



Howden Church of England Infant School

Newsletter 9 - 7th November 2025

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Dear Parents/carers,

First of all, I hope you had a wonderful half-term! As we dive into this jampacked term, keep your eyes peeled in our newsletters for all the exciting events coming up.

This week, James Nicol, our patron for reading, launched an exciting competition asking our children to design a logo for our Community Readers. Further details can be found at the end of the newsletter, so be sure to check it out!

In collective worship next week, we will begin with Anti-Bullying Week. Don't forget to wear your odd socks! This year's theme is 'Power for Good', focusing on how even the smallest acts of kindness can have a significant impact on our community.

We'll also take some time during class worship to reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day, holding a minute of silence to mark this poignant anniversary.

At the end of the week, we'll be championing the charity Children in Need by wearing something spotty and would greatly appreciate a £1 donation, if you are able.

Lastly, our Parents' Evening is just around the corner, taking place on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th November. Slots are bookable now, on Arbor. On Wednesday, we'll have various agencies available, including Jane from MIND, NHS mental health support, Kate Barber from our pastoral team, and Natalie from our schools and communities team (Early Help), ready to answer any queries you might have.

Oh, and just a quick heads-up: we'll have a fire drill on Monday that the children will be prepared for. Looking forward to a fantastic week ahead!

best wishes

Chan Amor
Headteacher

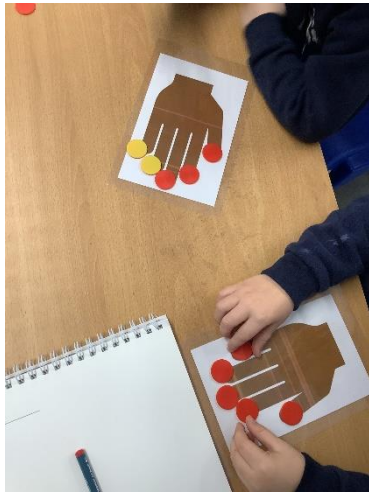
TREE TEAM POINTS			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
141	103	101	117

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK	
 Curiosity 	Georgie - Squirrels
 Family 	Autumn - Rabbits
 Nurture 	Laila - Rabbits
 Respect 	Maximus - Hedgehogs
 Joy 	Bowen - Hedgehogs

CLASS STARS			
Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
			
Martha	Sebastian	Dylan	Reuben

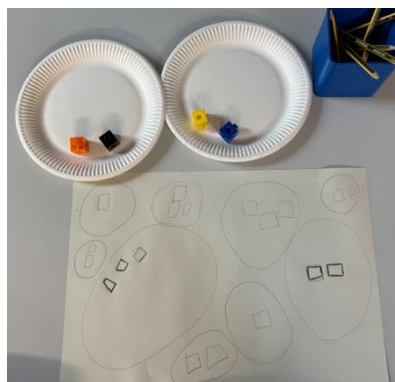
What's been happening....

FS2



- It has been wonderful to welcome our Badgers and Foxes back this week. We have enjoyed listening to all of the wonderful things they did during their break.
- This week we have been talking about bonfire night. The children have shared with us what this time of year means to them.
- In maths, we have been focusing on making 5. The children have been learning new maths songs about the number 5.
- In RE, the children have been talking about giving. The children have shared when they have given someone they care about a gift.
- We have finished the week making firework art and toasting marshmallows!

Year 1



- Year One's week started with a bang! The children listened to firework poetry, and thought of adjectives to match in their writing. We have seen some amazing use of puppets in the role play this week also linked to our story of "Little Red".
- In maths the children have begun to understand the part - part - whole method to explore numbers further.
- In PE, Rabbits and Hedgehogs have begun to think about what 'fitness' means to them, and how important daily exercise is.
- In RE the children have revisited their learning from last half term, coming together as a whole year group to create Sukkot dens. The children have amazed us with their prior learning around Judaism.
- With our focus on historical skills this half term, we have been asking the children to think about their prior learning of big events that have happened in the past. They have also focussed on key landmarks of London to support their learning for this unit. Well done Year One!

Year 2



- It was so lovely to see Owls and Squirrels back this week, and to see how quickly they have settled back in.
- This week the children were introduced to our new big idea unit which is all about WW1 and how we remember those who fought in the war. The children looked at photographs and paintings of soldiers to find out just what life was like for a soldier.
- In Reading, we have been reading the story, 'Remembering: The life of a soldier'. The children have asked questions to find out more about the characters in the book and made predictions about what might happen next.
- In Computing, the children have started their new unit of coding. They have looked at what an algorithm is and have created simple lines of code on Purplemash.

Please see the below message from the East Yorkshire Food Bank:

The pupils in your school donated a fantastic 157.02 Kgs of food stock, this is the equivalent of 6 labrador dogs!

Please pass on our gratitude to your pupils and their families for their generosity and support of those less fortunate.

With many thanks from the team at the East Yorkshire Bank.



Poppies decorated by children from both HIS and HJS are proudly displayed in windows of the Bowmans. They look beautiful. Thank you to all involved.



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
Parents Evening Booking Slots		Now Available to book on Arbor
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



www.eastriding.gov.uk/childrens-centres

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.





FAMILY

POCKLINGTON ARTS CENTRE

JINGLE All the Way

*** CHRISTMAS 2025 ***

Written & Co-Directed by **Elizabeth Godber** Co-Directed by **Jane Thornton**

11-23 December

£16 Adult | £12 Child | £49 Family (2 Adults, 2 Children)
Ages 2-102 (babes in arms free)

✿🧠 Design Our Community Readers Logo! 📖✨

For the *Community Readers – 2026 Year of Reading!*

Hey superstars of Howden Church of England Infant School!

We've got a **fun-tastic challenge** just for YOU!

Next year, we're launching a magical reading adventure called **Community Readers** – where amazing grown-ups from our community will visit our school every month to share their **favourite stories** with us. But wait... we need a **logo** to show off how awesome this project is – and we want one designed by **YOU!**

🎨 What should your logo show?

Let your imagination fly! Your design could include:

- Happy people reading together
- Colourful books and big smiles
- Our school and community
- Anything that shows how fun reading can be!
- The design should be 2D to allow it to be scanned.

✍️ How to enter:

- Draw your logo on paper or digitally
- Make it bright, bold, and book-tastic!
- Hand it in to your teacher by **Friday 28th November 2025**

🏆 What's the prize?

The winning logo will be used on posters, newsletters, and displays all year long! Plus, the winner will get a **special book-themed prize** and a big round of applause in assembly!

So grab your pencils, crayons, or tablets and get designing!
We can't wait to see your **brilliant bookish creations!**



Santa Express

You better watch out,
you better not cry,
you better not pout,
we're telling you why....

Santa Claus
is coming to town!

This festive season, embark on a Christmas adventure like never before... onboard our Santa Express in Bridlington!

**RUNNING EVERY WEEKEND FROM
29TH NOVEMBER - 23RD DECEMBER**

ALL ABOARD!
Climb onboard our Santa Express landtrain and meet our festive driver, "Noel" who will check you are on the "Nice List" and get you ready for your magical journey from South Promenade to the North Pole.

But oh no! The Grump has stolen all the presents. Mrs Claus needs everyone's help to track down the Grump and find his missing heart in order to save Christmas. Will you take on the mission and help the Grump rediscover the magic of Christmas?

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For more information and to book tickets visit eryc.link/santaexpress

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Mrs Claus' Kitchen Menu

FOOD

DAILY
9.30 - 11AM
Bacon Sandwiches

FROM 11.30AM
Saturdays
Hot Dogs
Sundays
Roast Sandwich

ALL DAY
Mince Pies
Scones
Traybakes & Kids' Buns

DRINKS
Tea
Coffee
Mulled Wine
Hot Chocolate

add something Special
Marshmallows
Flavoured Syrups
Cream

*There will be alternates for Vegetarians

For more information and to book tickets visit eryc.link/santaexpress

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Behaviour as a Form of Communication

This insightful session will explore how children's behaviour can reflect underlying needs, emotions, and communication styles. It's designed to support families in understanding and responding to behaviour in a constructive and empathetic way. It is free to book, just follow the link:

31 Date: 17th November

🕒 Time: 9.30 - 11.30 am

📍 Location: Online (link provided below)

🔗 Join here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/behaviour-as-a-form-of-communication-parentcarer-online-workshop-tickets-1675008378149?aff=oddttdcreator>

