

Our Ref: HP2264

17 December 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Hunsley Primary Newsletter

Season's Greetings! I do hope that this final Newsletter of 2025 finds you well and avoiding the winter bugs out there. And maybe, even, nearly ready for the holiday season.

It's a pleasure to send you all best wishes for a happy, restful and peaceful time over the next couple of weeks and into the New Year ahead. Last week, in Year 5 RE, we were thinking about Christmas peace and what that might mean, not just for us, but for people around the world. I was so impressed with Year 5 when they talked about peace between countries, communities and friends, reminding each other that peace begins with themselves - very grown-up thinking!

It is unusual for us to finish term on a Thursday, so I also hope everyone has made a note not to come in this Friday! This morning, the children have all been in the hall, an avid audience watching the school guitarists and Mrs Fountain from the East Riding music service, demonstrating their skills and leading their friends in a round of Christmas songs. It's a testament to their practice and hard work when they perform. Well done, Hunsley guitar-players. We also enjoyed Mrs Russell's Christmas assembly yesterday – a reminder about the importance of kindness, no matter the time of year.

I do hope that you had a chance to see the Christmas trees at the Elloughton Village Hall event last week. The children's bluebirds looked brilliant. And you might have received a Christmas tree of your own from school last week, too. It's a tradition we keep each year with our new pupils and our friends at North Cave: a tree for each family to look after and keep at home, in a pot or the garden, over the years. We also like to hear updates on trees, so if you have a thriving example, why not take a photo and send it in?

I was delighted to see entries for the engineering challenge I set in the Newsletter, recently: Buddy Bots and Doodle Buddies stood out as being super examples from the creative and imaginative minds we have here. I like to think about the jobs our children will do in the future – jobs which maybe have not even been invented yet! Well done to the engineers taking part – your commitment and attention to detail were great and I had fun checking out what the models can do!

May I extend my thanks to you all on behalf of the team for the end of term cards, gifts and wishes – you are really kind to send these in and we thank you all for your thoughtfulness and generosity. So, a final Happy Christmas, Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings – and a heartfelt Happy New Year to you all. We look forward to seeing the children in January!

Yours sincerely,





Lucy Hudson
Headteacher

Don't forget, we are social! Follow us on 

Statutory assessment periods
An important reminder!
Please add to your calendar.

The dates to be aware of are as follows:

Phonics Screening Check: 8 June 2026 - 12 June 2026
Year 1 (plus Year 2 pupils who did not pass their Check in 2025)

Multiplication Tables Check: 1 June 2026 to 12 June 2026
Year 4

Key Stage 2 SATS: 11 May 2026 to 14 May 2026
Year 6

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

The countdown is on to apply for your school place at Hunsley Primary!

Calling All Little Brothers and Sisters

We want to give a quick shout-out to any of our current HP families who have a child already at Hunsley and a younger, pre-school aged sibling coming up. Please do let the school know if you would like us to add their details to our Register of Interest list for Reception 2026 and beyond - this will help ensure that you get communications in relation to Admissions, as well as our usual emails.



time to start school

Important Dates – further information about the applications process can be found on our website -

<https://www.hunsleyprimary.org.uk/admissions/>

15 January 2026 Closing date for 'on-time' applications for Reception

16 April 2026 National Offer Day for Reception

If your child was born between
1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022
and you live in East Riding you should apply now for a school place to start infant or primary school from September 2026

Apply for a school place by no later than 15 January 2026 at www.eastriding.gov.uk/apply-for-a-school-place

Applications can be made on smartphones, tablets or desktops by registering an email address and completing the online form on our Citizen Portal. Application information and advice is available in our Guide for Parents. The benefits of applying online include an email with the results on National Offer Day - 16 April 2026.

If you can't apply online, you can ask for an application form from the School Admissions team and return it to County Hall, Beverley or to any East Riding Customer Service Centre by 15 January.

School Admissions
schooladmissions@eastriding.gov.uk
01482 392100



East Riding of Yorkshire Council – Admissions information

The closing date for primary applications is 15 January 2026. Once this date has passed, please contact the School Admissions team.

To access the online portal, please visit -https://emsonline.eastriding.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

ALL YEAR GROUPS

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING FOCUS

Don't forget, the school team is working with Gary Kirkwood, Family Support Co-ordinator from the East Riding team, to provide help and signposting for families who would like to access information and support. If you would like to know more about the help on offer at school, from our ELSA to Helen Byass (MIND) to Gary's work, too, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

The Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal

Thank you to our families for purchasing Poppy Appeal items. We have received confirmation of the amount that we have raised for this appeal and are pleased to share this with you. Together, you raised £295.95 for the charity. We received a ‘thank you’ from the charity for your contributions.



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Grant

All children in Key Stage One (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to take up a daily free school meal as part of the Universal Free School Meals for Infants national initiative. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are not entitled to this free school meal initiative, as they are in Key Stage 2. However, some children may still be eligible for Free School Meals in relation to the benefits their family receives.

Eligibility for free school meals also determines whether the school itself receives the Government's 'Pupil Premium Grant', so it is beneficial to the school to be aware of your child's eligibility during Key Stage 1, as well as Key Stage 2. The Grant helps the school to provide fully for the children to enable them to meet their full potential. **Please be aware that the free school meal entitlement is not automatically awarded and must be applied for by the parent/carer.**

To find out if your child is eligible, the benefits team at your Local Authority can process your claim by telephone or alternatively you can complete the online form at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. If your child is eligible, you will receive confirmation from your Local Authority within 10 days. Upon receipt of this, please notify the school.

PE clothes for school sessions

Please can we remind families that, after the New Year, we would ask you to send your child in their normal uniform on PE days and then they will change into their kit in school. A reminder too that earrings must be removable for PE and children should not attend wearing earrings on PE days if they are unable to remove them independently. Thank you!

Christmas Jumper donations and pre-loved uniform

You'll maybe have spotted the Christmas jumpers which are available to take in the foyer – these are pre-loved and ready for a new owner! If you would like to give one a new home, please do pop in. If you have a donation to spare, please feel free, but there is no fixed cost. Do drop by to pick one up in time for the last day of term. They all have to go!

We are also still taking donations if you have any spare jumpers at home – spare school uniform jumpers and cardigans, or even spare Christmas jumpers to swap. You can collect a spare cardigan / jumper or two from our pre-worn collection in the foyer this week – they are there to be taken, as we want them to go to new homes 😊

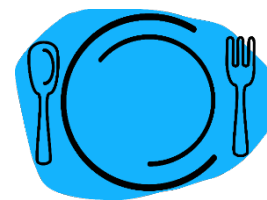
Christmas Card Postbox

We are impressed by the number of cards which have arrived in our HP Post Box! We will be opening it up and delivering the cards this week and you still have time until the end of the day on Thursday.



Spring Term Lunch Menu

The Spring term lunch menu has been uploaded to the 'Useful Downloads' section of our website. As always, if you have any questions about our meal provision please do get in touch - <https://www.hunsleyprimary.org.uk/parent-info/useful-downloads/>



Term-Time Absence Requests

Please send in any term-time absence requests (including holiday requests) at least 2 weeks prior to your child's planned absence. This gives Mrs Hitchin time to process the forms, and all forms must be processed prior to the absence as we cannot authorise an absence retrospectively.

We also remind families of our hope that you will work in partnership with us to reduce school absence and increase consistent attendance. The Local Authority tracks unauthorised absences in tandem with the school, and we want to remind parents and carers that clusters of shorter holidays (e.g. long weekends) which accumulate to 10 sessions in 10 weeks over time are also a concern in terms of absence.

Ultimately, we would ask parents not to take any holidays in term time and to send your child to school regularly in support of our attendance policy. Thank you for helping the children to attend school and achieve their best outcomes.

SAVE THE DATE:

A festive poster for Hunsley Primary's Christmas Jumper Day. The top half is blue with white text: 'HUNSLEY PRIMARY CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER'. The Hunsley Primary logo 'HUNSLEY PRIMARY inspire-aspire' is in the top right. The bottom half has a green background with red holly leaves and berries. On the left is a white Christmas jumper with a tree. On the right, text reads: 'On the last day of term, Thursday 18 December, the children are welcome to come to school in their Christmas Jumpers, seasonal t-shirts with their normal uniform skirts, trousers, dresses or shorts. There is no donation needed for this event. Just for fun!' A black pushpin is at the top center.

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ParentLearn 2 – Thursday 15 January, 4.00pm – 5.00pm

On Thursday 15 January we will be holding our second ParentLearn session for this academic year. More details to follow after the holiday – please do come along, to find out how to help your child with their learning and to talk with the teachers – there will be activities for you and your child together, so we really hope you can take the opportunity to get involved.

Open Classroom – Thursday 22 January, 4.00pm – 5.45pm

On Thursday 22 January, we will be holding an in-person consultation event for our parents/carers to give you the opportunity to drop by, visit the classroom, chat with the class teacher about resources,

and to look at your child's books, work and learning displays. Parents/carers can drop into their child's classroom at any time between 4.00pm and 5.45pm.

Whilst it is not a Parents' Event for one-to-one conversations with the teacher about your child's academic progress, you are always welcome to get in touch via our 'enquiries' email, if you have specific questions to ask about your child and this gives you a chance to see what your child's books look like and share what they are learning.

We look forward to welcoming you to the school.



KS2 (YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6)

Arbor Meal Balances – School Lunches

Please can we send a polite reminder to the parents/carers of KS2 children who have a school dinner. If your child is not eligible for free school meals*, then the cost of a school dinner is £2.40. This amount is deducted from the Arbor meal balance and therefore parents/carers must ensure that they have topped up their child's account sufficiently to cover the cost. If your child continues to have a school dinner with not enough funds on the account, then a negative balance will be accrued.

We request that parents/carers check their child's meal account balance routinely. If there is a negative balance, please ensure a payment is submitted to clear this. We understand that financial circumstances differ for our parents/carers and would encourage you to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns about payment.

** As per the Free School Meals information above, in Key Stage 2, a free school meal cannot be given unless the school has been officially notified that the child is entitled to it. To find out if your child is eligible, the benefits team at your Local Authority can process your claim by telephone or alternatively you can complete the online form at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. If your child is eligible, you will receive confirmation from your Local Authority within 10 days. Upon receipt of this, please notify the school.*

The Engagement Platform - TEP parent / carer survey

Our doors are open for any parent / carer to come to talk with us - we would always encourage this to be in person and want you to feel able to talk to us whenever you need to get in touch. We also encourage our families to give broader feedback via our regular parent / carer surveys, the last one being in the first half of term.



This half term, we're partnering with a national platform (The Engagement Platform: TEP) which is a research-led tool to help us gather your feedback. We already use the TEP to capture the children's views and it has been really useful. I am sending you a link to be able to complete this parent / carer feedback survey. I appreciate you taking time to do this and in sharing your feedback with me.

Please follow this link to provide the feedback:

<https://questions.tep.uk/hunsley>

Please complete your survey feedback by **Wednesday 17th December 2025**

Thank you for your help in completing this questionnaire.

YEAR 6

East Riding Road Safety Team – Bikeability training sessions

We have recently sent a letter with regard to the above (Ref: HP2265). If you would like your child to participate in these sessions, please complete the online register of interest form by **Monday 12 January**.

If you have any questions, please let us know.



PARENT/CARER IDEAS TO SHARE

This section of our Newsletter is for suggestions/ideas that have been shared by our parents/carers. If you have a useful link or information that you feel is of benefit to our school community, please do let us know.

Smartphone Free Childhood - <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/about-us/our-mission>





Please find below the details and contact information for the clubs/tuition that take place at Hunsley Primary which are run by external providers.

Club	Year	Day	Time
Fit4Fun - 07983 575428 / 07736 934743 info@fit4fun.co	Year 1 - 6	Tuesday – Parkour Tuesday – Dodgeball Friday – Gymnastics	8.00am - 8.50am 3.30pm - 4.30pm 8.00am - 8.50am



Parkour

Day: Tuesday AM (Y1-Y6)

Time: 8.00 – 8.50

Price: £35.10 (6 Weeks)

Start: Tuesday 6th January

Dodgeball

Day: Tuesday PM (YR-Y6)

Time: 15.30 – 16.30

Price: £35.10 (6 Weeks)

Start: Tuesday 6th January

Gymnastics

Day: Friday AM (Y1-Y6)

Time: 8.00 – 8.50

Price: £35.10 (6 Weeks)

Start: Friday 9th January



Where?

Hunsley Primary School
Bluebird Way
Brough
HU15 1XB

Drop off point: Front entrance to the school
Pick up point: Front entrance to the school

Prices & Payment

Price Per Session: £5.85

Payments: Tax Free Childcare Vouchers,
BACS, Credit/Debit Card, Apple Pay

Please note that payments via credit/debit card will incur a processing fee through Class4Kids. TFC vouchers and BACS are free.



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More Info:

www.fit4fun.co/faq

info@fit4fun.co

[/fit4funonline](https://www.facebook.com/fit4funonline)

French Club - 07815 765989 / helenw@kidslingo.co.uk	KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6)	Tuesday	12.00 - 12.30pm
	Reception and KS1 (Y1 & 2)	Tuesday	12.30 – 1.00pm
Karen Briggs' Judo - 07875 651436	Rec – Y6	Thursday	8.00am – 8.45am

Dr Brigg's school of Judo has now finished for this term. The sessions will commence again on Thursday 15 January.

If you have any questions about the Judo sessions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Briggs - 07875651436

Kids Yoga Classes Cassie -07506 010337		Thursday	3.30pm – 4.15pm
East Riding Schools' Music Service (ERSMS) -01482 392680 schools.music@eastriding.gov.uk	Y1 – Y6	Wednesday – Violin, Guitar and Brass Thursday - Piano	Children are allocated a group by the ERSMS tutor – lessons take place during the school day

If you would like to express your child's interest in the ERSMS lessons, please email the school.

In addition to the above, we also offer the children the opportunity to join school run clubs and school partnership activities – for example choir, eco club and primary sporting events. The school will communicate with parents/carers details on how to enrol in these activities.

HUNSLEY PRIMARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Keep the date!

Please see below some key dates that you may wish to add to your calendar.

The school term dates can be found on our website -

<https://www.hunsleyprimary.org.uk/parent-info/term-dates/>



Thursday 18 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19 December – Monday 5 January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 6 January	School reopens for Pupils
Thursday 15 January	Closing date for 'on-time' applications for Reception
Thursday 15 January, 4pm – 5pm	Parentlearn 2
Thursday 22 January, 4pm – 6pm	Open Classroom Consultation
Wednesday 11 February, 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Whole School Stay and Play
Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 12 March, 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Whole School Stay and Play
Tuesday 17 March, 4pm – 7pm	In-Person Progress Event
Wednesday 18 March, 4pm – 7pm	Virtual Progress Event
Friday 27 March - Friday 10 April	Easter Holidays
Thursday 16 April	National Offer Days - Primaries
Thursday 7 May, 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Whole School Stay and Play
Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 14 July	Whole Transition Day
Tuesday 14 July, 4pm – 5pm	Parent Meet the Teacher Event

OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES / EVENTS / LINKS

This section of our newsletter contains information about out-of-school events, activities and links.



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Understanding your teenager's brain

Free online course for all parents, carers, and grandparents.

- Understanding your teenager's brain development in adolescence
- Reading your teenager's behaviour and understanding their feelings
- Reflecting on the importance of your relationship and how to nurture your teenager's emotional health



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Understanding your relationships

Free online course to follow in your own time to help understand your relationships and your emotional health.

- Understanding your emotions in your relationships
- Communicating feelings and expressing yourself
- Reading others behaviours and different communication styles
- Managing conflict, self-regulation and anger

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For teenagers

Free online courses to help you understand your feelings and brain development, to support your wellbeing

- **Understanding your brain** development and what this means for how you feel and behave
- **Understanding your feelings** your emotional health and how to nurture emotional wellbeing
- How your relationships and friendships may change and why —
- Written for teenagers with teenagers

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Trans Pennine Trail 2025 Christmas Holiday Activity Pack

The Trans Pennine Trail 2025 Christmas Holiday Activity Pack is bursting with festive fun for families and children and is available FREE to download from our website.

You'll find nature-themed challenges like a winter scavenger hunt, creative crafts such as making a bird feeder, and a delicious cake pop recipe to try at home. The pack also features sensory games, puzzles, and a heart-

warming story adventure with the Trail's friendly mascots, encouraging everyone to explore the great outdoors.

With colourful characters leading the way, this activity pack inspires kids to discover winter wildlife, get creative, and enjoy the magic of the outdoors. There are opportunities to share their adventures and to earn a digital certificate.

The packs are ideal for Key Stage 1 and 2, but there's something for everyone – whether you're a teacher, parent, or young explorer. They're perfect for use on the Trail, in your local park, or even indoors on a rainy day. Every pack is designed to help everyone learn, play, and make memories while exploring the outdoors.


The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. We'd obviously prefer parents to download the pack themselves so if you could share the link with them, it would be appreciated. But we can send out printed copies to people who don't have a printer or are unable to access the website if they get in touch with us.

Download it from our Children's page at: [TPT Activity Packs | Trans Pennine Trail](#) or by clicking the image below:



Tigers Trust Arena – Christmas Football Centre

 **Dates: Monday 22nd December – Wednesday 24th December**

 **Times: 10:00am – 3:00pm**

 **Venue: Tigers Trust Arena, West Park**

Our Christmas Football Centre offers children a fun, active and inclusive environment to enjoy football, develop their skills, make new friends, and stay active over the festive period. The sessions are led by our qualified Tigers Trust coaches, ensuring a safe and positive experience for all abilities.



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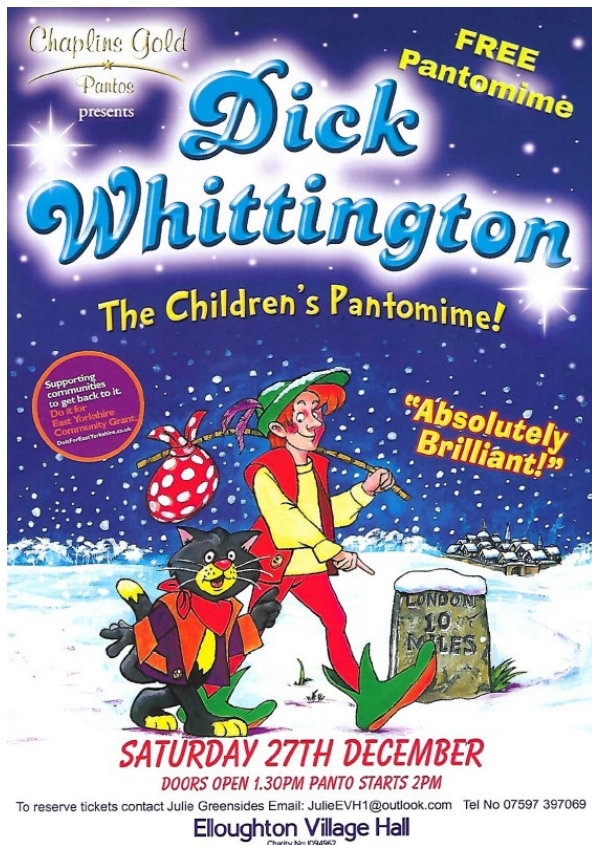
Christmas Football Centres

22ND - 24TH DECEMBER
TIGERS TRUST ARENA



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Healthy Holidays Hull - Martial Arts

We'll be running a selection of martial arts over the holiday period in Boxing, JiuJitsu, Kickboxing, MMA, Wrestling, Judo and much more.

Our page on Healthy Hols Hull website:

<https://www.healthyholidayshull.org/westhull>

Please follow this link for our google sign up form and more information:

<https://forms.gle/9mzntykGHYcakdnC6>