**Autumn Term – Newsletter 5 – 12th November 2026**

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Dear Parents/Carers



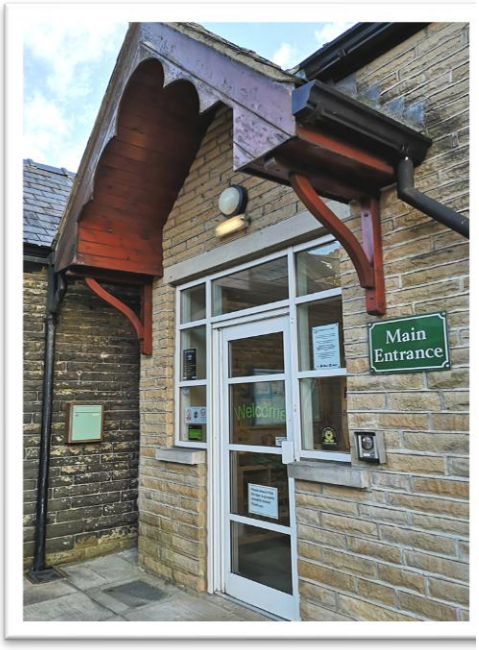
As the days grow shorter and the nights draw in, we look forward to a wonderful season filled with special traditions, celebrations and opportunities for learning. Throughout the coming weeks, our Nursery and Infant children will be immersed in a variety of events and celebrations that help them understand the world around them and the rich diversity within our community.

At our school, we believe it is important for children to learn about celebrations that they may take part in themselves, as well as those celebrated by others. This helps to foster the values of respect, tolerance and understanding that we are so proud of. By sharing different traditions and cultures, we help our children appreciate the uniqueness of every individual and family.

As we approach the end of the year, there will be many exciting events and activities for children and families to enjoy. We understand that work commitments and family schedules can sometimes make it difficult to attend school events. Therefore, where appropriate, we are very happy for another family member or trusted adult to attend on your child's behalf so that they can still share in these special moments.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating together and creating many happy memories in the weeks ahead.

**Kind regards,**
**Mrs N Jablonski,**
**Head Teacher**




## Dates for your diary

**Friday 13th November** Children in Need – 'Challenge Yourself' – see newsletter article.

**Monday 16th November** Odd Sock Day in support of Anti-Bullying week.

**Thursday 19th November** Neon Disco; EYFS 4.00-5.00pm / KS1 5.15-6.15pm. **NB No Sports Stars after-school club this afternoon**

**Thursday 26th November** Flu Vaccine Nasal Spray (Reception to Y2)

**Friday 27th November** Non Uniform Day in exchange for a Raffle/Tombola prize

**Wednesday 2nd December** Reception Class Christmas Crafternoon 1.30-3.00pm

**Monday 7th December** Dance Afterschool Club showcase 3.45pm

**Wednesday 9th December** Nursery Class Christmas Crafternoon 1.30-3.00pm

**Thursday 10th December** Christmas Jumper Day Reindeer Run – info coming soon

## Nursery Enrolment Now Open for January 2027

Please share with friends and family of 3 and 4 year olds.

Should any of our existing families with children in Nursery wish to increase their child's attendance pattern from January, please contact Caroline in the school office to discuss your requirements.




## Reception 2027

Should you know of any families looking for a school Reception place for September 2027, please share with them details of our upcoming Open Afternoon.




## PTFA (Parent, Teacher & Friends Association) Fundraiser

Tickets are now on sale from the school office. For families who do not drop off or pick up due to other commitments, requests for tickets, along with payment, can be sent into school on an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class.

**Please note; on this evening our Sports Stars After School Club will not be running to allow the school hall to be set up for the Disco.**



## Children in Need: Challenge Yourself!




On **Friday 13th November**, we will be recognising **BBC Children in Need Day** and celebrating the fantastic work the charity does to support children and young people across the UK.

This year's theme is **"Challenge Yourself"**, and we are inviting our children to take on a colourful challenge by coming to school wearing **as many different colours as they can!** We hope this fun and vibrant challenge will encourage children to think about how they can challenge themselves while learning about the importance of helping others.

While we will not be collecting donations in school, as we already support a number of charitable causes throughout the year, we are proud to join in with this national day of recognition and raise awareness of the valuable work carried out by Children in Need. We look forward to seeing a rainbow of colours brightening up our school! 🌈



## Exploring Expression and Emotion in KS1

**Our KS1 children have been developing their speaking and listening skills by exploring how expression can change the meaning of what we say.**

After discussing different emotions and how they can be conveyed through voice, the children practised reading sentences in a variety of ways, including happy, angry, brave and scared. Using iPads, they recorded themselves and listened back to their performances, reflecting on how they could adapt and improve their delivery.



This activity helped the children build confidence, develop their communication skills and understand how tone, pace and expression bring words to life.

## Bonfire-Themed Lunch Treat

To kick off the excitement ahead of this week's Bonfire Night celebrations, our children enjoyed a special bonfire-themed lunch in the school dining hall.

The menu was a big hit, featuring tasty hot dogs and delicious baked potatoes, giving everyone a warm and comforting meal to enjoy. The themed lunch helped create a lovely festive atmosphere and added to the anticipation of the celebrations taking place this week.



A huge thank you to **Becki and Natalia** for all their hard work in preparing and serving the lunch. Their efforts are always greatly appreciated, and they helped make the occasion extra special for our pupils.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Bonfire Night!









## School Council Delivers Harvest Donations to CART



Recently, School Council representatives **Mabel and Jaiya** proudly delivered the remaining Harvest Festival donations to **CART (Christian African Relief Trust)** in Huddersfield.

During their visit, they learned more about how the charity supports vulnerable communities both locally and internationally. Mabel and Jaiya gained a greater understanding of the importance of helping others, the challenges many people face in accessing basic necessities, and how donations from our school community can make a real difference to families in need.

They were interested to hear about the journey of the donations and how CART works to distribute food, clothing and essential supplies to those who need them most. The visit helped them appreciate the positive impact that acts of kindness and generosity can have on people's lives.

We are incredibly proud of Mabel and Jaiya for representing the school so well and would like to thank all our families for their generous Harvest donations. Your support has helped us make a meaningful contribution to the work of CART and the communities they serve.

## Handwashing Workshop Helps Children Stay Healthy



Last week, we were pleased to welcome the **Kirklees Infection Prevention and Control Team** into school to deliver an engaging and informative handwashing workshop for our children. The session highlighted the importance of effective handwashing in helping to prevent the spread of germs and illnesses, particularly during the colder months when coughs, colds and other infections are more common. Children learned the correct handwashing technique and discussed when it is important to wash their hands throughout the day.



One of the most memorable parts of the workshop was a practical experiment using pepper, water and soap. The children observed how the glitter represented germs and saw first-hand how soap helps to break down and remove them. This simple but powerful demonstration helped reinforce the importance of washing hands thoroughly and regularly.

The workshop was both educational and fun, and the children enjoyed taking part in the activities while learning valuable life skills.

## Odd Socks Day Celebrates Our Differences!




On **Monday 16th November**, children and staff will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** as part of **Anti-Bullying Week**. By wearing odd socks, we will be celebrating the message that **we are all different, and that is something to be proud of**.

Throughout the day, children will take part in activities linked to kindness, respect and inclusion, helping them to understand that everyone is unique and deserves to be treated with care and respect.

In **EYFS**, children will explore similarities and differences between themselves and others, sharing what makes them special. These activities support learning within **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, encouraging children to build positive relationships and develop respect for others.

In **Key Stage 1**, children will take part in discussions and activities linked to **PSHE** and **British Values**, considering how our differences make our community stronger. They will explore the importance of kindness, empathy and standing up against bullying.

We look forward to a colourful day of odd socks as we celebrate individuality and continue to promote a school culture where everyone feels valued, respected and proud to be themselves. 🧦💙




### Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 27th November, we invite children to attend school wearing clothes other than school uniform.

In exchange, we are kindly asking for donations of Raffle or Tombola prizes for our school's Christmas Raffle and Tombola.

As always, thank you for your

**Remembrance Day** This week our children have been learning about Remembrance Day and the importance of remembering our fallen heroes of war. Our School Councillors have been selling poppy merchandise to raise funds for the Royal British Legion and would like to thank everyone who has donated.




On Tuesday 11th November, our Year 2 children, along with our School Council representatives, attended a service at the village Cenotaph. They proudly laid a wreath on behalf of the school in tribute to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in conflicts past and present, and as a sign of hope for a peaceful future.




## Dogs on School Site Reminder



We would like to remind all families that dogs should not be brought onto the school premises, including the school grounds, playgrounds, and reception area, unless they are registered assistance dogs.

This is to help us maintain a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for all children, staff, and visitors. Some children have allergies to dogs, while others may feel anxious or frightened around them. Restricting dogs from the school site also helps us maintain high standards of hygiene and safety throughout the school day.

We appreciate that many of our families are dog owners and thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep our school environment safe and comfortable for everyone.

## Dance Club Showcase




Parents and carers of children who attend our **After School Dance Club** are warmly invited to join us for a special **Dance Club Showcase** on **Monday 7th December at 3.45pm**.

Throughout the term, the children have worked hard to learn and practise a variety of dance routines, developing their confidence, coordination and performance skills along the way. We would love for families to come and celebrate their achievements as they perform the dances they have been learning each week.

The showcase will last approximately **30 minutes** and will be a wonderful opportunity to see the children's enthusiasm, progress and talent on display.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing their fantastic performances! 💃🕺✨









**School Flu Vaccination Programme**

Consent REQUIRED

We would like to inform parents and carers that the **Locala School Nursing Team** will be vi siting school on **Thursday 26th November** to administer the **flu vaccine** to children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**.

The vaccine is given as a quick and painless **nasal spray**, helping to protect children against seasonal flu and reduce the spread of infection within our school community.

To provide consent or decline his invitation, please use this link

https://www.manage-vaccinations-in-schools.nhs.uk/consents/tIDqB3LuNs/flu/start

