



Howden Church of England Infant School

Newsletter 14 - 12th December 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our penultimate week has been an incredibly busy one indeed! The school nativity was just magical, filled with catchy songs, groovy dancing, and fantastic acting. We certainly hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. We then had our much-loved service at the Minster. Coming together as a community for these special events always brings me great joy, and it was lovely to see so many familiar faces.

As we approach our final week, I'd like to highlight some key events. On Tuesday, we will be hosting our 'Book Breakfast' from 8am until registration opens. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a breakfast snack while reading a favourite Christmas book together as a Howden Infant School family. Don't forget to bring some change for our raffle- £1 a ticket and all proceeds go towards resources for the school such as playtime equipment.

On Wednesday, we invite everyone to wear their festive Christmas jumpers and join us for our Christmas lunch. It promises to be a delightful day filled with cheer and celebration.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to sharing these joyful moments with you all!

Warm regards,

Chan Amorl
Acting Headteacher

TREE TEAM POINTS			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
98	103	139	127

 Curiosity 	Polly - Hedgehogs
 Family 	Rosie - Rabbits
 Nurture 	Ariana - Badgers
 Respect 	Nancy - Foxes
 Joy 	Perry - Hedgehogs

CLASS STARS					
Badgers	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
					
Archie	Natalia	Bowen	Holly	Mason	Jaxson

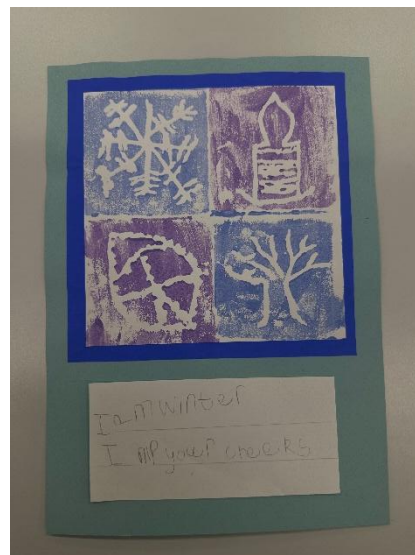
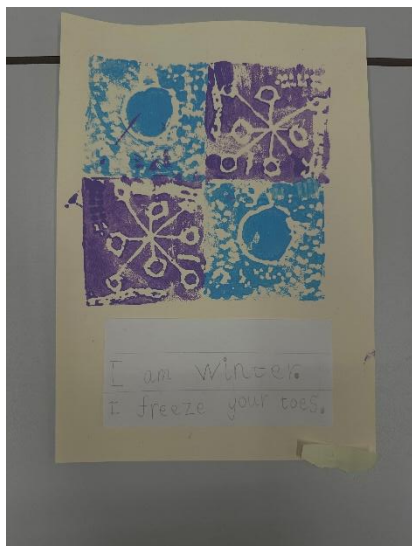
What's been happening....

ES2



- We are incredibly proud of our wonderful Badgers and Foxes. They sat beautifully during our nativity, and their singing/ signing was outstanding.
- In maths this week, we have been revisiting making numbers 3,4 and 5. The children have been practising counting beyond 20.
- In phonics, we have been revisiting our digraphs and tricky words.
- In RE, the children have been recapping the Nativity story.
- The children are looking forward to sharing our Christmas songs with Year 1 on Monday!

• Year 1



- What a busy and eventful week it has been for the children in Year 1. They all joined in enthusiastically when singing songs for the Christmas play and Minster service. The children who read and acted did so with confidence and pride. Well done.
- In maths, we have been learning our number bonds to 10.
- In writing, we imagined that we were an eyewitness to the Great Fire of London and wrote a diary entry.
- In science, we have asked the question: "Do all trees lose their leaves in winter?" We have enjoyed reading winter poems.

Year 2



- This week has been extremely busy. Thanks to all who came to see our performances of Hey Ewe!
- In addition to our Christmas service and our Nativity we've been working hard in maths and writing.
- We've been making generalisations about what happens when multiples of ten are added to any number and in writing, we've been working on how we use adjectives and similes to create an image in the reader's mind.
- In DT we've been looking at the comparative stability of different shapes.



Our children have really enjoyed taking part in the Tinsel Trot. Thank you very much for all the returned forms and sponsor money. Your generosity for this cause is incredible. We ask that any forms/sponsor money are brought into school on Monday. This gives chance for Dove House to collect the money before we break up.

School finishes on Thursday 18th December.

School is closed on Friday 19th December.

School reopens to pupils on Tuesday 6th January.



Children are encouraged to wear Christmas Jumpers on Wednesday 17th December in aid of Save the Children. £1 Donations are welcome.

Wednesday 17th is also Christmas lunch day in school.

Keys Dates Going Forward

Celebration Assemblies	You will be informed by email if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.	Fridays 0855
Dove House Tinsel Trot	Completed this week! Please return sponsor forms and money on Monday 15 th December.	Monday 15 th December
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



January 2026 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)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm

HOWDEN'S FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS CAROL

WHAT'S THE CAROL THAT MAKES YOUR CHRISTMAS COMPLETE?



Vote via the QR Code or pick up a voting form around town.

Voting closes: Saturday 20th Dec 2025



Then join us as we sing the Top 10 on Monday 22nd Dec at 4pm
Howden Methodist Chapel,
Hailgate, Howden

Let's fill Howden with Christmas cheer, community spirit, and joyful music

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Family Help Drop In



Natalie Sinderson will be holding drop-ins on:

27th January & 24th February 8.30-10am and 16th and 18th March for our parents' evenings.

and 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.

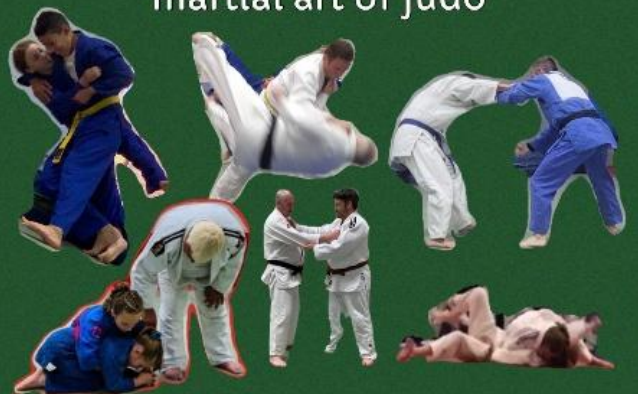
- Understanding your child's feelings and behaviours.
- Supporting your child's emotional health.
- Find out about other services that are available to support you.



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6pm - 7pm Beginners under 16
7pm - 8pm Advanced under 16
8pm - 9pm Seniors



The Trans Pennine Trail 2025 Christmas Holiday Activity Pack is bursting with festive fun for families and children and is available FREE to download.

You'll find nature-themed challenges like a winter scavenger hunt, creative crafts such as making a bird feeder, and a delicious cake pop recipe to try at home. The pack also features sensory games, puzzles, and a heart-warming story adventure with the Trail's friendly mascots, encouraging everyone to explore the great outdoors.

With colourful characters leading the way, this activity pack inspires kids to discover winter wildlife, get creative, and enjoy the magic of the outdoors. There are opportunities to share their adventures and to earn a digital certificate.

The packs are ideal for Key Stage 1 and 2, but there's something for everyone - whether you're a teacher, parent, or young explorer. They're perfect for use on the Trail, in your local park, or even indoors on a rainy day. Every pack is designed to help everyone learn, play, and make memories while exploring the outdoors.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home

Download it from our Children's page: [Activity Pack](#)