



Howden Church of England Infant School

Newsletter 28 - 24th April 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Howden Church of England Infant School. The children, staff and many parents have already made me feel extremely welcome, and I am very much looking forward to getting to know every member of our school community over the coming weeks.

It has been an exciting week with the Big Talk activities generating thoughtful discussions across the school. The children have also enjoyed spending time outdoors in the sunshine, as well as engaging enthusiastically with their learning in class.

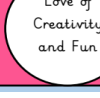
One particular highlight for me has been watching some of our older pupils explore what plants need to grow and planting their own seeds. It was also lovely to experience a visitor in to school from the Community Readers. The sense of wonder and excitement of the children has been a joy to see, and a clear example of our school values of **Joy** and **Curiosity** in action.

I am delighted to be here and look forward to the term ahead.

Antonia Purdue
Headteacher

TREE TEAM POINTS			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
214	209	211	211

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

 Curiosity 	Toby - Foxes
 Family 	Riley-Jay - Owls
 Nurture 	Ralph - Hedgehogs
 Respect 	Olivia - Badgers
 Joy 	Franklin - Hedgehogs

CLASS STARS

Badgers	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
					
Lottie	Effie	Millie	Rosie	Miller	Isaac

Year 2 Worship Squad Summer Term 1

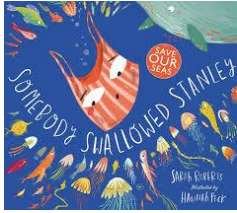
Kayden
Sofia

Pippa
Harry

Sebastian
Alex

What's been happening....

FS2



We have had a wonderful week in FS2!

- This week we have been finding out some answers to the children's questions from our Big Idea including: How big is a whale? and, How do seahorses swim? The children really enjoyed measuring the size of a whale in our playground and discovered they are huge!
- We have shared stories called Clean Up! And Somebody Swallowed Stanley and started to discuss how we can help to look after the world we live in. We have been talking about how harmful plastic is to sea creatures.
- In maths we have been focussing upon making different patterns with 6 and practicing our subitising skills.
- The children have been very inventive during free flow and they have made some wonderful creations, including aeroplanes and an amazing birthday cake.
- We are really excited to observe the changes with our class caterpillars. They are getting bigger every day

Year 1



We have worked incredibly hard in Year 1 this Week!

- This week in writing we have consolidated the use of conjunctions in our writing and have looked at use generalisers in our writing.
- In maths, we have looked at 10s and 1s and how they come together to make 2 digit numbers within 0-50.
- In our Big Idea, we looked at how the High Street changed and what shops have changed and some have stayed the same. We also had some visitors who actually have seen a Tree Giant and we got to interview them. They had an amazing mustache!
- We have looked at how rubbish is sorted when recycling and what can happen with the rubbish after it is recycled.
- In our RE, we have looked at the creation story. We took ourselves out around our school and looked at the things that Christians believe God made.

Year 2



We've had a fantastic week in Year 2!

- In maths we've been applying everything we've learnt about subtraction. The children have been busy solving two and three step problems.
- In writing we've been using generalisers to start our sentences and tell the reader how many or how often tree giants wear or do things.
- In our big idea, we've compared bulbs and seeds. We've also planted some seeds and bulbs so that we can watch them grow over the coming weeks.
- During our design and technology lesson, we've been using templates to cut and prepare our fabric ready to start sewing next week.



FS2 Trip to the Deep

Payment us due by Friday 1st May - via Arbor. Any questions please contact the school office

Please continue to discuss food choices with your children, it is really helpful if they know what they want!
Thank you



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 Sinderson - Family Help Drop in	Bookable Via Arbor	Tuesday 28 th April 0840-1000
Class Photographs		Thursday 7 th May
FS2 School Trip	The Deep	Monday 11 th May

Natalie Sinderson - Family Help Drop in	Bookable Via Arbor	Tuesday 12 th May 0840-1000
Little Big Sing	The Junction Goole - More details to follow	Thursday 11 th June
Sports Day	More details to follow	Thursday 18 th June
Natalie Sinderson - Family Help Drop in	Bookable Via Arbor	Tuesday 23 rd June 0840-1000
Sports Day Reserve		Thursday 25 th June



FREE

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Sunday 21st June 12-4.30pm
The Ashes Playing Field

- Children's activities
- Food stalls
- Live music
- Entertainers
- **FREE!**

Don't miss our Raffle and Tombola on the Day - funds raised go to SHaKE and the Ashes.

Please note: No BBQs or parking onsite

SHaKEHowden
AshesplayingField

shakehowden@gmail.com

 May 2026 Timetable All regular 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	
School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm



SPRING SOIREE

FAMILY EVENT - ALL MONEY DONATED TO
YORKSHIRE CHILDREN'S CHARITY
START 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

MAY 19TH

CASH ONLY

RAFFLE £1/STRIP, GROWING CRESS £1.50, GOING ON A
BEAR HUNT £2, COLOURING, CATERPILLAR £1 AND PAINTING
PLANT POTS £1.50.

SKYLARK CENTRE
PARK LANE, BARLOW, SELBY YO8 8JW



FREE TO BOOK
PICNIC BOXES BOOKED
VIA QR CODE

SCO2300@HEARTOBYORKSHIRE.AC.UK
TRAVEL & TOURISM




SWAN RESCUE

Level 3 Travel and Tourism at Selby college are hosting an event at skylark centre, Barlow. The swan rescue centre which is located at the skylark Centre would appreciate any donations that could be given to help the swans and other animals they help rescue. Drop off points are Selby College reception or Travel and Tourism Office A206.

ITEMS TO DONATE :

- BAGS OF WILD BIRD SEED (ANY TYPE)
- TINS OF CAT/DOG MEAT
- PUPPY PADS
- OLD (BUT CLEAN) TOWELS, SHEETS, PILLOWCASES
- CLEANING PRODUCTS
- SPONGES/SCOURERS
- KITCHEN TOWEL ROLL
- BAGS OF STRAW

Contact sco23007360@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk For any questions





FREE KIDS CRICKET IN HOWDEN

FREE ALL-STARS AND DYNAMOS CRICKET SESSION

AGES: 8-11

AGES: 5-8

FRIDAY MAY 8

GILBERDYKE CRICKET CLUB

ASHES PLAYING FIELD 6-7PM

SIGN UP NOW:  

 GILBERDYKECRICKET@GMAIL.COM