



Howden Church of England Infant School

Newsletter 36 - 26th June 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a scorcher! We hope all of our families have managed to stay safe and well during the hot weather.

Our staff have been fantastic in finding creative ways to help children stay cool and comfortable. There's been plenty of *water play* happening across classes, giving children a chance to have fun while cooling off. Teachers have also built in extra *indoor breaks* so everyone can take a breather from the heat. One of the children's favourite ideas has been the use of *tray footbaths* - a simple but brilliant way to cool down and have a giggle at the same time!

We would really value your input as we look ahead. Please keep an eye out for a Parent Voice request that will be shared via email soon. This will focus on the types of *experiences and opportunities* you would like us to consider for the children at Howden Infants. Your feedback will help shape what we offer in the future.

As we head into the weekend, I wish you all a safe and sunny time.
Warm regards,

Antonia Purdue
Headteacher

TREE TEAM POINTS			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
75	81	80	88

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

 Curiosity 	Lucy - Hedgehogs
 Family 	Ralph - Hedgehogs
 Nurture 	Joudi - Rabbits
 Respect 	Jamie - Foxes
 Joy 	Lila - Badgers

CLASS STARS

Badgers	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
					
	Benji	Zachary	Amelia	Rupert	

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

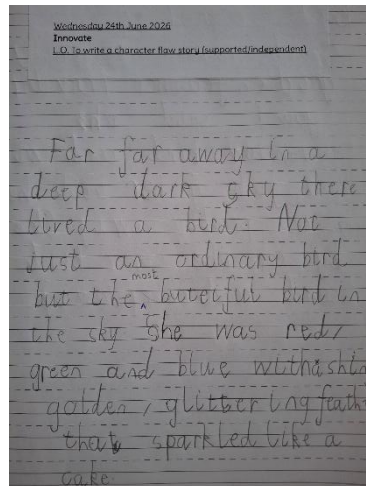
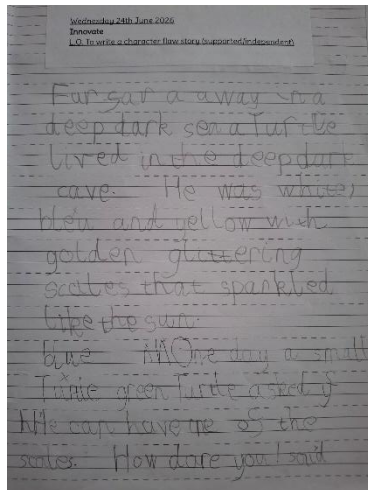
Oscar G - Alys - Edward H - Edie - Dylan - Evelyn - Harry H - Georgie W -
Enzo - Emily S - Polly - Woody
Weekly meeting with Mrs Rich on Tuesdays during school time

What's been happening....

FS2

- We are very proud of how well the children have managed this week during the heat wave.
- We have enjoyed sharing stories and learning new songs.
- The children have been sharing with us what they have enjoyed in their first year at school.
- The children have enjoyed playing with the water and exploring shadows outside.

Year 1



- Year 1 have been absolutely incredible this week. They have managed the heat exceptionally well and have continued to work very hard.
- In writing we have been innovating our own story inspired by the 'Rainbow Fish'.
- In Maths we have finished learning about 'Money' and have moved on to direction and position.
- In our Big Idea learning about plants and the different parts of them. We have been drawing diagrams and labelling them.
- We hope you all have a wonderful restful weekend.

Year 2

- What a week it has been. We're extremely proud of how the children have coped in the heat.
- This week we've been learning about polygons, what they are and what they're not. We've also started to look at which polygons have a line of symmetry.
- In writing lessons, we've continued to learn our model text whilst learning about adverbial phrases and how to use them.
- During this week's big idea lesson, we've started to learn about Grace O'Malley, the pirate queen.
- This week the children have also been very excited to start rehearsing our songs ready for the Year 2 leavers worship.

Y2 Leavers Assembly

Please can all Y2 parents let us know their preference for the Y2 Leavers Assembly performance times - via the google form sent out on Wednesday.

HOT WEATHER



Please apply sunscreen in the morning before school.
You can send in labelled sunscreen which your child can reapply themselves - under supervision.

Sun Hats

We are hoping to partner with Sun Safe Schools in the near future.

Their recommendation is that where possible:

Children should wear broad-brimmed, bucket style or legionnaire style hats

Thank you for your support

Keys Dates Going Forward		
Celebration Assemblies	You will be informed by email if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.	Fridays 0855
Y2 Open Evening	At Howden Junior School	Wednesday 1 st July 1530-1600
Reports go home	Next Years classes announced	Friday 3 rd July
Whole School Transition Day		Thursday 9 th July
Y2 Leavers Assembly	0915 & 1530 Y2 parents invited - please complete googleform by 1 st July.	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



July 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

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

