



Howden Church of England Infant School

Newsletter 18 - 23rd January 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been very exciting indeed! On Monday, we had our sensory room installed, and it was so worth the wait. Our children have enjoyed exploring the sound-activated light panels, fibre optic tails, soft squeeze chair, and starlight tunnel. This space will provide our children with a safe and calming environment when needed.



We were also thrilled to receive a donation of Worry Dolls from the charity Knit for Nowt. We were blown away by the talented knitters and are very grateful, as these woolly pals will provide comfort to many of our children.

Mrs Rich invited Mr Veness from Energy Sparks to talk to our children about how we can save energy in school and in turn care for our planet.

Looking ahead, on the 29th of January, local author James Nicol will be in school to share a favourite story and reveal the winners of the Community Reader Logo competition.

As always, we are constantly looking at improving our playtimes. If you have any Duplo, Lego, toy vehicles, or pop-up tents that you could donate, please drop them off at reception.

Have a lovely weekend!

Warm regards,

Chan Amorl

Acting Head

TREE TEAM POINTS			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
157	198	176	181

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK	
 Curiosity 	Daniel - Foxes
 Family 	Anna - Hedgehogs
 Nurture 	Miller - Owls
 Respect 	Lucy - Badgers
 Joy 	Taylor - Owls

CLASS STARS					
Badgers	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
					
Sienna	George	Laila-Rae	Nevaeh	Emmie	Olivia

Play Leaders Spring Term 1		
Emmeline	Lucy	Winnifred
Amelia	Seb	Eliza
Tilly		Evie

Year 2 Worship Squad Spring Term 1		
Ted	Evie	Esther
Michael	Leo	Taylor

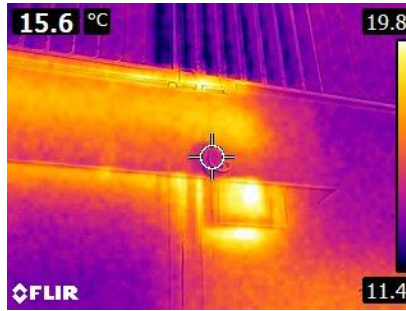
What's been happening....

FS2



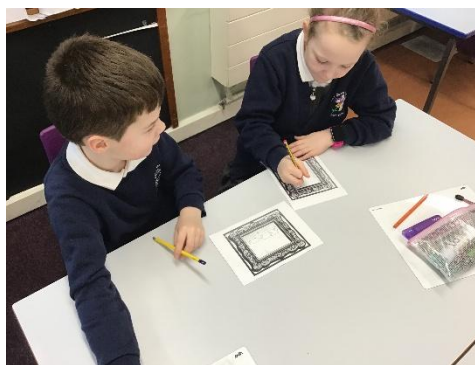
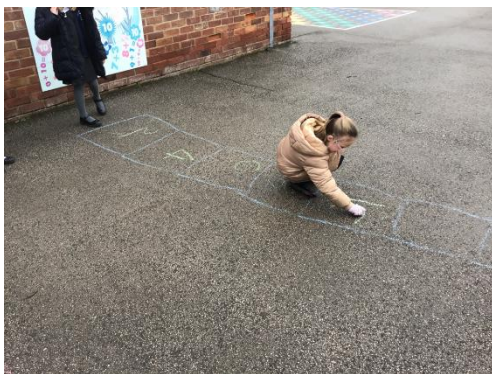
- We have had a very busy week in FS2!
- The children have been practising their sentence writing skills. Our focus this week has been on The Gruffalo's Child.
- In maths, we have been learning the 5 Little Speckled Frog song. The children have been discussing number bonds to 5.
- In RE, we have continued our discussions about the Chinese New Year. The children are very proud of their beautiful lanterns.
- We have enjoyed listening to the children talk about how they show kindness and how much they love their family. We have captured the children's drawings and thoughts in our reflection area.
- In Talk For Writing the children enjoyed creating their own characters for our Bear Hunt Story.

Year 1



- This week in science, we have asked the question: Which materials will make the best rain hat for teddy? We have worked scientifically by making predictions and investigating materials to see which are waterproof.
- We have sorted old toys by the materials they are made from and discovered that many were made from wood.
- In our writing, we have used time adverbs to move the ideas in our stories on.
- In maths, we have learned what addends are and used them to represent pictorial equations.
- We enjoyed listening to our visitor who came into school to help us save energy. The children were able to see how a single solar panel can power a lamp in an extremely short space of time, even in Winter!

Year 2



- This week we have been extremely busy.
- In maths, we have been skip counting in 2's and using our understanding to find the product.

- In writing we have learnt our model text, with many of the children now able to retell the story orally, so please feel free to ask them for a personal performance.
- In Design and Technology we've been learning how to use knives and graters safely.



Family Help Drop In



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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Natalie's next session in school is on Tuesday 27th January. You can book a slot on Arbor - See 'Guardian Consultations'

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	0830-1000 Bookable via	27 th January
FS2 Phonics Parents Workshop	Bookable via Arbor	Wednesday 28 th January 0900-0930

Children's Mental Health Week	We will be promoting caring for our mind, body and soul.	w/c 9 th February
NHS Mental Health Workshop - Stay and Connect	For Parents - Now fully booked.	Wednesday 11 th February 0900
Children are invited to Wear Something Green	In line with our Zones of Regulation - good to be green.	Wednesday 11 th February
Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshops	Bookable via Arbor	Weds 11 th February 1530
Natalie - Schools and Communities	Drop in Session 0830-1000	24 th February
Mastering Numbers at Home - Parent Workshop	Will be Bookable via Arbor soon	Tuesday 3 rd March 0900
World Book Day	Dress as your favourite book character or wear your cosiest PJ's!	Thursday 5 th March
Book Breakfast	Join us for a breakfast snack and a chance to read in school to your child.	0800 - School Hall
SEND Drop in Session	Mrs Brown	Tuesday 17 th March 1030-1200
Parents Evenings	More Details to follow	18 th & 19 th March
Easter Minster Service	Parents Invited	1030 Thursday 19 th March
Stay and Connect Parent/Carer Session	For parents - bookable via Arbor from 1800 Friday 23 rd January	Wednesday 25 th March 0900-1015
Y1 Phonics Screening Info for Parents	Bookable via Arbor	March 25 th 1530
Little Big Sing	The Junction Goole - More details to follow	Thursday 11 th June

SOFTBALL JUNIOR CRICKET

WINTER NETS

11AM - 12 NOON - £3 PER SESSION



AGE: 5-12

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