



HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Weekly newsletter 16 W/E 23rd January 2026

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

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 11th February 26**
Y5 trip –
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
- Monday 16th February 26**
Y4 trip - £12.50 per child
To be paid by 13th Feb
- Tuesday 17th February 26**
Y6 trip - £13.25 per child
To be paid by 13th Feb
- Monday 2nd February 26**
Wellbeing day (wear Purple)
- Friday 20th February 26**
Break up for half term
- Monday 2nd March 26**
Children return to school
- Thursday 5th March 26**
World Book Day
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
- W/B 16th March 26**
Parental appointments
- 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

Attendance Matters!

Good attendance is vital for children’s learning, friendships and confidence. Every day in school really does count, and being in class helps children keep up with lessons and routines. We have seen in the past — and are still seeing now — the negative impact that irregular attendance can have (think back to Covid!). Children who miss school often find learning more challenging, may lose confidence, and can struggle to settle back into routines and friendships.

We understand that children do sometimes need to be absent due to illness, but please remember that time off should only be taken when your child is genuinely unwell. As a general guide, children should stay at home if they have a high temperature, are vomiting, or have diarrhoea. Minor coughs, colds and sniffles usually do not need a day off school.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers who ensured their children attended swimming this week. The children did brilliantly and gained so much from the sessions. And just to reassure everyone — children do not get ill from walking back from the swimming baths with wet hair; Illnesses like the common cold are caused by viruses! Fresh air and exercise are good for children, and we are always careful to keep children moving and warm.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping our children be in school, on time, and ready to learn.

Excellent Behaviour

Well done to our year 6 children who had their heights and weights measured by the school nurse this week. She was so impressed with their behaviour and manners that she took the time to make a phone call later that day to share this with Miss Abernethy and Mrs Wood.

Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won this week & last:

- Roman Johnston
- Freya Collier
- Archie Walsh
- Liam McMillan
- Elijah Middlemas
- Elliot Newton
- Lacey Stokoe
- Jaxon Pezzone

Every week, a ‘Hero of the Week’ is chosen from each class and they get to add 10 tokens to their house collection!

Clothing Donations Needed

We are kindly asking for donations of items to help stock our school’s spare clothing supplies. These are used when children need a quick change during the school day.

We would really appreciate donations of:

- Children’s underwear (all sizes)
- Socks and black/grey tights
- Black/Navy Blue swimming costumes or trunks
- Swimming caps
- Towels

All donations can be brought to the school office. Every contribution, big or small, helps ensure we have what we need to keep our children comfortable and cared for throughout the day. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Happy Birthday to the children who have Birthdays:



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| Luca | Joyce |
| Aaliyah | Windham |
| Billy | Whittle |
| Charlotte | Cook |

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:

- **Jessica Mascoll**

A huge well done and keep it up.



Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 23rd January

KS1: Y1	97.33%
KS2: Y4	96.21%



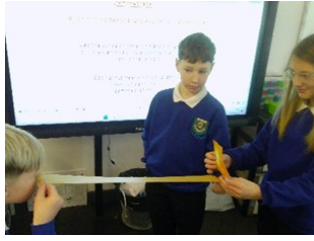
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FROM ALL OF THE STAFF AND PUPILS AT HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6

In science, Year 6 were demonstrating how we see luminous and non-luminous objects. They did a great job!



Reception

This week Reception have been learning all about polar bears! We carried out an investigation to find out how blubber keeps polar bears warm. We put one hand into a bag full of fat and then dipped both of our hands into very cold water. We discovered that the hand in the fat did not feel cold, but our other hand was freezing!



We have also created a gallery inside our classroom displaying all of our Frozen World craft and artwork. We loved cutting and sticking to make our fluffy polar bears this week.

Nursery

This week Nursery put on their wellies and waterproofs to prepare ourselves for an exciting adventure in the woods. During our exploration, we took the opportunity to collect various natural items such as sticks, leaves, stones, and other similar materials. The purpose behind gathering these items was to create miniature shelters that would provide a cosy home for our woodland animals during the cold winter months. It was wonderful to witness the fantastic teamwork displayed as everyone worked together to build these shelters.

