



HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Weekly newsletter 19 W/E 13th February 2026

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

Dates for your Diary

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

Thursday 19th February 26
NO DISNEY CLUB -
football team have a match

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

Happy Birthday to the children who have Birthdays:



Jessica Mascoll
Amelia Wysokinska-Lakomska

Assessment Dates – Reminder

Just a reminder of some key upcoming assessment dates:

- Year 6 SATs – commencing Monday 11th May
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – commencing Monday 1st June
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – commencing Monday 8th June

Thank you for your continued support in helping children feel confident and prepared.



Our book choice this week is Hotel Flamingo by Phil Ardagh. Anna is the new owner of Hotel Flamingo and she has a challenge on her hands. The once-grand hotel has fallen into disrepair. It's up to her to restore it to its former glory – and to find a way to make every animal, big or small feel at home. This book is bursting with charm, friendship and fabulous characters!



Mrs Veneear



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

Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won this week:

- Cody Nanson
- Tilly Anderson
- Balke Coxon
- Charlie Miller
- Aaliyah McDermott
- Riley Copeland
- Aiden McMahan
- Amelia Higgins
- Lilia Walt

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

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:

- **Aiva Khan-Hayes**

A huge well done and keep it up.



Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 13th February

KS1: Rec	98.33%
KS2: Y4	98.28%



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Year 6

Year 6 are looking at the artwork of Henry Moore this term and focusing on his WW2 drawings of people sheltering in the London Underground. This week, we explored his use of shapes in his drawings.



Year 6

Year 6 have been enjoying their PE topic of gymnastics. Here they are learning to use their bodies to create different shapes.



Rainbow Room

In Rainbow Room we have been learning how to look after our environment by litter picking and talking about the 3 Rs – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The children enjoyed watching the bin men empty the blue recycling bins and learning how recycling helps our planet.



Nursery - Pets Topic

This term we are learning about different kinds of pets and how to look after them. Throughout the nursery, the children and staff have set up a variety of exciting pet areas to support our learning.

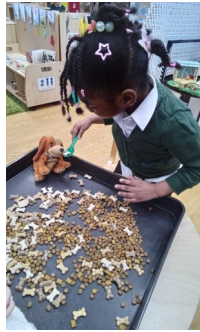
In the Book Corner, we have our Reading Pets who love to hear stories and share books with the children. This encourages a love of reading and helps develop early language skills.

Our Vet Area has been very popular! The children have been fantastic at caring for injured and poorly animals, showing kindness, empathy, and wonderful imagination through their role play.

The children also enjoyed setting up the Small World Area and the Investigation Tray. These areas help us to use our senses to explore different textures and materials that pets need to stay healthy and warm.

In our Pet Feeding Area, we use tweezers and spoons to feed the dog and cat. This activity helps to develop fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and concentration.

We are very proud of how caring and responsible the children have been while learning about pets!



Year 4

The half term in science, year 4 have been learning about sound. This week, we went around the different classes in school with a decibel meter to measure how loud our classes were in the afternoon. The children enjoyed making predictions of who they thought the loudest was going to be, what the decibel readings were and recording the data.



Classroom	Level of sound (Db)
Reception	31.6
Rainbow Room	45.8
Year 1	60.7
Year 2	47.1
Year 3	39.3
Year 4	38.1
Year 5	31.6
Year 6	28.5

Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about software engineers this week as part of our 'Dream Big Project'. We have been learning about coding in its simplest form and tried to write a set of instructions for our friends to replicate our LEGO models. It was much trickier than it sounds! Mrs. Masters was amazed at how talented some of us were with this task. We definitely have some pupils in year 3 who could follow a career in coding in the future!

