



# Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

19.12.25

Dear Families

The final newsletter of 2025! It's been another very busy term. We are delighted with how well our Mousehole Class children have settled into school and have become part of our community so quickly, and how all the children have adapted to their new year groups. We hope that you enjoyed coming in on Monday afternoon to share your child's learning for the term. We are so proud of the progress that every single child has made, and the real care, determination and pride they show in their work.

On Wednesday afternoon, we were treated to a concert from the children taking part in Rock Steady, and yesterday the Choir performed to the school – wonderful! Today is Christmas dinner day, with the kitchen preparing and serving nearly 250 meals. What a delicious achievement!

Our Staff Training Day on January 5<sup>th</sup> will see all our teaching assistants finding out more about the curriculum, concentrating on Early Years, maths and English, while our teachers will be taking part in workshops focussing on music, DT and PE.

## Celebrations

Today saw a lovely end to the month – our Superstar Assembly. The parents of the children named below have already had a letter, telling them that their child has been noticed for going above and beyond in all that they do and an invitation to our Superstar Assembly. Each Superstar is also given Book Token to help them buy a book of their choice.

This is to say a huge THANK YOU and WELL DONE for all that our Superstars do, from everyone at school.

Class	Superstar
Mousehole	Rupert
Longships	Jesse
Pendeen	Isla
Gwithian	Sophie
Carne	Erin
Lamorna	Josh
Allen	Theia
Kenwyn	Piran
Truro	Gwen



## My Personal Best Life Skills for next week are...

...revisiting all of the skills we have found out more about over this term.

We will explore these life skills and link them to our ASPIRE values, encouraging their use in all our activities. You can read more about this here - [My Personal Best - Youth Sport Trust](#) and here - [Mount Hawke Academy - Ethos, Aims &](#)

## Values

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## Sports News

Sporting events have ended for the year now and will begin again in 2026.

## Science Challenge

This month we've got a festive theme! Remember to send in photos or videos to [hello@mounthawke.org](mailto:hello@mounthawke.org).

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## RACING REINDEER

### You will need

- \* Cardboard (from a box or a piece of old packaging is ideal)
- \* Scissors
- \* Ramp

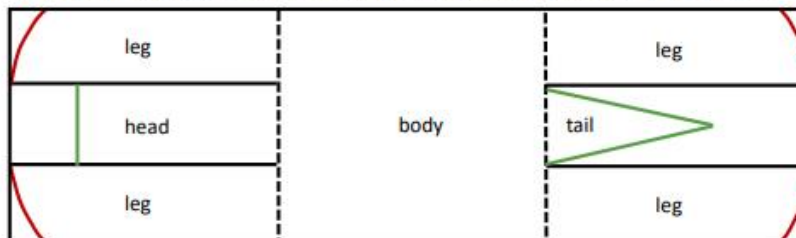
Use the template below to cut out your reindeer. Fold the four legs down and the tail and head up. Remember to cut the shape of its feet. If you want, draw a face on the head and cut out and stick on some antlers. You could give your reindeer a name too .... be as creative as you like!



Find something to use as a ramp – this could be a plank of wood, or a big book, or a chopping board – anything that is at least 30cm long and has a flat surface. Prop one end of your ramp on some books or a box, so that you have made a slope ready for your reindeer races.

### Now see if you can get your reindeer to walk down the ramp!

It might not work first time – you may need to adjust the angle of the legs or its head and tail. Or your ramp might be too steep, or too shallow. **Be patient** and keep trying as it will work!



- Cut along solid lines
- - - Fold along dotted lines
- Cut along red lines to create angled foot shape
- Cut head and tail shapes along green lines

**Why not get friends and family each making their own, and then have reindeer races?!**

### WHAT DO YOU NOTICE? Things to talk about ...

What difference does the size of the reindeer make?  
Why not try a **HUGE** one? Or a **tiny** one?  
What happens if you make the reindeer with longer legs? Or shorter legs? Or thinner or fatter legs?  
What happens if the ramp is too high or too low?  
Can you find out the best height for the ramp?  
Does the reindeer keep walking on a really long ramp?  
What if you change the surface of the ramp?  
What difference does it make if you don't cut triangles off the ends of its feet? Or you cut off bigger ones?

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## Recommended Read

It's the turn of Carne Class, and Hero has chosen 'One World – 24 Hours on Planet Earth'.

This is a really good book and you will get the experience of a lifetime. This book has lots of amazing pictures of animals and places all over the world. The whole book is across 24 hours which makes it really interesting and different from other books that I have read. I would recommend this book to anyone!

## Spring Term

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026 by 8:45 am. Breakfast Club will be open as usual from 7:45 am.

## Thank You

Thank you so much for all your support over the term, and the kind messages, festive wishes, cards and gifts. We are so fortunate to have such a strong community and it is very much appreciated. Best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and wonderful New Year from everyone at MHA.



## Communications

Remember to use the email [hello@mounthawke.org](mailto:hello@mounthawke.org) or phone 01209 890230 if you need to speak to one of us, let us know about something or share something with us.

The calendar below will be updated as the year moves on...

MHA Calendar	
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper (non uniform) and Christmas Dinner Day Last day of school – normal end of school finish
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training Day – focus on curriculum
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term starts – everyone returns to school

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