



HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Weekly newsletter 26 W/E 24th April 2026

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

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th April 26
Children return to school

Monday 11th May 26
Y2 & Y4 animal workshop
£5.00
to be paid by Fri 1st May

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

Friday 22nd May 256
Break up for half term

Monday 1st June 26
Children return to school

W/B 1st June 26
Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

W/B 8th June 26
Y1 Phonics Screening Checks

Wednesday 22nd July 26
Break up for Summer

Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won this week:

- Willow Stead Fife
- Liam McMillan
- Darcy Williams
- Bobby McGuinness Wood
- Riley Copeland
- Isla Clark
- Isabell Gray
- Maci Hutchinson
- Hollie Collins

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

Monty

As you will probably know, Monty has started coming into school and getting used to the environment.

If your child has a dog allergy or is potentially fearful of dogs can you please email us on info@hyltoncastleprimary.org.uk to ensure we know. This will support our mapping exercise but no child will need to be near too or touch the dog if they don't wish to.

Having a dog in school is becoming very popular in schools for many reasons. The benefits are often surprising and include wellbeing for both staff and pupils, behaviour support and developing positive personal attitudes.

This is a very exciting opportunity for the school. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to see his journey.



JOIN OUR PTA!

Make a difference. Get involved. Build our school community.

Why join?

- ✓ Support school events & activities
- ✓ Help improve student experiences
- ✓ Meet other parents & staff
- ✓ Share your ideas and make an impact

No big commitments required — every little help counts!

Who can join?

Parents • Guardians • Teachers • Friends of the school

Get involved today!

- ✉ Email: info@hyltoncastleprimary.org.uk
- 📍 Or speak to Mrs E Olsen at the school office

Together, we make our school better! ❤️



Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 24th April

KS1: Y1	96.00%
KS2: Y5	97.04%



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:

- **Nathan Osinere**

A huge well done and keep it up.



Happy Birthday to the children who have Birthdays:



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| Isla | Andrews |
| Roman | Johnston |
| Freya | Collier |
| Jacob | Beckett |
| Finley | Copeland |
| Maisie | Dobinson |

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OPAL Update – Mud Kitchen Development



Be aware, our mud kitchen developments are well underway. We're delighted to share that the new gun installing our kitchen units—it's all starting to come together beautifully!

To help bring our mud kitchen to life, we would love to stock the shelves with a variety of kitchen equipment. If you have any old or unused items at home, we would greatly appreciate your donations. Items such as baking trays, pans, plastic utensils, jugs, and scales would be perfect for our outdoor learning space.

For safety reasons, we kindly ask that any donated items are free from glass and do not include sharp objects.

Thank you very much in advance for your support—it really does make a difference



Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic visit from Hylton Castle and the English Civil War Society, where they learned more about the battles that took place in the North East during the English Civil War. The children explored what life was like for soldiers and discovered how key events unfolded in our local area, bringing their history learning to life in an exciting and memorable way.

This is ahead of the re-enactment event happening on Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th May at Hylton Castle. It's a brilliant chance to see history brought to life, so worth a visit if you're free!

