



# Hensall Community Primary School Newsletter - 13th February 2026

We hope you enjoy reading about the things we have been up to over the last few weeks and catching up on other school news. On Friday 13th February, we break up for a one week half term holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school when we reopen on Monday 23rd February.

We ask for your continued patience around the standing water on the playground. When we join the trust later this term, we will engage with their Estates team to consider a long-term solution. The water table is so saturated at the moment with prolonged heavy rain. Our playground is the lowest part of the school grounds and notably lower than surrounding fields and acts as a bowl to collect and hold surrounding water. Previous works installing a new drain by North Yorkshire some time ago has not improved the displacement of the water. We intend to speak to the Drainage Board for advice on what we can do to help with this issue. They have helped at Chapel Haddlesey School in the past, where we have similar issues, by clearing dykes in the area and checking the soakaway drains.

## [Young Voices Concert 2026](#)

Our children in the Young Voices Choir had the most amazing day and night at Young Voices in Sheffield, filling the air with their enthusiasm, energy and musical talent. It was heartwarming

to see everyone return to school with such bright smiles and fantastic memories. Thank you for your support in making this experience possible.



## Year 6 - Swimming Gala

On Tuesday 10th February, seven children from Year 6 attended a swimming tournament at Tadcaster Swimming Pool competing against other local primary schools. The children all performed amazingly and showed great determination in a range of strokes. Well done to all of our Year 6 swimmers for winning this event! 🏊 🏊 🏊 🏆



## Year 5 and 6 - Sports Hall Athletics

On Friday, children from Years 5 and 6 attended a Sports Hall Athletics competition at Read School in Drax. All children showed great courage, determination and teamwork to succeed. The adults were amazed by the children's efforts and their hard work paid off as Hensall were crowned the winners! Well done to all involved!







## Oak Class - Authors

In Oak class this term, we became authors writing our own stories. We did an amazing job planning, writing and publishing our stories. The children worked really hard to produce work that they are really proud of. We shared our stories with each other and with Mrs Lindley, who was very impressed! All the team in Oak class are so proud of every child's work with this.



## Willow Class - Juice

In Willow Class the children have been making fresh orange juice as part of their cafe. This also links to their writing book 'Little Red' by Lynn Roberts. The class also discussed what a citrus fruit was and why it is sour!



## World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

We are excited to announce that World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5th March and this year we're celebrating it with a 'Bedtime Story' theme! We would like all children to come

to school dressed in their pyjamas, Oodles, dressing gowns etc. No slippers please (and make sure your child can manage their outfit easily when needing the loo!)

To mark the occasion, we are relaunching our Bug Club online reading library, giving children access to a wide range of engaging digital books they can enjoy both in school and at home. Bug Club supports reading for pleasure and helps children build confidence and independence as readers.

Throughout the day, children will enjoy reading-focused activities and opportunities to explore the Bug Club platform together.

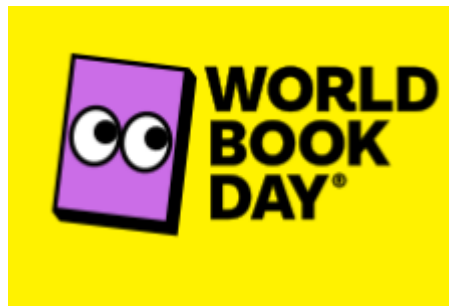
We can't wait to see the school buzzing with brilliant readers! Thank you, as always, for your continued support in encouraging a love of reading.

In addition to this, the FHS are proud to present... ✨ **HENSALL WONDER BARS!** ✨

Inspired by a certain chocolate factory 🧐 🍫 ...Will your child be one of the lucky ones to find a **GOLDEN TICKET?** ✨ 🎟

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Look out for further information. We will be sending out a separate letter about this today.



## Afternoon Tea for our wonderful FHS

Last month, Ms Keeler hosted an afternoon tea at our school for the fundraising committee members from across the Federation. Fourteen parents attended from the federation schools. It was a great opportunity to share ideas and talk about what we can do in the year ahead to fundraise, aiming to give the children from our family of schools memorable experiences in the year ahead.

To say 'thank you' to our wonderful FHS team, children from Year 6 decorated some beautiful thank you cards.

## Spring Parents Evenings

**Here are the dates for the Spring Parents Evenings for all Classes except Rowan (Mrs Hutchinson)**

Tuesday 3rd March, 2026 - 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm

Thursday 5th March, 2026 - 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm

**Here are the dates for the Spring Parents Evenings for Rowan class only (Mrs Hutchinson)**

Monday 9th March, 2026 - 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm

Wednesday 11th March, 2026 - 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm

A letter with full instructions on how to book your slot will be sent to all parents when we return from the half term break.

## Important Reminders - Safety in our School



### **SAFETY IN OUR SCHOOL**

#### **Playground and playing on equipment**

We would like to remind parents and children travelling to school on a bike or scooter to dismount at the playground gates and walk across the playground to the bike sheds. This applies to all year groups and their family members and is to keep everyone safe.

We would also ask that dogs are not brought on to the playground.

At pick up and drop off times, we would like to ask all parents to keep their children close to them at all times. Children should not be allowed to play on the school playground equipment during these times.

Our school and its ground are a smoke and vape free zone.

### **Parking and wearing of Seat Belts**

We would like to remind all parents to park considerately and to drive and manoeuvre with care around our school. Please do not park on the staff car park (unless extenuating circumstances have been agreed with the school). Please do not park on the private road between the school and the church, on the zigzag lines outside of the school or on the pavement opposite school. We have received several reports of parents stopping in the middle of the road to let children out! Please help to keep all of our children safe.

We have also received reports of children travelling in cars without seat belts. We would like to remind parents of the laws around car seats and seat belts here: [Child Seatbelt Guidance for Parents](#)

### **Late Arrival at School and Appointments**

This is a reminder that the school doors open for children at 8:45 am and close again at 9:00 am when our gates will also be locked. Children arriving after 9:00 am must be signed in by a parent/carer at the main entrance and will be marked as late in our register.

If your child needs to miss school during the day for an appointment (Doctors, Dentists, Opticians etc.), evidence, either a letter or text for example, should be provided to the school office for the absence. We ask that such appointments be made outside of school times whenever possible.

Our Attendance Policy can be found on our website here: [Pupil Attendance](#)

### **Head Bumps**

If your child receives a minor head bump at school, parents will be informed by text to alert them to the bump note and head bump information placed in your child's bag. If your child receives a more severe bump, we will contact you by telephone.

### **Uniform, PE Kits and PE Safety**

**We encourage a sense of belonging and pride by asking that all children wear the correct school uniform. Please ensure that each item of uniform is labelled. It is difficult for us to return items to children if the item is not named. We would like to remind all parents of what is acceptable within school:**

#### **Our uniform consists of:**

- White shirt or red or white polo-shirt (logo optional)
- Black or grey trousers or knee length shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan (logo optional)
- White, grey or black socks or tights
- Sensible black shoes (**no trainers**) that can be fastened easily
- Red and white checked summer dress (optional)
- Warm, waterproof outdoor coat (as necessary)

#### **For PE your child will need:**

- Black shorts (plain, no logo or stripes)
- Black joggers and hoody (with the school logo or plain, no other promotional logo or stripes) for cold weather
- School T-shirt in your child's House Colour – blue, red, green or purple
- Pumps or plain trainers for outdoor P.E.
- We ask that children who have long hair wear it fastened back in a bobble and headwear is conservative (no large flowers, cat ears etc.).

### **Nail Varnish and Make Up**

We are seeing an increase in children wearing false nails, nail varnish and make up in school. Please can these be saved for weekends and holidays, these should not be worn for school.

### **Where can I buy school uniform?**

Many items of uniform, such as sweatshirts and cardigans with the school logo and coloured P.E. T-shirts can be purchased from The Uniform shop, Pasture Road, Goole (Tel. 01405 763071)

[www.theschooluniformshop.co.uk](http://www.theschooluniformshop.co.uk)

Alternatively, any supermarket or clothing store should stock the items of clothing that are on our list of school uniform.

We have received updated guidance from NYC about the wearing of jewellery in PE, swimming, and PE-based after-school clubs. All jewellery including watches, bracelets and earrings **MUST** either be removed at home before coming into school or before the activity starts by the child themselves in school.

*The National guidance has always been that no jewellery should be worn in PE and that includes swimming and physical activity. It is not safe to cover earrings / studs / sleepers with tape. The reason is both because of the potential tearing of the ear lobe, but also the chance that the post of the earring could damage the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain. There have been cases of children wearing earrings / studs with plasters over being hit by a ball or coming off worse in a collision and having nasty injuries as a consequence.*

### **Show & Tell and Toys in school**

We are seeing an increasing number of toys, loom band etc. being brought in to school. Children do not need to bring their own toys into school. Everything they need throughout the school day will be provided for the children. If children need to bring in a toy for any reason, the class teacher will send a message to parents.

Children can bring items in to school for Show and Tell. These should be limited to certificates and trophies/awards or photographs from a special event or holiday.

Other items such as lip balms, sunglasses, throat sweets etc. can also cause a distraction in school. Please speak to a member of staff if there is a medical reason why such items should be in school and we can arrange for these to be kept safely until needed.

## SchoolCycled!

Thank you so much for continuing to collect your plastic bottle tops for our SchoolCycled project. We have now filled five huge boxes! These have been returned towards our rewards. For every kilo we collect, we earn 250 Earth Tokens which can be exchanged for furniture, play equipment etc. Our school councillors will decide what we are collecting for at their next meeting. In the meantime, please keep collecting and sending these in! More information about this reward scheme can be found here: [SchoolCycled](#)



Upcoming Diary Dates (New dates added in bold)

- Monday 23rd February at 08:45 am – School reopens to all children
- **Tuesday 3rd March, 2026 - 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm - Spring Parents Evenings for all Classes except Rowan (Miss Hutchinson)**
- Wednesday 4th March – Class Photographs
- **Thursday 5th March, 2026 - 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm - Spring Parents Evenings for all Classes except Rowan (Miss Hutchinson)**
- Thursday 5th March, 2026 – World Book Day
- **Monday 9th March, 2026 - 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm - Spring Parents Evenings for Rowan class only (Miss Hutchinson)**
- **Wednesday 11th March, 2026 - 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm - Spring Parents Evenings for Rowan class only (Miss Hutchinson)**
- Friday 20th March 2026 – Red Nose Day 2026 (more details to follow)
- Friday 27th March at 3:30 pm - School closes for the Easter break
- Monday 13th April - School closed for staff training
- Tuesday 14th April – School reopens for all pupils
- Tuesday 21st April at 9:00 am – Bag2School Collection
- Monday 27th to Tuesday 28th April, 2026 – Y4 Residential to PGL Dearne Valley
- Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday (School closed to all pupils)
- **Thursday 21st May, 1:30 to 3:30 pm - Sports Day (All welcome to attend)**
- Friday 22nd May at 3:30 pm – School closes for the half-term break
- Monday 1st June - School closed for staff training
- Tuesday 2nd June – School reopens for all pupils
- **Thursday 4th June 1:30 to 3:30 pm Reserve Sports Day (in the event of rain on 21st May)**
- Wednesday 8th July to Friday 10th July, 2026 – Y6 Transition Days at The Snaith School
- Friday 17th July – FHS Colour Run Event (more information to follow)
- Friday 17th July at 3:30 pm – School closes for the summer

## Dates for the Academic Year 2026/2027(New dates added in bold)

- Monday 7th September, 2026 - School closed for staff training
- Tuesday 8th September, 2026 – School reopens for all pupils
- Wednesday 23rd September – Individual, Sibling and Family Photographs
- Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th September, 2026 – Y6 Residential to PGL Dearne Valley
- Wednesday 4th November at 9:00 am – Bag2School Collection

## Online Safety

Tuesday 10th February was Safer Internet Day and the theme this year 'Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

Please see the letter here which is full of information and links to some useful resources [Safer Internet Day - 10th February, 2026](#)

## Local News and Events



North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

# ENSEMBLES PROJECT DAYS

**15 March**  
**19 April**  
**14 June**  
**20 June**

**10am - 3pm**

The Regen Centre  
Landing Lane  
YO19 6PW

**Play an instrument?**  
**Love making music with others?**

Come and be part of our Instrumental Ensemble Days

A fantastic opportunity to rehearse, perform, and develop your ensemble skills with other musicians from across North Yorkshire and York in a supportive and welcoming environment.

Ensemble Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York above grade 2 on their instrument.

For more details, email: [Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk)

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# VOCAL PROJECT DAYS



**7 March  
18 April  
16 May  
20 June**

**10am - 3pm**

**Love to sing?  
Want to perform with others?**

**Come and be part of our new Vocal Groups**

A fun and inspiring space for young and aspiring singers from across North Yorkshire and York to rehearse, learn, and grow together.

For more details, email: [Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk)



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Esrick C of E Primary School  
Carr Lane  
YO19 6JQ

Vocal Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York in Years 4 to 13





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# ARTS & CRAFTS

Enhance Your Child's Confidence and Creativity

Enroll your child in our arts and crafts sessions, specifically designed for children aged 5 to 15. These sessions offer an excellent opportunity for young learners to develop their creative abilities and acquire new skills and techniques. Guided by a teacher, participants will engage in projects that stimulate imagination and foster self-expression. Secure your spot today and observe your child's skills and talents flourish!

**Every Sunday**

**MARCH**

**1**

**10:30 - 12:00**  
**12:15 - 13:45**  
**14:00 - 15:30**

**Balne Parish Room**

For more information and to book:

 [annie@apdr.org.uk](mailto:annie@apdr.org.uk)  
**07808184392**

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## Useful Links

Homework Policy: [Homework Policy](#)

Term Dates 2025-2026: [Term Dates 2025-26](#)

Attendance Policy: [Pupil Attendance](#)

Behaviour Policy: [Behaviour Policy](#)

Parental Conduct: [Parent, Carer & Visitor Behaviour Policy](#)

The school has many policies and procedures; you will find some of the more important ones listed on our website here: [School Policies](#) If you cannot find what you are looking for, please contact the school office.

## Useful Contacts


### **Kid's Corner – Breakfast Club and After School Club**

**Breakfast Club from 7.00am and After-School Club to 6.00pm in partnership with Kids Corner.** Booking links can be found here: [Wraparound Care Bookings](#)

## Contact us

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