



Howden Church of England Infant School

Newsletter 12 - 21st November 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been exploring the significance of Advent for Christians. Our school community delved into the rich symbolism of Christingle, with each child creating their own. It was heartwarming to see their creativity shine, culminating in a lovely service led by Elizabeth Harland at the end of the day.

As we embrace the festive spirit, Christmas preparations are in full swing! Rehearsals for our Nativity play are well underway, and the children are busy crafting decorations that will brighten our school.

Please mark your calendars for some important upcoming events: the Early Help drop-in session on the 2nd, our Nativity performances on the 8th and 9th, the Tinsel Trot during the week commencing the 8th, and the Crib Service at the Minster on the 11th. We also have a Book Breakfast with a raffle on the 16th, followed by our Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day on the 17th.

If you would like to contribute a treat for our Trug of Treats raffle prize, we would be very grateful for your generosity.

Wishing you all a joyful week ahead!

Warm regards,
Chan Amor
Acting Headteacher

TREE TEAM POINTS

Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
153	161	165	218

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

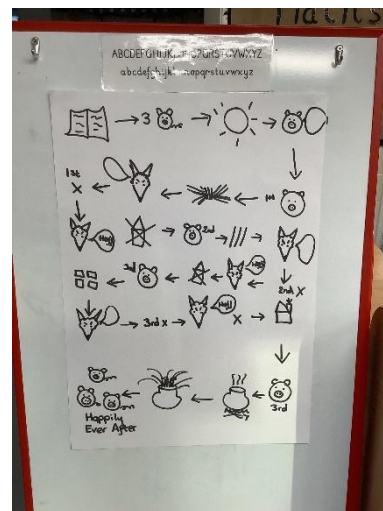
 Curiosity 	Lucy - Hedgehogs
 Family 	Ivy - Foxes
 Nurture 	Amelia - Squirrels
 Respect 	Margot - Rabbits
 Joy 	Iris - Badgers

CLASS STARS

Badgers	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
					
Edward	Jamie	Emily Q	Joudi	Taylor	Evie

What's been happening....

ES2



- The children amazed us this week with their incredible Road Safety skills in our Pedestrian training.

- Foxes and Badgers have been working hard to learn all of our Christmas songs for our Nativity.
- In RE, the children have been learning about The Shepherds in the Nativity story.
- In maths the children have been making 4.
- We are very proud of how hard FS2 are working in their letter formation sessions.

Year 1

- This week, Year 1 have been working super hard!
- In writing we have been what the characters in the story of Little Red Riding Hood would be thinking and feeling during different parts of the story.
- In Maths we have been rounding up our exploration of 'Part, Part, Whole' by finding missing parts!
- In our Big Idea we have been looking at how firefighting equipment has changed between now and The Great Fire of London!
- In Art we have looked at making printing tiles by imprinting and then printing.
- We have been starting to practise our Christmas songs ready for our Christmas play!

Year 2

- This week has been a busy one for Year 2. We've been busy preparing for our Nativity play, rehearsing lines, learning songs and organising costumes. We're very proud of the work the children are putting in to making our Nativity a success.
- In writing, we've been busy learning our model text, learning and rehearsing actions to help us remember the key parts of the story.



We are taking part in Dove House Hospice's Tinsel Tree Trot again this year. This will take place in school w/c 8th December. Sponsor forms will be coming home today or Monday.

Completed forms along with any sponsor money should be returned to school no later than Monday 15th December.

Keys Dates Going Forward

Celebration Assemblies	You will be informed by email if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.	Fridays 0855
Soup and Carols - Howden Minster	HIS Choir are scheduled to perform at 1000	Monday 1 st December
Christmas Performances	Tickets have been allocated and will be sent home next week	Monday 8 th December 2pm Monday 8 th December 4.30pm Tuesday 9 th December 9.30am
Dove House Tinsel Trot	Forms coming home Today/Monday	w/c 8 th December

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!**

The East Ridings Childrens Team have launched their **SEND Youth Group Consultation** to better understand the current social & leisure needs of children and young people with SEND in the East Riding.

Their recent Ofsted report highlighted that *"children and young people with SEND would like more opportunities to socialise within the local community"* and referenced *"under-utilised community groups."*

You are invited to complete the below survey:

The survey is now live and will close on **Sunday, 18 January 2026**.

1. SEND Activities for Children and Young People 2025- Parent/ Carer Survey

https://consultation.eastriding.gov.uk/s/SENDActivitiesCYP2025_Parent-Carer/

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2. SEND Activities for Children and Young People 2025-Child/Young Persons Survey

Live link: https://consultation.eastriding.gov.uk/s/SENDActivitiesforCYP_2025/

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