



Howden Church of England Infant School

Newsletter 16 - 9th January 2026

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Happy New Year to you all! The Christmas break seems to have flashed by, and I can hardly believe we're already into our Spring term. We have lots of exciting dates and clubs lined up, so do keep an eye out for announcements in our upcoming newsletters.

As you may know, this year is the National Year of Reading, and we will be celebrating in a variety of ways. One of the highlights will be our Community Readers initiative led by our local author and newly appointed governor, James Nicol. Community Readers will provide the opportunity for grown-ups from our community come in to share their favourite stories with our children. We're also gearing up for World Book Day, which will feature a special book breakfast for parents and carers. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come into school and read for pleasure alongside your children. Additionally, we will be holding phonics sessions to inform parents about how we deliver phonics in our classrooms.

Mark your calendars for Children's Mental Health Week, starting on February 9th. During this week, both staff and children will wear something green, representing 'being good to go' as part of our Zones of Regulation. We will also focus on spirituality and explore how we can positively impact wildlife as individuals and as a community.

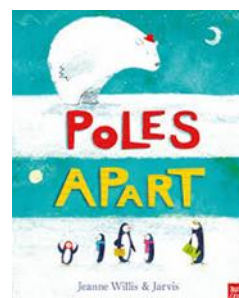
Lastly, I'd like to remind you that Natalie from the Schools and Communities team will be holding drop-in sessions to offer advice to families who may need support. She will be available at the Infants on 27th January and 24th February from 8.30 to 10 am, as well as during our parents' evenings on 16th and 18th March.

Warm regards,
Chan Amorl
Acting Head

TREE TEAM POINTS			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
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What's been happening....

ES2



- Happy New Year! It has been wonderful to welcome our Foxes and Badgers back to school this week.
- We have been sharing the story Poles Apart with the children. We have been having lots of discussions about the North Pole.
- The children enjoyed their walk around school looking for signs of Winter.
- In maths, the children have been practising their subitising skills.
- In RE, the children have shared with us their thoughts about why we celebrate the New Year.
- In phonics, we have begun our Phase 3 journey. The children will be bringing home the new letters they have learnt on Thursday.
- We will be focusing on the story Were Going on a Bear Hunt in our Talk for Writing sessions.

Year 1



- One would like to wish you a Happy New Year! The children have had a wonderful first week back.
- We are back to our new sounds in Phonics, and the children have applied these in their reading sessions as normal.
- This week we have explored materials and objects in our area, making sure to take careful notice of special features and correct names of materials. Our Scientific vocabulary is key this half term!
- Our children have enjoyed our story "Dogger" so far, exploring new vocabulary and story themes.
- We have begun our Talk for Writing journey this week, all around "The Papaya that spoke!".
- The children have enjoyed spotting the signs of Winter as part of our season's continual work throughout Year One.

Year 2

- Happy New Year Everyone!
- It's been a busy first week back for the children of Year Two.
- This week we've started learning about how we keep ourselves healthy. In our science and PSHE lessons we've been learning about balanced diets.
- In maths we've started to link repeated addition to groups of objects and the use of the multiplication symbol. This is in preparation for skip counting later in the half term.
- In writing we've started learning a story about a strange papaya, that really doesn't want to get eaten.

Our School Newsletter will now be displayed on the notice board at the front of school for easy reference.



Celebration Assemblies

We celebrate our children's achievements every Friday during assembly. Starting time is 0855.

You will be informed by email on the Wednesday if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.

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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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Keys Dates Going Forward		
Celebration Assemblies	You will be informed by email if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.	Fridays 0855
Natalie - Schools and Communities	Drop in Session 0830-1000	27 th January
Children's Mental Health Week		w/c 9 th February
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Easter Minster Service	Rehearsal - No Parents	TBC
Parents Evenings	More Details to follow	16 th & 18 th March
Easter Minster Service	Parents Invited	1030 Thursday 19 th March
Little Big Sing	The Junction Goole - More details to follow	Thursday 11 th June

The below course is available to book and free to attend

Understanding Anxiety

This session will offer practical insights into recognising and managing anxiety in children and young people, with strategies that parents and carers can use at home.

📅 Date: 28th January

🕒 Time: 9.30 - 11.30 am

📍 Location: Online (link to register is below)

🔗 Get your tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-anxiety-a-parentcarer-workshop-tickets-1978378277685?aff=oddtcreator>