



Howden Church of England Infant School

Newsletter 8 - 24th October 2025

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Dear Parents and carers,

I can hardly believe that half term is already upon us! It feels like only yesterday that we were welcoming our pupils back to school. It's been an incredibly busy half term, and as we wrap up our Big Idea theme of 'I'm an Explorer', I am excited to announce that we will soon be diving into our new theme, 'I'm a Detective'. Throughout this transition, we will continue to embrace our school value of curiosity, encouraging our students to ask questions and explore new concepts.

Natalie Sinderson from the Schools and Communities team has completed her first drop-in session this week for families seeking support. She will be returning for her next session on one of our parent evenings, specifically on the 12th of November from 3-6 pm, and again on the 2nd of December from 9-11 am. More details can be found in this newsletter, and a poster is displayed at our front door for your convenience.

Additionally, I'm thrilled to announce that the winning Tree Team for this half term was Chestnut. They enjoyed watching a film and sipping juice with me in the hall, celebrating their achievements!

I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Warm regards,
Chan Amorl
Headteacher

TREE TEAM POINTS- Autumn Half Term 1 Total			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
1250	1289	1231	1205

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK	
 Curiosity 	Leon - Squirrels
 Family 	James - Owls
 Nurture 	Robin - Squirrels
 Respect 	Violet - Hedgehogs
 Joy 	Casey - Owls

CLASS STARS			
Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
			
Woody	Leon	Eliza	Lucas

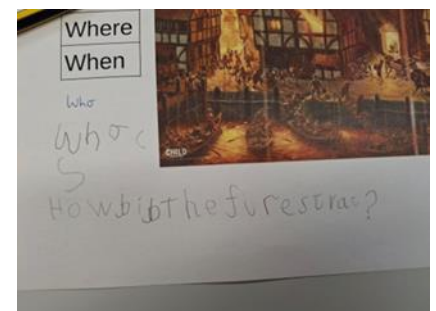
What's been happening....

FS2



- We have had a wonderful week in FS2!
- The children have amazed us with their hard work on letter formation during our Talk for Writing activity.
- The children have been telling us all about their favourite stories. It has been wonderful to hear some of them making up their own stories.
- In our outdoor area, the children have been helping to harvest some of our vegetables that we planted earlier in the year.
- We have finished the week sewing, making soup and enjoying an Autumn walk.
- We have sent home a request for the children to record their experiences during the autumn break. We will be sharing this during the first week back at school.
- Have a lovely half-term!

Year 1

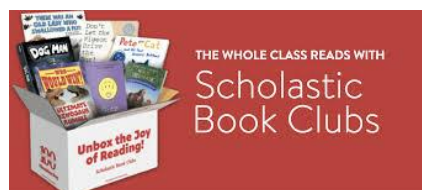


- This week in Year One we have been focussing on our Big Idea celebration. We have shared our "I'm An Explorer" books with children from Year 2.
- We have innovated our Rosie's Walk story in talk for writing, editing our characters and using our fieldwork inspiration to change the setting to a place in Howden.
- In Religious Education we have compared sacred and holy places of worship, for Judaism and Christianity.
- The children have been asking lots of questions about the Great Fire of London
- The children have worked so hard this half term, well done Rabbits and Hedgehogs for bringing us joy! We will see you fresh faced, ready for our History Big Idea topic next half term.

Year 2



- This week has been a busy one!
- We've been reflecting on what we have learnt about explorers and their expeditions and planning our tour. Thinking carefully about the equipment and supplies we'd need to survive at the South Pole.
- In writing, we've learnt more about how time adverbials and imperative verbs function within a set of instructions, we've then planned and written our own set of instructions for making spooky potions.
- In art we applied everything we have learnt in the last couple of weeks. We thought about the colours that can represent the different seasons and used them to wash four different drawings of leaves. Each representing a different season.
- In PE the tempo has changed this week, due to the storm, we've been learning calming yoga rather than energetic jumps.



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

Thank you for your support.

Parents Evenings

12th & 13th November

More info will be emailed to you at 0830 on Monday 3rd November



Wear odd socks to school on Monday 10th November - in support of Anti Bullying Week.

Keys Dates Going Forward

Celebration Assemblies	You will be informed by email if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.	Fridays 0855
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 Monday 8 th December 4.30pm Tuesday 9 th December 9.30am
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: howden.infants@eastriding.gov.uk



 November Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long	
£24 each or FREE with School Membership	
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm

Family Help Drop In



Natalie will be attending one of HJS's parent evenings on 10th Nov and one at HIS on the 12th November

plus

Tuesday 2nd December 9am-11am

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.

