



Howden Church of England Infant School

Newsletter 31 - 15th May 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a full and memorable week it has been in school. As many of you know, we welcomed some very special visitors from Ofsted over the past few days. While we aren't able to share any formal outcomes just yet – we expect the report in around a month – I can share how impressed they were by our wonderful children and by the calm, purposeful atmosphere across the school.

I also want to say how proud I am of our staff team. They were absolutely brilliant throughout the visit – calm, supportive of one another, and completely focused on the children, just as they always are. It really showed what a strong, caring team we have here at Howden Infants. The wider team from Howden Juniors also played a part in the inspection and this partnership ensures that all our children are placed at the heart of the two schools.

We've also been genuinely touched by the many positive messages staff have received from families this week. Your encouragement means so much. It reflects the strong, trusting relationships we are lucky to share with our community, and it reminds us how powerful that partnership is for our children.

Earlier in the week, our FS2 children visited The Deep, and it was wonderful to see them return full of awe, wonder and excitement. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and experiences like this help create memories that stay with them for years to come. Thank you to all staff and parents who supported this trip!

Wishing you all a happy, safe and restful weekend.

Antonia Purdue
Headteacher

TREE TEAM POINTS			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
157	189	174	160

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK	
 Curiosity 	Rose - Squirrels
 Family 	Ade - Foxes
 Nurture 	Ezra - Badgers
 Respect 	Esther - Hedgehogs
 Joy 	Enzo - Rabbits

CLASS STARS					
Badgers	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
					
Lottie	Luca	Sly	Hayden	Seth	Alex
<u>Year 2 Worship Squad Summer Term 1</u>					
Kayden Sofia		Pippa Harry		Sebastian Alex	

<u>Year 1 Play Leaders Summer Term 1</u>	
Elliot Laila-Rae	Zachary S Evie S

What's been happening....

FS2



- We had a wonderful trip to The Deep. The children were incredible and really enjoyed learning about how important it is to look after our sea creatures. Thank you to our parent volunteers.
- We are very proud of our FS2 children this week. They welcomed our visitors and demonstrated our school values throughout their visit.
- The children enjoyed releasing their butterflies this week!
- We would like to thank all of the parents who have passed on messages of support and encouragement this week. We feel incredibly proud and lucky to be part of Howden Infant School.

Year 1



- The children have written information texts about their own choice of giants ranging from sea giants, to town giants to school giants and are enjoying writing giant stories too.
- In maths, they have solved problems involving grouping and sharing.
- They had a wonderful time performing the poem 'The Morning Rush' to our visitors and delighted their audience with their expression and actions.
- It was a pleasure to welcome Mrs Scargill into school to share her memories of shopping in Howden. The children loved learning about the old shops and Friday visits to the sweet shop!

Year 2



- In maths the children have been busy stocking and running their own shops, using 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p and £1 coins to buy each other's items. They have been finding the most efficient way to pay using a given mix of coins.
- In writing the children have planned their own information text all about their very own creature.
- In big idea we've learnt about where our food comes from and how buying local food can be beneficial both to our diet and our health. The children have also planned an observation to discover whether plants can grow without light.

Keys Dates Going Forward

Celebration Assemblies	You will be informed by email if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.	Fridays 0855
Rabbits Class Trip	Acorn Hollow - Payable on Arbor	Thursday 4 th June
Hedgehogs Class Trip	Acorn Hollow - Payable on Arbor	Tuesday 9 th June
Little Big Sing	Payable on Arbor	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
Y2 Open Evening	At Howden Junior School	Wednesday 1 st July 1530-1600
Transition Day	Whole School	Thursday 9 th July

Natalie Sinderson - Family Help Drop in	Bookable Via Arbor	Tuesday 14 th July 0840-1000
School Closes for the Summer		Friday 17 th July
School Reopens		Tuesday 8 th September
NHS Flu Immunisations	Info and consent forms will be sent out from the NHS/Vaccination UK	Thursday 17 th September

Please see the below invite from NHS Humber:

Behaviour as a Form of Communication

This insightful session will explore how children's behaviour can reflect underlying needs, emotions, and communication styles. It's designed to support families in understanding and responding to behaviour in a constructive and empathetic way.

 **Date:** 27th May

 **Time:** 9.30-11.30 am

 **Location:** Online (link to register is below)

 **Get your tickets here:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/behaviour-as-a-form-of-communication-a-parentcarer-workshop-tickets-1984614126276?>

Additional Support Courses for Parents

Three new courses offered by FACE, separate from the school membership.
Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month
Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.



Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Online Courses for Parents page

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



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**Weekly
Parents' Groups
FREE**

**PLEASE join us
for support,
friendship and fun**



Are you expecting a baby and/or do you have a child under 11 years old?

Would you like to meet new people, make new friends or just get out of the house for a while?

Are you feeling overwhelmed, experiencing parenting challenges, and looking for someone to talk to?

Drop in for a free refreshments and stay for 10 minutes or the full 2 hours

• **GOOLE: The Courtyard (opposite Morrisons)**
Tuesdays, 9:30am - 11:30am

• **HOWDEN: The Shire Hall**
Wednesdays, 9:00am - 11:00am

• **SELBY: In Selby Abbey**
Wednesdays, 10:30am - 12:30pm





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FAMILY EVENT - ALL MONEY DONATED TO
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FRIDAY 29TH MAY
START 11 AM - 1 PM
HALF TERM EVENT
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

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VIA QR CODE

HWilson@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk
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Please **CONTACT US**
to find out more about ...

- **our weekly parents' groups**
(group sessions & activities may happen in other locations during school holidays - please check with our office)
- **weekly one-to-one home-visiting support for families**
- **volunteering opportunities**

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