



Howden Church of England Infant School

Newsletter 20 - 6th February 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into our final week, I would like to remind you of some key dates and events coming up. Next week, our school will take the time to nurture our mind, body, and soul by celebrating Children's Mental Health Week alongside Spirituality Week.

On Monday, I will be launching the week by focusing on what spirituality means to us and how, as Christians, we can be agents of change. Our key questions will be: Why is litter a problem? What might this do to our animals and the world we live in? Children will be completing activities based on these questions, encouraging thoughtful discussions.

On Wednesday, Mrs Dorsey, our PSHE lead, will lead a special worship dedicated to Children's Mental Health Week. We're asking everyone to wear something green in support of this important cause. The Stay and Connect session for parents starts at 0900 and children will join after worship. Our 2nd Stay and Connect session is on March 25th. This is now fully booked however we are planning further sessions in the summer term.

Additionally, on Wednesday 11th February, there will be a Year 1 phonics workshop for parents straight after school.

Finally, we would like to send a fond farewell to Reverend Little due to his retirement. We thank him for his commitment in supporting our links with the Minster and the Christian community of Howden.

Warm regards,
Chan Amorl

Acting Head

TREE TEAM POINTS			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
188	190	154	168

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK	
 Curiosity 	Poppy - Foxes
 Family 	Sly - Hedgehogs
 Nurture 	Mollie - Badgers
 Respect 	William - Owls
 Joy 	Kayden - Owls

CLASS STARS					
Badgers	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
					
Ester	Isla	Emmeline	Enzo	Evelyn	Leon

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



- In RE this week, we have continued our discussions around Nowruz, the Persian New Year.
- In phonics, we have been practising using our chunking-up method.
- In maths, we have been comparing more and fewer than.
- Our writing focus this week has been on our story, One Snowy Night. The children continue to impress us with how hard they are working on their letter formation.
- We have been exploring materials to build bear caves. The children have created some impressive caves in provision.

Year 1



- Year One have had a very busy week!
- In English we have been innovating our own story inspired by 'The Papaya that Spoke!'. The children have used their own planning to help them to curate the story independently.
- In Math we have consolidated our learning of additive structures. We have used different representations to improve the children's fluency and they have been using their composition facts to help them to find missing parts! We will be focusing on subtraction over the next week.
- In our 'Big Idea' we have written a conclusion around the investigation we took part in last week. We have also looked at how a teddy bear toy has changed over living memory and looked at the toys we played with from being a baby to a toddler and up to now. It has been wonderful seeing all the lovely pictures sent of the children playing with their toys. Thank you so much for your support with this.

Year 2



- In maths we've been making generalisations about what happens to the product of two numbers when one of the factors is 0, 1 or 2.
- In writing, we've finished our innovated writing and have started learning about 'Chicken Licken' in preparation to write their own invented story.
- In DT, we've made and tried our wrap! The children cut and grated ingredients, made then gobbled their wraps.

DYSLEXIASPARKS  Free Webinar

Supporting children's mental health

Help children recognise and manage anxiety and stress. Learn how to regulate emotions and build life-long skills.

 Phoenix Wellbeing

 THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 12 NOON - 1PM

buytickets.at/dyslexiasparks

Recording for those that can't attend live



Behaviour as a form of communication online workshop

 Date: 24th February

 Time: 5- 7 pm

 Location: Online (link to register is below)

 Get your tickets

here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/behaviour-as-a-form-of-communication-a-parentcarer-workshop-tickets-1981425806927?aff=oddtcreator>

The workshop is free to attend and open to all families.

Keys Dates Going Forward		
Celebration Assemblies	You will be informed by email if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.	Fridays 0855
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 - Bookable now via Arbor	24 th February
Mastering Numbers at Home - Parent Workshop	Now Bookable via Arbor	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 Thursday 5 th March
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



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Lego Art - SEND Friendly Session
Things are turning cosmic this half term!
Join us for our most popular STREAM activity and make 'out of this world' space themed art works from Lego bricks.

Goole Library
Friday, 20 February 2026
11.00am-12.30pm
Minimum age 4+. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Booking Required. Please see our staff to book your place, contact the branch on 01405 762187, or email goole.library@eastriding.gov.uk

STREAM for SEND activity sessions are extended to allow children more time to complete the activity. East Riding Family Co-ordinators support the sessions and additional resources for children with SEND are available including pen readers, coloured overlays and sensory equipment. Ask our staff for more details.

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Please see below the link to the Trans Pennine Trail Half Term Activity pack, 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:

[Feb Half Term Activity Pack](#)

Please see below a link with top tips for parents and carers:

[safer internet info](#)