guinea pigs Disco and Pickles and are already becoming responsible

pet owners picking lots of grass and dandelion leaves for them



RECEPTION

This week in Reception, we have been learning all about people that help us at school. We had visits from Ms Arnold, and the Premises officer Brian. The children thought of some brilliant questions to ask our visitors to find out more about their roles and responsibilities. In keeping with our 'People Who Help Us' topic, at the writing table this week the children enjoyed taking on the role of being a teacher and used their phonic knowledge to write their own registers and staff lanyards! Just like Julie in the kitchen, we practised our cooking skills and followed a simple recipe to make some biscuits.

We used some of Julie's cooking tools to mash and combine the ingredients. We discussed how we could use fruit to add some natural sweetness and make our biscuits healthy. The children then took great pleasure trying their very own baking delights!



YEAR ONE

In Maths this week, the Year 1 children have been learning about wholes and parts. We explored what it means for an object to be 'whole', understanding that a whole means we have all of it, regardless of its size. The children compared different objects, including carrots and apples and discussed whether they were whole or only part of a whole. They then sorted a range of objects and pictures into 'whole' and 'not whole', using sentences such as "This is a whole because I have all of it" and "This is not a whole because I only have part of it."



The children have also been bringing their story maps for their very own "we're going on a Honeywell Bear Hunt" stories by adventuring around the school to find their own missing bears!

We were relieved to find all bears safe and well in the discovery den!

This week in Dance, we explored the skill of mirroring our partners using streamers. The children worked in pairs to create their own dance routine, focusing on copying and mirroring their partner's movements. They then performed their routines to the rest of the class, demonstrating creativity, coordination and teamwork.



YEAR TWO

In Maths, the Year 2 children have been thinking about place value and the numberline from 0-100. They recognised that it is similar to a metre stick and used their knowledge to measure the length of lines outside in the playground.





Swedercise in SW11 with Honeywell parents Johan & Lorena



*Get ready for an upbeat mix
of cardio, strength,
stretching, and relaxation*

ALL LEVELS WELCOME!



Scan the QR code
to join our
Friskis Honeywell
Whatsapp group

Monday 7pm

Swedish Circuits with Johan

Wednesday 7pm

Swedercise with Lorena

Honeywell School Infant Hall

Honeywell Road, SW11 6EF

£10 per class

No booking required

More info about our non-profit fitness association:
friskis.com/en/london | Instagram: @friskislondon



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.**