



Howden Church of England Infant School

Newsletter 11 - 21st November 2025

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First of all, it was lovely to see so many of you at the parent evenings last week. It was great to see lots of you engaging with the agencies who joined us on Wednesday evening, including MIND, NHS Mental Health, and Natalie Sinderson from our Schools and Community team.

A quick reminder that Natalie will be holding another drop-in session on 2nd December from 9am to 11am for those who wish to chat further.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. A total of 57 shoeboxes were collected this morning which is incredible. We know your generous and thoughtful gifts will bring much joy to those who receive them.

The PTA have launched a colouring competition, and all children will have a Christmas tree to colour in. The closing date is 27th December, so get those creative juices flowing!

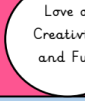
Lastly, just as we have regular fire drills, we also conduct lockdown drills. Our lockdown practice will take place on Monday, and our policy with more details can be found on our website.

The winner of the parent evening feedback raffle is Kirsty Lockwood. Thank you to all those who completed the survey.

Have a lovely weekend
Chan Amorl

Headteacher

TREE TEAM POINTS			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
101	104	128	162

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK	
 Curiosity 	Bree - Squirrels
 Family 	Casey - Owls
 Nurture 	Edith - Foxes
 Respect 	Bobby - Badgers
 Joy 	Fola - Badgers

CLASS STARS					
Badgers	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
					
Ruby	Addie	Perry	Nico	Nelly	William

What's been happening....

ES2



- In maths this week we have been exploring parts and whole.
- The children have enjoyed listening to the story Leaf Man. They had the opportunity to make their own leaf characters in provision.
- We have started to practice our Christmas songs for our play in December.
- In RE we have started to share the Nativity story with the children.
- In play the children have enjoyed making bridges in the block area and towers in the water play area.

• Year 1



- We have had a very busy and chilly week in Year 1!

- In Writing, we have been exploring Little Red Riding Hood's experience of the woods and how she may have moved through it!
- In Math, we have consolidated our knowledge of 'part, part, whole' models and learnt how to work systematically within 5.
- In our 'Big Idea', we have been looking at what started the 'The Great Fire of London' and why it spread so fast!
- In Art, we have been exploring printing and making our own printing stamps!
- Most importantly, we took time out of learning to enjoy the snow and have lots of fun in the cold!

Year 2

- This week in year 2 the children have started to look at warning stories in preparation to create their own over the next couple of weeks.
- In science we have started our new unit of 'materials'. The children have looked at how objects are made of different materials and what makes a material suitable for a specific purpose.
- In reading we have started to read the book, 'The owl who was afraid of the dark', which the children are thoroughly enjoying.
- In music we have begun to learn some of the songs we will be performing during our Christmas Nativity play!

PARKING

For the safety of all HIS and HJS children. We ask again that all families adhere to parking restrictions around school. Free short stay parking is available throughout Howden including at the Co-op.
THANK YOU



57 shoeboxes were donated. Thank you so much. That is 57 smiles, created by YOU!



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

Keys Dates Going Forward

Celebration Assemblies	You will be informed by email if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.	Fridays 0855
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 are scheduled to perform at 1000	Monday 1 st December
Christmas Performances Tickets will be sent home w/c 1/12	We only have tickets left for the Tuesday performance. Please complete the Google Form no later than Weds 26 th November.	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 bring 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

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!**

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:

 **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=oddtcreator>

Parents and Carers are invited to an **online workshop for parents and carers** titled:
Routines & Rhythms

Join us for a virtual workshop where we'll discuss the importance of routines, boundaries, and sleep to support children's wellbeing.

 **Date: 27th November**

 **Time: 5- 7 pm**

 **Location: Online**

 **Book your place here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/routines-rhythms-parentcarer-online-workshop-tickets-1675099340219?aff=oddtcreator>