

Our Ref: HP2305

20 February 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Hunsley Primary Newsletter

I really hope that you all have had a lovely half term and that the children are raring to go with the new week ahead. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone again. There is a feeling of warmer weather in the air, perhaps even the early steps towards Spring!

I wanted to say a really big 'Thank you' and 'Well done' to Miss Hepburn, Mrs Gale and the South Hunsley Dancing Team, who delivered an amazing morning of **dance demonstrations and workshops** last week. The Hunsley Primary children also performed their own dance routines to a special audience, too. What a brilliant opportunity all-round to celebrate the creativity and skill of dance. Can't wait for the next one!

This week, the **Hunsley Primary Parent Partners** are launching '**Challenge 26**'. You might recall how well the children and their families engaged with Challenge 25, and how the HPPPs raised considerable funds towards school activities and resources last year. As you might know, the team are currently progressing with ordering the **Trim Trail** which will be built at the back of the school. We are really excited about this! Challenge 26 gives the children a chance to take part in a fundraising event their own way, setting themselves a challenge, working towards their own goal and having their hard work and input recognised by the HPPPs in a special Celebration Assembly. Laura Butcher, of the HPPPs, will be coming into school to launch the Challenge in assembly at the start of the new half term! Good luck to everyone taking part: we know you will do an amazing job!

As the half term progresses, I will be in touch with you all about the next consultation events and **Progress Evenings** and **Progress Reports**. We will continue to offer some face-to-face meetings and some online, to suit families, as requested in your feedback.

We also have our annual consultation for **Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)** and **Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE)** coming up, where you can ask questions, find out about curriculum we teach and learn more about the new national changes announced in 2025 for the teaching of PSHE / RSHE which come into place in 2026. We will continue to use the Jigsaw curriculum, to be sure that we are teaching a nationally awarded and benchmarked programme of high-quality resources. To find out more generally about Jigsaw, why not follow this link: [Jigsaw](#)

Please can I take this opportunity to wish you all a super half term ahead and to thank you for supporting your children and the school in all we do. Please can I encourage parents and carers to visit our [Policies](#) page on the website, to make sure you have all the information you need.

Don't forget to find out about **World Book Day** below and how you can support your child at home with their reading for pleasure!

Yours sincerely,



Lucy Hudson
Headteacher

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

A **really important** reminder about the significance of **regular attendance** at school and for all families to make sure your child is present in school throughout the national assessment periods detailed below. We recently sent out a summary of our **attendance, wellbeing and health** approaches, support and expectations. If you missed this, you can find it on our website, too: [Focus on Attendance and School Health](#).

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.

APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE – SEPTEMBER 2026?

The deadline for applying for a school place for Reception 2026 was the 15 January. If you have missed the deadline for any reason, please contact the Admissions Team who will be able to deal with your query.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council School Admissions – Contact Details

- schooladmissions@eastriding.gov.uk
- 01482 392100

ALL YEAR GROUPS

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING FOCUS

Stay and Play

It was great to see families at our Stay and Play on **Wednesday 11 February**. Thank you to Krishna Mistry for your demonstration session for Little Movers, too! Great for wellbeing and staying fit and active!

The next Stay and Play will be on **12 March**, so we really hope to see you then for a drink, a chat, some games and activities, and simply a chance to catch up.

Have a look below for the summer date, too!

Development on Brough South – Updates and reminders about safe access to Hunsley Primary and Bluebird Way

There will be a lot of increased activity on Brough South in terms of building work, deliveries and site traffic as we move into the next part of the school year. Next door to Hunsley Primary, and opposite Primrose House, building work is taking place in two locations, which will increase traffic and limit parking.

We have been seeking reassurances from the development companies involved that there are limitations on access times for delivery vehicles, to avoid those peak points in the day when children arrive and leave the site; however, we are also asking our families to take time to regularly remind the children (as we will do in school) of **safe pedestrian and road crossing behaviours**, especially for those older children walking to and from school without an adult.

Please ensure younger children are fully supervised when arriving at or leaving the site – they should not run ahead without their adults as this poses a risk to themselves and others; they should stay with their adult whilst leaving the site and on the journey home. Please can I also remind parents and carers to pass this message on to grandparents or other adults who drop off and pick up, who might not receive this Newsletter.

All adults arriving by vehicle and parking on Bluebird Way are advised to park carefully and thoughtfully, as there will be a reduction in parking / turning spaces when building work is taking place.

Thank you all for supporting school and helping to maintain the safety of our community.

Save the Date: Stay and Play!



World Book Day and the National Year of Reading, Thursday 5 March 2026 – A Message from Mrs Wicks

This year, we are looking into the world of Mr Men and Little Miss books for our **World Book Day** celebrations. Children will complete a range of fun activities throughout the day linked to storytelling and the theme "We Are All Different - Our School of Characters".

Following the feedback from the children last year (they loved getting to wear cosy clothes!) we invite the children to come to school in comfy clothes that help them to sit, relax and enjoy reading. They might want to wear PJs, joggers, jumpers or their school PE kit. If coming in PJs, please make sure your child has something warmer underneath. Also, please make sure children bring an outdoor coat with them and that if they have thicker jumpers etc they have suitable garments underneath, should they become too warm. Layers are the answer!

2026 has been designated the **National Year of Reading**, and we are excited to celebrate this at Hunsley Primary during World Book Day! Keep an eye out for reading activities throughout the year – we will be inviting in parents and carers to join in with some of these activities, too – watch this space.

For more information on how best to support your child's reading, you can read [5 Things You Need to Know About the National Year of Reading 2026](#) from the **National Literacy Trust**.

Don't forget that the day will end with the HPPP's discos, so your child may wish to get changed into a themed outfit for the disco event!

Happy By Nature – Steve Backshall Live Lessons for Key Stage 2 children

<https://www.wwf.org.uk/get-involved/schools/happy-by-nature/live-lessons>

We were so excited to get a special mention in Steve Backshall's live lesson last week! This was all thanks to Mrs Mutter and the Eco Team, who asked Mr Backshall a question about why Polar Bears looked white but have transparent fur! Steve said he thought this was a 'cracking question!' Well done, Eco Team 😊

After complimenting the children on their question, Steve then went on to answer! You can watch the recording of the live lesson to find out the answer and also learn more about life in the polar regions, by following the link above and looking for the Polar Regions Live Lesson!

And don't forget, it is International Polar Bear Day on the 27 February, a day our Eco team are certainly marking!

YEAR 1

Visit to Acorn Hollow

The children had a super time at Acorn Hollow last Friday! Thank you to our volunteers for supporting the event.

YEAR 2

Geography Walk – rearranged date

Mrs Gale and the team will be rearranging the walk date for Year 2 this week and will be in touch to update parents and carers on the new date in due course.

YEAR 6

Year 6 Residential – Payment deadlines and online medical consent form

We have recently sent a letter (Ref: HP2274) with regard to the payment deadlines and online medical consent form for the Year 6 Residential to Newby Wiske. The payment dates are as follows:

- Instalment 1 **£75** due by **13 February 2026**
- Instalment 2 **£75** due by **6 March 2026**
- Instalment 3 **£75** due by **3 April 2026**
- **Final balance payment £56.50** due by **1 May 2026**

Payments are to be made through the Arbor Parent Portal/App. If the level of contributions fails to cover the costs, then the visit may be cancelled. Where this happens, all monies will be returned.

The payment items can be found on the 'Activities: Trips' section of the Arbor Parent Portal/App under:

- **Year 6 Residential - Instalment Payments**
- **Year 6 Residential - Final Balance - 1 May 2026**

We understand that financial considerations may vary among families, and we are committed to working with you to make this opportunity accessible. If you have any concerns or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

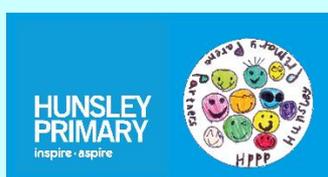
Year 6 – Middleton Hall, Hull University visit – Thursday 5 March 2026

We are excited to be taking Year 6 to watch South Hunsley students perform at Middleton Hall, Hull University, on the 5 March 2026. If you have not yet completed the consent form, please send that in.

This is one of the transition events we put on together with South Hunsley and the other Partnership Primary schools, to help the Year 6s gain a better idea of life at secondary school. We look forward to other events and activities lined up for the rest of the year!

For more information, please contact Mr Sloan via the 'enquiries' email address.

HUNSLEY PRIMARY PARENT PARTNERS (HPPP)



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Please see below upcoming events and activities run or supported by the Hunsley Primary Parent Partners.

Tuck Shops

Wednesday 25 March, 3.30pm

World Book Day Themed Disco

A poster for a World Book Day School Disco. The title 'World Book Day School Disco' is written in a cursive font at the top. Below it, the event details are listed: 'HUNSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY 5TH MARCH'. The schedule shows two time slots: '4.30 - 5.45. Reception. Yr 1. Yr 2.' and '6.00 - 7.15. Yr 3. Yr 4. Yr 5. Yr 6.'. The cost is listed as '£4.00 per child'. The poster also mentions 'Disco, games & prizes!' and encourages children to 'Come dressed as your favourite book character and enjoy a fun-filled time with friends.' Payment information is provided at the bottom: 'Please pay: Hunsley Primary Parent Partners 40-25-59 00242225 ref - child's first name and first initial of last name and class (example - laurab2)'. The poster is decorated with colorful disco balls and stacks of books.

Movie Nights

Thursday 19 March – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
 Thursday 26 March – Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
 Further details will be shared!

Sports Day followed by Party in the Park

Date TBC

Further details will be shared!

Summer Fayre

Saturday 3 July, 10.30am – 2.30pm

Further details will be shared!

Brough Fire Station Open Day

HPPP Tuck Shop and Facepainting

Saturday 20 June, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Challenge 2026

Launching week commencing 23 February 2026

Further details will be shared!

WHAT'S ON AT HUNSLEY PRIMARY



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

With the exception of the ERSMS tuition please contact the club providers directly if you are interested in finding out further information about the clubs.

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

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



Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 5 March	Year 6 visit to Middleton Hall
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 30 April	South Hunsley Partnership choir event
Thursday 7 May, 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Whole School Stay and Play
Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May	Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 10 June – Friday 12 June	Year 6 Residential – Newby Wiske
Thursday 9 July – Friday 10 July	Year 4 Residential
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.

Help Available - Gas & Electric:

Unity in Community will be providing vouchers to help towards paying for gas and electricity. To qualify you must pay for your energy through a prepayment meter and have not received energy vouchers from Unity in Community within the past 12 months. This is in response to the ongoing cost of living crisis and beneficiaries can be working, unemployed, self-employed or retired. For more

information and to register, call 01482 420836, Monday to Friday, 9am – 3pm – if busy, please keep trying.

Forest school 4-week programme run by Fitmums

The Forest Project offers bereavement support in a Forest setting for children from 6–17 years who have experienced the death of someone special to them (programmes are organised in appropriate age ranges). Children can get involved in activities such as den building, camp fire cooking, tool making, tree climbing, forest games and rope work etc. Grief support is built into these activities, aimed at helping children explore their grief and loss. Activities are varied and children have the chance to try many different things to help them as they process their bereavement and connect with others in similar situations. Trained Forest Leaders and Bereavement Support Facilitators lead sessions – all of whom have current DBS checks and have done safeguarding training.

We recommend children attend the session on their own, we hold mobile numbers for emergency contacts whilst the children are in the Forest. There are no facilities for parents to stay and wait other than in their own cars. Staff meet children in the carpark at the farm and return them there at the end of the session. Lunch is provided on the long day session, and snacks on the half day sessions. Children should bring a labelled water bottle to every session and wear outdoor clothing. We have a range of second-hand warm clothing if required.

Toilet facilities are available. Children will get most out of this programme if they attend all 4 sessions. If the dates of this programme do not suit please ask us about future dates via heather@fitmums.org.uk.

To express your interest please follow this link - [Together in Grief - The Forest Project](#)

The dates of the next programme are to be confirmed, please complete the form and we will contact you with more details. The project take place in a private woodland, (HU15 2NR) over four consecutive Saturdays.

After completing this form, you will receive a call from one of the team who will chat with you further to check this programme is appropriate for your child.

Elloughton Town Hall Events

WICKED!

We are showing Wicked at the hall (free event) on **Sunday 22nd March** – doors open 1.30pm show starts at 2pm and then we'll show Wicked for Good on another weekend.

Teo's Tennis

