

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome everyone back to school for what promises to be an exciting and successful year at Howitt. Thank you for making me so welcome as your new headteacher, I am really enjoying getting to know you all.

The children have made an excellent start to the term and I am incredibly pleased with how well they have settled into school routines. Throughout the first week, pupils have demonstrated outstanding manners, positive conduct and a wonderful eagerness to learn. Classrooms have been full of enthusiasm, creating a fantastic learning atmosphere across the school. It has been a pleasure to see children embracing new challenges and supporting one another so positively.

A particularly warm welcome to all of our new starters in **Nursery and Reception**, as well as the new families who have joined us across the school in older year groups. Starting at a new school is an important milestone, and we are delighted to have you as part of the Howitt community. We hope that you and your children have felt welcomed and supported during your first days with us.

Howitt Primary is a friendly, approachable and caring school. Building strong partnerships with families is extremely important to us, and we encourage you to get in touch whenever you need to.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing news of the many exciting learning opportunities, achievements and events that will take place throughout the year.

Parking Around School; We have received a concern from local residents about vehicles blocking driveways at drop-off and collection times.

We appreciate that parking can be challenging and that everyone is trying to get to and from school on time. We kindly ask all members of our school community to be mindful of our neighbours by parking safely, legally and considerately. Thank you.

Dates for your diaries;

17 Sept 2026	Year 6 visit Heanor Gate School for a taster day
24 Sept	Air Ambulance visit assembly
6 Oct	Parents evening 1 of 2, 3.30 to 6pm
8 Oct	Parents evening 2 of 2, 3.30 to 6pm
15 Oct	Year 5 Parents or carers invited to a Harvest Breakfast, 9.15 to 10.15, our school hall. More details to follow.
22 Oct	Last day of term 1 for pupils
23 Oct	INSET Day, school closed to pupils
2 Nov	Pupils return to school for term 2
13 Nov	Tough Rower (sports event). Details to follow
16 Nov	Anti Bullying Week
20 Nov	CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – bring or wear Pudsey accessories Matt Crawford Trust Leader visits our school
18 Dec	Last day of term 2
4 Jan 2027	First day of term 3

If you have any questions or concerns about this letter or indeed any other matter do get in touch as below. Thank you.

Best wishes

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