

Badger Class Newsletter:

7th November 2025



Welcome back the second half of the autumn half term. We hope the children enjoyed a restful break and have returned ready to learn!

Please support us in getting your child in to school at 8:45am promptly. Our learning time starts at 8:45am with either maths or SPAG. Persistent late arrival means your child misses the important new learning that happens in this 15-minute time slot. It all adds up!

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was **96.3%**. Thank you for your support in getting your child to school, on time, every day.

Learning this week:

ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD TRIP: We had a really exciting morning visiting the archaeological dig that is taken place where the housing estate is being extended in Hingham. We met the archaeologists who talked us through some of the things that they have found including a medieval post mill. We handled some artefacts that had been uncovered including medieval pottery shards, animal bones and an iron age loom weight. Most excitingly, the day before our visit, they had discovered a complete roman pot in the ground. They showed us this in situ and then showed us how they will be lifting it out carefully in order to stay in one piece. [Hingham Primary School - Y5/6 Archaeology Field Trip](#)

In English, we started reading Shackleton's Journey by William Grill. The book describes the journey of Ernest Shackleton and his brave crew as they attempt to become the first people to ever cross the continent of Antarctica on foot.

The children completed the autumn term maths assessments this week. They worked so hard and should be proud of themselves. The assessments help us to find out what the children know already and what they need help with next.

In science, we learnt that some people used to think that the earth was flat. We talked about the Greek philosopher, Aristotle who proved that the earth is a sphere and recreated some of the experiments he carried out to show that he was right!

Class Notices:

Parents' Evening: if you have not already done so, please sign up for a Parents' Evening slot. We currently have spaces on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th November. Please contact the office if you are not able to sign up in person. We look forward to seeing you.

Fidgets: We have noticed an increasing number of children bringing items in to the classroom from home. Our school policy is that we provide children with bluetack as an aid to focus if a child needs something to fidget with. Unless your child has a specific agreed alternative, please support us in ensuring that other fidget toys are left at home. Children also do not need to bring in to school pens or pencils from home: we have a variety of writing materials that children can choose from in school.

T-shirts for DT: Thank you to those families who have already sent children in with t-shirts ready for our DT project. Please can all children have their t-shirts (and any spares) in school by the week beginning **17th November**.

Wellies: Please make sure your child has a pair of wellies in school every day so that they can play on the field at lunchtime. Please could they also have a plastic bag to put them in, so they can be hung on their peg. This helps to keep the corridor clear – not only does it look nicer but is safer too.

Mobile phones: We have been made aware that some children are bringing their mobile phones into school. Please remind your child to switch them off, and hand them to the class teacher for safe keeping throughout the day. They will be kept in a locked drawer in our desk.

Homework:

A reminder of our homework expectations: **15 minutes of TTRS a week and 10 minutes of reading every day** (this includes you reading to your child as well as them reading to you). Of course, children can always do more of both!

Please encourage your child to complete their homework each week – it is so important and makes all the difference to their progress and achievement.

Badger class webpage:

Please check our webpage for photos of our learning, previous newsletters and other useful information:

[Hingham Primary School - Badger class - Year 5](#)

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
wc 11.11.25	Parents Evening
19.12.25`	Break up for Christmas holiday

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the Badger Class email; we aim to respond to all emails within 3 working days.

Kind regards

Mrs Davidson and Mrs Turner