



Howden Church of England Infant School

Newsletter 33 - 5th June 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and managed to enjoy some rest together. It's been wonderful welcoming the children back into school this week – even if we are all asking the same question: where has the sunshine gone? Let's hope it decides to return soon.

Our first week back has certainly been an exciting one. Year One Rabbits enjoyed a fantastic visit to Acorn Hollow, where they explored the woodland, took part in outdoor learning activities, and represented our school beautifully. The children were full of enthusiasm and curiosity, and the staff were incredibly proud of how well they engaged with every part of the day.

We were also delighted to receive a wonderful delivery of books from our friends at the Rotary Club. Their generosity continues to support and inspire our young readers, and we are very grateful for their ongoing partnership.

Back in school, the children have been working extremely hard on their assessments this week. Their focus, determination, and resilience have been truly impressive. They have approached each challenge with a positive attitude, and we are incredibly proud of every one of them.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another busy, joyful, and productive week ahead.

Antonia Purdue
Headteacher



TREE TEAM POINTS			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
102	103	101	107

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

 Curiosity 	Esther - Badgers
 Family 	Reuben - Owls
 Nurture 	Edward - Badgers
 Respect 	Violet - Hedgehogs
 Joy 	Alys - Foxes

CLASS STARS

Badgers	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
					
Mollie	Finnley	Polly	Nico	Haris	Matilda

Year 2 Worship Squad Summer Term 2

Nelly James Riley-Jay
Beatrice Sofia Zach

Year 1 Play Leaders Summer Term 2

Neveah Emily Violet Max

Eco Team and Sustainability Champions

Oscar G - Alys - Edward H - Edie - Dylan - Evelyn - Harry H - Georgie W -
Enzo - Emily S - Polly - Woody

Weekly meeting with Mrs Rich on Tuesdays during school time

What's been happening....

FS2



- It has been a delight to welcome our FS2 children back to school this week!
- In maths we have introduced rekhenreks to the children. We were very impressed with our Badgers and Foxes.
- We launched our Big Idea this week. The children were excited to share their wonderful ideas for their imaginary homes.
- In RE, the children have enjoyed being challenged to build their special homes in provision.
- In writing, our children have been working hard on their letter formation and sentence creation skills

Year 1

- Year 1 children have had a super week back at school.
- In maths, the children have started to look at fractions and found a half of shapes and amounts.
- They have enjoyed reading poems about colours and writing our own lines.
- The children were surprised to see their teachers holding onto their precious, sparkling sequins and not wanting to give any away. Are they like the Rainbow Fish? Children are now hooked and want to explore the story!
- On Thursday, Rabbits had a fantastic day at Acorn Hollow. They engaged superbly in all activities and were a credit to the school. Hedgehogs - you are in for a treat.

Year 2

- It's been great to see everyone back and school looking forward to our last half term.
- In maths, we've been learning about fractions, identifying half, quarter and a third as well as learning how to write fractions.
- In music, we were busy learning about the music of The Pirates of the Caribbean, discussing how it makes us feel and what it makes us think of.
- In our big idea lesson, we've learnt that not all pirate flags were the same. We looked at the flags flown by famous pirates and discussed how they'd use them to identify each other. The children then had a go at designing and painting their own pirate flag.

Y2 Transition Sessions

These are now available to book via the Clubs section on Arbor for your Year 2 child.

Please only book one session per child.

Please contact the office if you require any help.



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
Hedgehogs Class Trip	Acorn Hollow - Payable on Arbor	Tuesday 9 th June
Little Big Sing	The Junction Goole - Payable on Arbor	Thursday 11 th June
Sports Day	Email sent 5.6.26	Thursday 18 th June
Natalie Sinderson - Family Help Drop in	Bookable Via Arbor	Tuesday 23 rd June 0840-1000
Sports Day Reserve		TBC
Y2 Open Evening	At Howden Junior School	Wednesday 1 st July 1530-1600
Whole School Transition Day		Thursday 9 th July
2026-2027 Dates		

Natalie Sinderson - Family Help Drop in		Tuesday 29 th September 0840-1000
Natalie Sinderson - Family Help Drop in		Tuesday 20 th October 0840-1000
Natalie Sinderson - Family Help Drop in		Tuesday 24 th October 0840-1000

Family Help School and Community Practitioner

Hello, my name is Natalie, and I am your school's Family Help School and Community Practitioner. I will be working in your school and within your community to offer a range of advice and support to families with any worries or questions they may have.



You can find me at Howden Family Hub (Children's Centre) weekly on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday 2nd June 2pm-5pm
- Tuesday 9th June 9am-12noon
- Tuesday 16th June 2pm-5pm
- Tuesday 23rd June 2pm-5pm
- Tuesday 30th June 9am-12noon
- Tuesday 7th July 2pm-5pm
- Tuesday 14th July 2pm-5pm
- Tuesday 21st July 9am-1pm
- Tuesday 28th July 1pm-5pm
- Tuesday 4th August 9am-1pm
- Tuesday 18th August 9am-1pm
- Tuesday 25th August 1pm-5pm
- Tuesday 1st September 9am-1pm

Please contact the Howden Family Hub on 01482 395220 to book an appointment (Face to Face or telephone conversation)

Visit my 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.

We are here to offer support early, before worries grow and become harder to manage






FACE

June 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

Understanding Anger	1 June 10am
School Anxiety	1 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	2 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	2 June 7pm
Anxiety Explained	8 June 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 June 7pm
Introduction to OCD	9 June 10am
What is ACT?	9 June 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 June 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	15 June 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	16 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	22 June 10am
Autism-Improving Communication	22 June 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 7pm
ADHD and Homework	25 June 7-8pm