



Howden Church of England Infant School

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Dear Parents and carers,

What a busy and rewarding week it has been! One of the highlights for me has been reading the end-of-year reports and reflecting on the wonderful children we are so fortunate to have at our school. Their achievements, progress, resilience and enthusiasm shine through, and I am extremely proud of everything they have accomplished this year.

It has also been lovely to hear staff sharing stories of children's successes, both in and out of the classroom. These moments remind us of the tremendous effort our pupils put into their learning every day and the positive contribution they make to our school community.

As we move into another exciting week, we look forward to celebrating more successes, enjoying new learning opportunities and making the most of the many activities planned.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

I am also delighted to share that we will be launching a new school Instagram page from the start of the next academic year. This will be a fantastic way to celebrate learning, share key events and provide a window into life at our school. Please do give us a follow at **@howdeninfantscofe** and help us build our online community.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Antonia Purdue
Headteacher

TREE TEAM POINTS			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
132	115	138	155

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK	
 Curiosity 	Molly - Owls
 Family 	Laila - Rabbits
 Respect 	Emily - Hedgehogs
 Joy 	Isobel - Owls

CLASS STARS					
Badgers	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
					
Archie	Mabel	Sophie	Charlie	Dylan	Ted

What's been happening....

ES2

- The children have enjoyed the Talk for Writing activities this week.
- Outside, the children have enjoyed playing in the water area.
- We are very proud of how kind our children have been this week to our new starters.
- We have been having lots of conversations around transition to Year 1.

Year 1

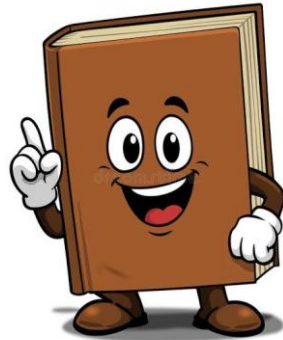


- Year 1 have had an amazing week! In maths, we have finished position and direction and have moved on to learning about time.
- In writing, we have finished innovating our story based on the 'Rainbow Fish'.
- In our science, we have been looking at trees and what parts they have. We have utilised our observation skills and explored our school grounds for different types of trees and how we can identify them from their leaves.
- In our art we have been making collages based on the natural world!

Year 2

- We've had another productive week in Year Two. In maths we've been learning about 3D shapes, using accurate vocabulary to describe shapes and identify their characteristics.
- In writing, we're now busy writing our own innovative pirate story. Deciding who our pirate captain is, the name of his ship, where the pirates visit and what they find.
- During our big idea lesson we've been learning more about Grace O'Malley's meeting with Queen Elizabeth I.
- We've also been busy rehearsing for our leavers worship and preparing our artwork ready to show you all.

Please can any reading and pleasure books be returned to school ASAP! Thank you



As mentioned in Mrs Purdue's newsletter, we are introducing a new instagram account.

Please can you ensure your child's photo permissions are up to date in Arbor before we return in September.

Give us a follow!!



Keys Dates Going Forward

Celebration Assemblies	You will be informed by email if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.	Fridays 0855
Whole School Transition Day		Thursday 9 th July
Y1 Open Evening		Monday 13 th July
Y2 Leavers Assembly	0915 & 1430 Y2 parents invited.	Tuesday 14 th July
School Closes		Friday 17 th July
2026-2027 Dates		
School Reopens	For pupils	Tuesday 8 th September
Natalie Sinderson - Family Help Drop in		Tuesday 29 th September 0840-1000
FS2 September 2027 Starters Open Evening		Monday 12 th October 1600-1700

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