



# HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Weekly newsletter 14 W/E 9th January 2026

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

### Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 15th January 26**  
Around the World - school meal

**W/B 19th January 26**  
Y5 Bikeability

**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

**Friday 22nd May 26**  
Break up for half term


**Monday 1st June 26**  
Children return to school

**Wednesday 22nd July 26**  
Break up for Summer

### Friendly Reminder for Parents & Carers

We kindly remind families that acrylic nail extensions are not suitable for school. Long or artificial nails can make it difficult for children to write, type, and fully participate in classroom activities, and they can also be a safety concern during playtime and sport.

If your child currently has acrylic nail extensions, we ask that they are removed as soon as possible so they can take part comfortably and safely in all school activities.

Thank you so much for your understanding and ongoing support — we really appreciate it! 

### Attendance Reminder.

Please remember that attendance has a massive impact on your child's education. Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance have better wellbeing and school performance than those who don't.



The UK government has introduced new rules to address school attendance, aiming to reduce persistent absenteeism. From September 2024, fines for unauthorised absences increased. If a child misses five days of school without permission, parents will be fined £80, rising to £160 if not paid within 21 days. Local authorities will issue a fine for absences, especially for term-time holidays

### Around the World Meal

The school meals service is holding a "Around the World" promotional day on Thursday 15th January.

In each year group there will be a lucky "golden ticket" winner of a cupcake set, who will then enter a prize draw to try and win one of 14 x £15 Amazon vouchers.



- English Fish, chips and peas
- Italian Pasta Bolognese with garlic bread and side salad
- Mexican Vegan "No Chicken" fillet with spicy rice and sweetcorn
- Indian Chicken Tikka Masala with naan bread and rice
- Followed by American warm chocolate cookie and ice cream

If your child brings a packed lunch from home & would like a dinner that day, please contact the school office to book this.

### Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 9th January

KS1: Rec	98.42%
KS2:Y4	98.28%



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



Dude-Thomas	Calder
Liam	McMillan
Bobbi	Barrs
Deacon	Brough
Theo	Hutton
Bobby	McGuinness-Wood
Elliot	Newton

### Year 4

Year 4 had a lovely day celebrating 10 years of Hylton Castle Primary School! We decorated bunting to hang in the classroom and party hats ready for our party in the afternoon. We loved watching the magic show in the morning with the whole school.



### 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:

- **Aiden McMahan**

A huge well done and keep it up.



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FROM ALL OF THE STAFF AND PUPILS AT HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL



**OPAL—update**

This week we've had lots of fun enjoying the snow! As an OPAL school, we go outdoors in all weathers and embrace the opportunities for play and exploration that each season brings. Please ensure your child comes to school with suitable outdoor clothing for the weather. All children are encouraged to have wellies and waterproofs, as well as a warm coat.

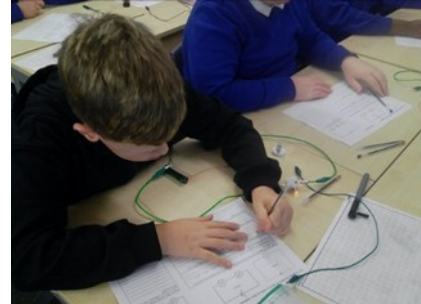
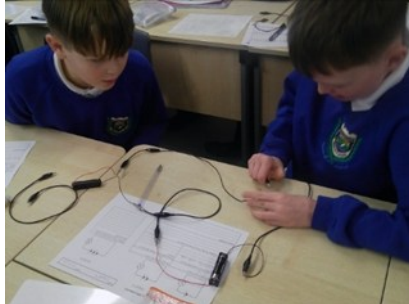
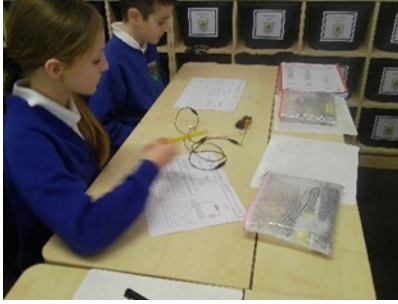


Thank you for your continued support. 😊



**Year 6**

Year 6 completed a final investigation into the effect of cells on components in a circuit. We've really enjoyed this science topic!



**Nursery**

Since it has been quite chilly this week, nursery have been exploring what occurs to water in very cold conditions! We poured some water into the trays and included small animals, leaving them overnight to observe the changes. The water became ice! The children felt the cold ice, noticing how the water had become solid and icy. The animals were "trapped in the ice"! We are leaving the ice trays to see what happens next.



**Year 4**

This week year 4 have started their new Geography unit Scandinavia. We looked in the Atlas' to find where Scandinavia is and what countries are part of Scandinavia.

