



Howden Church of England Infant School

Newsletter 7 - 17th October 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the start of the week, we had a lovely visit from Mandy from the Yorkshire Food Bank. The children truly showcased our value of curiosity, posing some excellent questions such as, "Where does the food go?" "Where is it stored?" and "Who needs the help of the charity?" It was awe-inspiring to see their engagement and interest in such a vital community service.

On Wednesday, we came together as two schools to celebrate and give thanks for the food we have at The Minster. Our children sang beautifully, filling the church with their voices and joy. A massive thank you to everyone who has contributed to our food collection; your generosity impacts our community tremendously.

I'd also like to remind you that Natalie Sinderson from our Schools and Communities team (Early Help) will be available for a drop-in session in school on Tuesday, 21st October, from 9:00 to 10:30. This is a fantastic opportunity to discuss any concerns or support you might need.

In exciting news, our school achieved the Quality Mark for Science this week! This nationally recognised accreditation celebrates our commitment to excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching, and learning. A big thank you to Mrs Frith for leading the effort and to all staff who contributed.

We would like to extend our thanks to Angela Martinson at Ginger's ice cream parlor and Howden Library for helping Year 1 with their geography fieldwork this term.

Lastly, we had a delightful visitor on the playground in the form of a sweet little hedgehog named Spike. He brought much joy to everyone, and we helped him find a new snuffling spot.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!
Best wishes,
Chan Amor
Headteacher

TREE TEAM POINTS- WEEK 7			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
184	185	178	155

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK	
 Curiosity 	Oliver - Hedgehogs
 Family 	Isaac - Rabbits
 Nurture 	Riley Jay - Owls
 Respect 	Amelia - Squirrels
 Joy 	Timor - Rabbits

CLASS STARS			
Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
			
Franklin	Winifred	Michael	Bree

What's been happening....

FS2



- The children have enjoyed sharing their experiences from last week. They really enjoyed the Fireman's visit on Friday and asked lots of good questions.
- In Talk for Writing, the children have been recalling the characters and using their phonics knowledge to write simple words.
- In maths, we have been revisiting subitising and numbers 1, 2 and 3.
- The Fire Team asked us to share their colouring competition with the children. Can these please be returned to school next week so they can be collected and judged by the Chief Fire Officer.
- The children have enjoyed colour mixing and talking about Autumn.

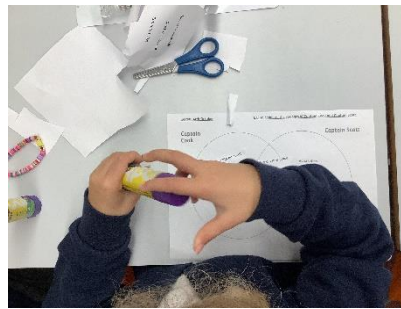
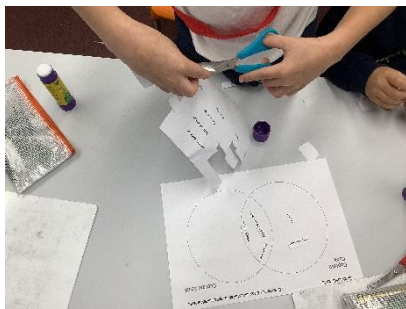
Year 1



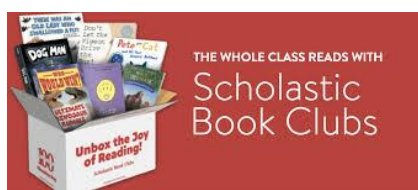
- What a busy week it has been for Year 1!
- We walked to Ginger's Ice Cream Parlour to find out more about our favourite places in Howden. Did you know that the most popular flavour of gelato sold is vanilla?
- We have written our own travel guide for Howden which we are looking forward to sharing with Year 2.
- We enjoyed singing and listening to readings and prayers in the Minster as we took part in the harvest festival.
- In English we have listened to poems about the wind and collected new vocabulary to use in our writing.

- In maths, we have ordered numbers and consolidated our understanding of where numbers are on a number line. .

Year 2



- It has been a wonderful week in year 2!
- In writing we have learnt a new model text, 'How to make a vanishing spell'. We are looking forward to creating our own potions next week and writing our own instructions for others to follow.
- This week in science we really enjoyed learning about how different animals adapt to their habitats and how they survive.
- In art we used different mediums to create sketches of nature, in particular looking at drawing leaves and how we can add fine details.
- The highlight of our week was attending the harvest festival at the minster. We were so proud to see all our year 2s singing with enthusiasm and reading our harvest prayers. Well done!



Last day for Book Club orders is Friday 24th October!

Thank you for your support.



Thank you so much for your very generous donations!

Hi, my name is Natalie I am your new Family Help School and Community Practitioner; I am here to offer advice and signposting to families in the area. You will be able to find me here at Howden Infant School on 21st of October at 9am - 10:30am. Please feel free to pop in and see me if you have any questions, looking forward to seeing you there. (More info at the end of this letter)

Keys Dates Going Forward		
Celebration Assemblies	You will be informed by email if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.	Fridays 0855
Family Help Drop in Session	Natalie Sinderson	Monday 21 st October 9-10.30am
Scholastic Book Club	Brochures sent home	Deadline for orders Friday 24 th October
Parents Evening Booking Slots	OPEN 0930 Monday 3 rd November	You will receive an email at 0830 Monday 3 rd November with more info
Odd Socks Day	To Support Anti Bullying Week	Monday 10 th November
Mrs Brown SEN Drop in session	For parents of children with EHCP/SEN Support Plans	Tuesday 11 th November 10am-12noon.
MIND DROP IN SESSION	At Parents Evenings	12 th & 13 th November
School & Community Team Drop in Session	At Parents Evenings	12 th & 13 th November
NHS Mental Health Drop in Session	At Parents Evenings	12 th & 13 th November
Parents Evenings	Details to follow	12 th & 13 th November
Children In Need	Wear spots - Donations of £1 Welcome	Friday 14 th November
New Starter Open Evening	For children starting school September 2026	Monday 24 th November 4-5pm
Flu Vaccination Catch up	Contact the office if you need a consent form.	Friday 28 th November
Soup and Carols - Howden Minster	HIS Choir will perform	Timings TBC
Christmas Performances	Parents Invited - Details to follow	Monday 8 th December 2pm

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Christmas Service - Howden Minster	Parents Welcome	Thursday 11 th December 10.30am
Christmas Book Breakfast	Please ready your child's favorite Christmas/Winter story to read along with them. More details to follow.	Tuesday 16 th December 8am
Christmas Dinner	Lunch in School	Wednesday 17 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Save The Children £1 Donations Welcome	Wednesday 17 th December



**HOWDEN CHURCH OF
ENGLAND INFANT SCHOOL**

New Starter 2026 **OPEN EVENING**

MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Join us for our FS2 open evening from
4-5pm. Have a chance to look around the
school, including the FS2 setting and meet
the FS2 team.

No need to book. Any queries please contact the school
office: 01430 430767 or email:
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Communication and interaction specialists	Understanding autism – a seminar for parents / carers. During this seminar, we will introduce autism, with a focus on the following: ▪ Key difficulties and differences of autism ▪ How and why autism affects social communication ▪ How we can support the development of communication skills and strategies. Duration: 2.5 hours	Parents / carers	Parents / carers	Thursday, 6 November 2025 10am - 12.30pm To book via email: ● eps@eastriding.gov.uk	Cameron Room, Keldmarsh Primary School, Beverley	Free
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Family Help Drop In



Come and chat to your local School and Community Practitioner.

Visit our drop-in session for a range of advice, tips and resources to support you and your family.

- Understanding your child's feelings and behaviours.
- Supporting your child's emotional health.
- Find out about other services that are available to support you.



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SOCCER TOTS

Sunday's - 10am
Howden Secondary
School Sports Hall



**CHILDREN AGED
3 - 6 YEARS OLD**