



# HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Weekly newsletter 33 W/E 19th June 2026

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

### Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 23rd June 26**
  - EYFS - sports day - (9.30am please note the change of time) (all nursery children to attend morning session only)
  - Class photos (not individuals) - normal school uniforms - NOT PE KITS
- Thursday 25th June 2026**
  - EYFS trip - £9.00 to be paid by Thurs 11th June
- Tuesday 30th June 2026**
  - Y1 trip - £5.00 to be paid by Fri 26th June
  - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - staff training
- Wed 1st & Thurs 2nd July**
  - Y6 secondary transitions
- Thursday 2nd July 26**
  - Year 5 class assembly - 2.30pm
- Friday 3rd July 26**
  - Y2 trip - £12.00 - to be paid by Wed 1st July
  - Nursery assembly -
  - Morning children - 11.00am
  - Afternoon children - 2.30pm
- Monday 6th July 2026**
  - Y3 trip - £9.20 - to be paid by Fri 3rd July
- Wednesday 8th July 2026**
  - Y5 trip - £2.00 - to be paid by Fri 3rd July
  - Rec class assembly - 2.30pm
  - Please note the change of date
- Tuesday 14th July 26**
  - Wellbeing day - wear yellow (more info to follow)
- Thursday 9th July 26**
  - Year 1 class assembly - 2.30pm
- Tuesday 14th July 26**
  - Year 3 class assembly - 2.30pm
- Thursday 16th July 26**
  - Year 4 class assembly - 2.30pm
- Friday 17th July 26**
  - Year 2 class assembly - 2.30pm

### Come On England!

We know that many of our children (and adults!) will be keen to stay up and support England during the late World Cup matches.

While we always encourage a good night's sleep, we understand that some families may choose to enjoy these special sporting occasions together. We kindly ask that children still arrive at school on time the following morning, ready for another day of learning.

To add to the excitement, after every England World Cup match we will be holding a special raffle for all children who arrive at school on time the next day. Every child who is in school and on time will automatically be entered into the draw for the chance to win a fantastic piece of England merchandise!

We hope this adds a little extra World Cup fun while continuing to celebrate the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality.

Come on England! 🇬🇧 🐶

### Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won this week:

- Luna Smith
- Orla Keogh
- Lee Nichols
- Oliver Tanaszi
- Elsie Glover
- Reece Almond
- Harper Burnicle
- Mason Cooper
- Parker Daymond
- Kayden Gibson
- Lucy Jones
- Gracie Lawson
- Nathan Osinere
- Harrison Winter
- Leo Wilson

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

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



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| Alfie  | Conlin   |
| Dexter | Morris   |
| Oliver | Tanaszi  |
| Kaelum | Trueman  |
| Tilly  | Anderson |



### Reminder—Class Photos - Tuesday 23rd June

All children are to wear their full school uniform (white top, sweatshirt/cardigan, black or grey trousers/skirts, summer dresses) on this day & **NOT PE KIT**

If your child does have PE this day, they can come to school in their trainers.

**Please note this is a full class photograph & not individual ones.**

#### NOTE FOR EYFS

EYFS children are to come in their school uniform for photos. Please send in their PE kit, staff will change the children after they have had their photos taken.

To accommodate this, sports day will now start at 9.30am.



### 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:

- Joey Spencer

A huge well done and keep it up.



### Attendance Awards

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

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| KS1:Y1 | 97.00% |
| KS2:Y6 | 97.93% |



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### Attendance Matters – Let's Finish the Year Strong!

As we approach the final few weeks of the school year, we would like to thank families for their continued support with attendance. Recently, we have seen our overall attendance dip, and we would love to give it one final push before the summer holidays. Every day in school counts. These last few weeks are packed with important learning opportunities, exciting activities, celebrations, transition events and chances for children to spend valuable time with their friends and teachers.

We understand that children sometimes wake up with minor complaints such as toothache, tummy ache, headaches or feeling a little under the weather. In many cases, children feel much better once they arrive at school and settle into their day. If your child is well enough to attend, please send them in. Our staff will always monitor how they are feeling, and if they become too unwell to remain in school, we will contact you and arrange for them to go home.

By ensuring children attend whenever possible, we can help them make the most of the remaining weeks of the school year and finish on a positive note.

Thank you for your support in helping every child achieve the best attendance possible.

### Understanding Bullying and Friendship Difficulties

At school, we are committed to providing a safe, happy and supportive environment for all children. As part of this, we regularly talk to pupils about kindness, respect and positive relationships.

It is important to recognise that bullying and friendship fallouts are not the same thing. As children grow and develop, it is completely normal for them to experience disagreements, misunderstandings and occasional arguments with their friends. Learning how to manage these situations is an important part of developing social skills, resilience and emotional maturity.

Bullying is behaviour that is repeated, intentional and designed to hurt someone physically or emotionally. It often involves an imbalance of power, making it difficult for the person being targeted to defend themselves.

Children may sometimes come home upset after a disagreement with a friend, and while these situations can be distressing, they are often part of the normal process of learning how to build and maintain healthy relationships. Our staff support children to resolve conflicts, understand different perspectives and develop strategies for managing disagreements positively.

We encourage parents and carers to speak with us if they have concerns about their child's wellbeing. By working together, we can help children develop the confidence, empathy and social skills they need to form positive friendships and navigate the challenges that naturally arise as they grow.

### Smart Watches

Over the last few weeks, we have noticed an increasing number of children coming to school wearing smart watches.

We would like to remind families that smart watches are not permitted in school. This is to help minimise distractions, protect children's privacy and support a positive learning environment.

If your child needs to wear a watch, a simple analogue is perfectly acceptable and a great way to learn to tell the time.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

### Online Safety Reminder

We have recently been made aware of several apps that are currently circulating which appear to be children's games but are actually rated **18+** and contain inappropriate adult content.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to regularly check their child's devices to ensure that any apps they are using are age-appropriate. Please also make sure that parental controls, security settings and age restrictions are enabled and regularly reviewed.

Talking to your child about staying safe online and monitoring the apps they download can help protect them from accessing unsuitable content.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our children safe online.

### Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about trading and investments as part of Money Week. We each created a 'portfolio' then had time to trade to see if we could increase the value of our portfolio. Unfortunately, the values would change each round and we learned about high and low risk when it comes to investments.



### Year 6 Fundraiser

What a fantastic time we all had on Friday at the Year 6 fundraiser! A big thank you to everyone who supported us by bringing in money and donating fantastic cakes for us to sell. The day was a huge success and I was so proud of all the year 6s for the amazing job they did running all the stalls.

#### Prize winners

- Guess the Sweets – William (reception)
- Buried Treasure map – Franki (year 5)
- Name the Bear – Isla (year 2)



### Year 6

The team from Money Ready delivered a fantastic workshop to year 6 all around growing money. The children had different options to choose from including games where they could make money, an investment station and a bank where they were guaranteed interest. It was great to see how thoughtful the children were when making decisions with their money and some of them managed to grow their money to triple the amount they had started with!



## Nursery

As you walk through the Early Years outdoor area, you will notice some exciting new additions. During the spring term, our nursery children completed a sponsored obstacle course and raised an amazing £900. We are incredibly grateful for everyone's generosity and support. Thanks to the money raised, we have been able to purchase a new reading shed, which is now situated on our grassed area and will provide a wonderful space for children to explore and enjoy books outdoors. We have also ordered a new perspex easel for outdoor creative activities, as well as a potion-making station and resources for our mud kitchen. In addition, we will be developing our gardening area alongside the children and purchasing new outdoor toys, which the children will help to choose. Thank you once again for your continued support. It has made a real difference to the opportunities and experiences we can provide for our children.

