



Howden Church of England Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this half term, I want to share how much I've enjoyed my first weeks at Howden Infants. It has been a real pleasure getting to know the children, staff, and families, and it's already clear what a truly special community this is. The Howden Infants family has a wonderful way of nurturing, supporting, and caring for one another, and I feel very fortunate to be part of it.

The children have had a busy and productive few weeks. Their enthusiasm for learning shines through in everything they do, and it has been especially lovely to see them working so confidently on their phonics in preparation for the upcoming screening check. Under the guidance of our super team here in school, they have shown great determination and pride in their progress. Their hard work is something we can all celebrate.

With a spell of lovely weather forecast, I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned break filled with sunshine, rest, and time together. These pauses in the school year are so important for children and adults alike, giving us all a chance to recharge before the excitement of a new half term begins.

We are already looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on **Monday 1st June**, ready for more learning, new experiences, and plenty of opportunities to grow and shine.

Wishing you all a happy, safe, and sunny break.
Warm regards,

Antonia Purdue
Headteacher

TREE TEAM POINTS			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
166	139	147	149

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

 Curiosity 	Wilfred - Badgers Rose - Squirrels
 Family 	Emily Smith - Rabbits
 Nurture 	Daisy - Foxes
 Respect 	Seb - Owls
 Joy 	Franklin - Hedgehogs

CLASS STARS

Badgers	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
					
Reggie	Natalia	Reya	Autumn	Taylor	Matilda

Year 2 Worship Squad Summer Term 1

Kayden
Sofia

Pippa
Harry

Sebastian
Alex

Year 1 Play Leaders Summer Term 1

Elliot
Laila-Rae

Zachary S
Evie S

What's been happening....

FS2

- We have had a very busy week in FS2. The children have enjoyed sharing with us all their favourite parts of our visit to the Deep.
- The children have been revisiting their Big Idea knowledge. We have looked at fossils, jellyfish, and the biggest whale shark ever recorded!
- In maths, we have been focusing on capacity and length.
- We are sending home our half-term holiday sheet. We would love to hear about everything the children have enjoyed over the break.
- Have a wonderful half-term. We can't wait to see all our Badgers and Foxes in Summer 2!



Year 1



- What a busy and fruitful week it has been for Year 1!
- The children have written information texts about barn owls and have taken their love of writing further to writing books both at home and in provision. This makes us very proud.
- In maths, they have partitioned numbers to 100 and positioned them on a number line. Visiting teachers worked with our children for a maths lesson and were impressed with their knowledge, attitude to learning and behaviour.
- In art, the children have worked freely with watercolours and used mixed media to add detail.
- We are now expert coders and have created our own codes using Purple Mash.
- Have a super holiday and we look forward to seeing you in June.

Year 2

- We've all had a busy end to our half term. This week the children have written their own information text about their mythical creature. We've used commas to create lists, subheadings for each paragraph and generalisers to tell the reader how often things happen.
- In maths the children have started learning about fractions. We've spent time defining a fraction as an equal part of a whole, looking at and identifying halves and quarters.
- In art, the children have taken what they have learnt about pointillism during our computing sessions and applied it to create their own nature themed artwork.
- Have a great half term break everyone.
Enjoy the sunshine!



Year 1 Acorn Hollow Trip



If you haven't done so already, please make payment for your child's trip on Arbor under the Trips section.

Thank you!

Board Games, Jigsaws and mud kitchen equipment

School would warmly welcome donations of good quality used boardgames and jigsaws! We would also like any spare spatulas/whisks/bowls and so on for a mud kitchen

If you are having a clear out, please bear us in mind.



Road Safety Outside of School

For the safety of our children and parents /carers, please adhere to road rules during drop-off and pick up:

DO NOT park or wait on the yellow zig-zag lines.

DO park safely away from the school and walk the remaining distance.

DO ensure children exit the car onto the pavement.
Thank you for your help!

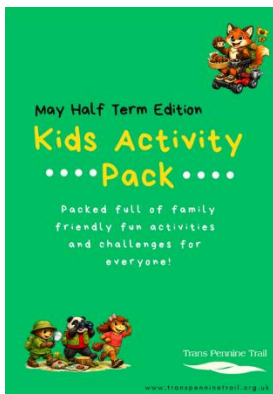
Keys Dates Going Forward		
Celebration Assemblies	You will be informed by email if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.	Fridays 0855
Rabbits Class Trip	Acorn Hollow - Payable on Arbor	Thursday 4 th June
Hedgehogs Class Trip	Acorn Hollow - Payable on Arbor	Tuesday 9 th June
Little Big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

Trans Pennine Trail Half Term Activity pack

The packs are ideal for Key Stage 1 and 2, but there's something for everyone - whether you're a teacher, parent, or young explorer. They're perfect for use on the Trail, in your local park, or even indoors on a rainy day. Every pack is designed to help everyone learn, play, and make memories while exploring the outdoors.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. We'd obviously prefer parents to download the pack themselves so if you could share the link with them, it would be appreciated. But we can send out printed copies to people who don't have a printer or are unable to access the website if they get in touch with us.

Download it from our Children's page at: [Welcome to our Children's Page | Trans Pennine Trail](#)



And if you want to find out more about the Trail in your area, check out our leaflets page on our website at, [TPT Leaflet Page | Trans Pennine Trail](https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/tpt-leaflet-page) where you can download the leaflet for the Trail in your area.

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
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FAMILY EVENT - ALL MONEY DONATED TO
YORKSHIRE CHILDREN'S CHARITY

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.

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NHS Foundation Trust

Routines & Rhythms Parent/Carer Workshop

11th June 9.30- 11.30 am
Online via Microsoft Teams

This workshop covers:

The importance of routines, boundaries and sleep to support children's social, emotional and mental health.

Aims and objectives:

Build a greater understanding of why boundaries, routines and sleep support children's emotional and behavioural development and how to effectively use boundary setting and routines to support children's development.

Book your slot via this [EventBrite QR Code](#):






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