



# HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Weekly newsletter 13 W/E 19th December 2025

**PLEASE NOTE: Car park gates are closed between 8.25am - 8.45am & 3.10pm - 3.35pm for safety**

### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 5th January 2026**  
INSET—NO CHILDREN

**Tuesday 6th January 2026**  
Children return to school

**Thursday 8th January 26**  
Year 2 & 4 swimming starts for the term

**Friday 20th February 26**  
Break up for half term

**Monday 2nd March 26**  
Children return to school

**Thursday 2nd April 26**  
Break up for Easter

**Monday 20th April 26**  
Children return to school

**W/B 11th May 26**  
KS2 SATS - all children have exams throughout May

### Message from Mrs Wood

As we come to the end of another term, we can reflect on what has been a busy but truly brilliant couple of weeks at school.

Our Christmas celebrations have brought our whole school community together in so many special ways. We enjoyed sharing Christmas lunch with loved ones, welcomed back our first Christmas Fayre for some time (with a huge thank you to the Friends of Hylton Castle for all their hard work), and saw lots of excitement during class Christmas parties. Reception delighted us all with their wonderful nativity performance, pupils across the school enjoyed a whole-school trip to the pantomime, and our two carol services were a lovely way to end the term in a festive spirit.

I am incredibly proud of our children for the enthusiasm, kindness and joy they have shown throughout this term. Thank you also to our dedicated staff for creating such memorable experiences, and to our parents and carers for your continued support and involvement. A final 'thank you' must go to our governors, for their challenge and support in 2025.

As we head into the Christmas holidays, I hope you are able to enjoy some well-earned rest and quality time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, ready for another exciting term of learning.

On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.  
Mrs Wood



### Happy Birthday to the children who have Birthdays:

- Sophia Simpson
- Everett Suzie
- Cruize Gardiner
- Ella McGuinness



- Eliza Glover
- Riley McManus
- Oliver Rushworth



- Jude Conlin
- Hollie Collins
- Noel Lamb
- Jensen Crookes
- Aiva Shipley
- Ashton Welsh
- Skylar Welsh

### Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Us!

Can you believe it will be 10 years in January since we moved into our new building? On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026, we will be holding a 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party to celebrate '10 Magical Years'. Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform. Like any other good party we will be celebrating with entertainment, decorations, activities, fun, and of course, cake!



### Fantastic Sporting News

We are incredibly proud to share that one of our pupils has been selected for the England Foundation DMT Squad, which is a fantastic achievement. This is a highly competitive selection and reflects his dedication and talent. As part of the squad, he will have the exciting opportunity to represent England in Portugal next year.

Congratulations to him and his family on this outstanding success. We wish him every success as he prepares for this amazing opportunity.



### Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 19th December

KS1: Rec	94.33%
KS2:Y3	97.04%



### House Team Winner

Children have really enjoyed earning house tokens again this term. Because it is the end of the half term, we have counted the tokens and the winning house is:

- The Determinator (Blue)

Well done to everyone in that team; we hope you enjoy your special treat bag.

### OPAL Hero

The OPAL Superstar award is awarded to someone who has showed a real commitment to OPAL and being a positive role models to others.

The winners for this week is:

- Phoebe Weddell

A huge well done and keep it up.



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### OPAL—update

This half term, the OPAL Club have had a fantastic time! The children really enjoyed a messy play session — and we definitely got very messy! They also loved getting creative during a craft session where they decorated their own Christmas baubles.



We've had an amazing term filled with lots of fun, creativity, and smiles 😊



### Nursery

Last week in maths, nursery children have continued their work on patterns. We have been concentrating on recognising and continuing AB repeating patterns. The children have also been exploring creating their own patterns and correcting errors in patterns. They have all been working very hard!



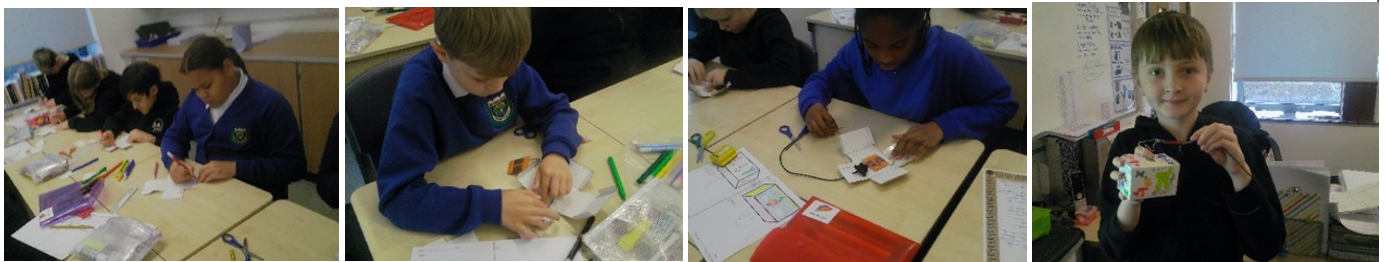
### Year 4

We had a fantastic time at our Christmas party!



### Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed making their buzzer games in DT this week applying all of their skills, knowledge and understanding from their science lessons to create the circuit. It was tricky to get the circuit working but Year 6 showed resilience and great problem solving skills.



### Year 6 Christmas Party

Year 6 enjoyed their final Christmas party in primary school sharing this special time with our nursery children. We were so proud of how you looked after the younger children and helped them to play the games.

