



# HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### Weekly newsletter 36 W/E 10th July 2026

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

#### Dates for your Diary

##### Tuesday 14th July 26

Year 3 class assembly - 2.30pm

##### Thursday 16th July 26

World cup menu -

Year 4 class assembly - 2.30pm

##### Friday 17th July 26

Year 2 class assembly - 2.30pm

##### Wednesday 22nd July 26

- Year 6 Leavers assembly - 9.15am
- Break up for Summer

##### Monday 7th September 26

Children return to school

##### Friday 23rd Oct 2026

Break up for half term

##### W/B 2nd November 2026

Derwent Hill Trip

##### Monday 2nd Nov 2026

Children return to school

##### Friday 18th Dec 2026

Break up for Christmas

##### W/B 10th May 27

KS2 SATS - all children have exams throughout May .

#### Staffing

Last week, the children had the opportunity to meet their new class staff ahead of September. We are delighted to say that everyone was calm, happy, and excited during their visits. It was wonderful to see the children settling in so well and beginning to build relationships with the adults who will be supporting them next year.

Please find below a list of which staff will be working in each class from September

|        | Class Teacher            | Teaching Assistant |
|--------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Year 6 | Miss Abernethy/Miss Horn | Miss Hill          |
| Year 5 | Mrs Sowerby              | TBC                |
| Year 4 | Miss Tomys               | Miss Barker        |
| Year 3 | Mrs Masters              | Mrs Malik          |
| Year 2 | Mrs Evans                | Mrs Mohseni        |
| Year 1 | Mrs Hunter/Mrs Meldrum   | Miss Nicholson     |
| Rec    | Mrs Raisbeck             | Miss Burlison      |
| Nurs   | Mrs Robertson            | Mrs Young          |

#### Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won this week:

- Freya Collier
- Pheobie Galer
- Lyle Summerside
- Prezley Holburt-Kelly
- Dude-Thomas Calder
- Oliver Beckett
- Jace Jones
- Katie Coates
- Lennon Summerside
- Isla Clark
- Savannah Anderson
- Elliot Newton
- Mason Cooper
- Ivy Potts
- Harry Cruddas
- Jensen Crookes

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

#### 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



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



Amelia Higgins

#### 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:

- Aaliyah Windham

A huge well done and keep it up.



#### Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 10th July

KS1: Y2 98.62%  
KS2: Y6 92.07%



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



### OPAL Play in Action – Rough and Tumble Play



One of the many types of play identified through our OPAL programme is rough and tumble play. This type of play allows children to develop important life skills such as communication, cooperation, self-regulation, resilience and understanding boundaries, all while having lots of fun.

This week, we were excited to introduce our brand-new Combat Zone. Before opening the area, we spent time discussing and agreeing clear rules with the children to ensure everyone could play safely and respectfully.

The response has been fantastic! The children have absolutely loved the new area and have enjoyed engaging in imaginative, energetic play while demonstrating excellent teamwork, respect for one another and a great understanding of the agreed rules. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces and children embracing this exciting new play opportunity. 😊



### Year 4

This week, Year 4 had the exciting opportunity to perform at the Sunderland Empire as part of Sunderland Sings. The children sang with enthusiasm, confidence and pride alongside pupils from other local schools, showcasing all of their hard work and dedication. It was a fantastic experience and they represented our school brilliantly.



### Year 4

This week in Geography, Year 4 developed their fieldwork skills by learning how to collect and record geographical data. The children explored the school grounds, where they sketched maps of the school and carried out environmental quality checks. They worked carefully to observe their surroundings, record their findings and think about ways to improve the local environment.





## Year 6

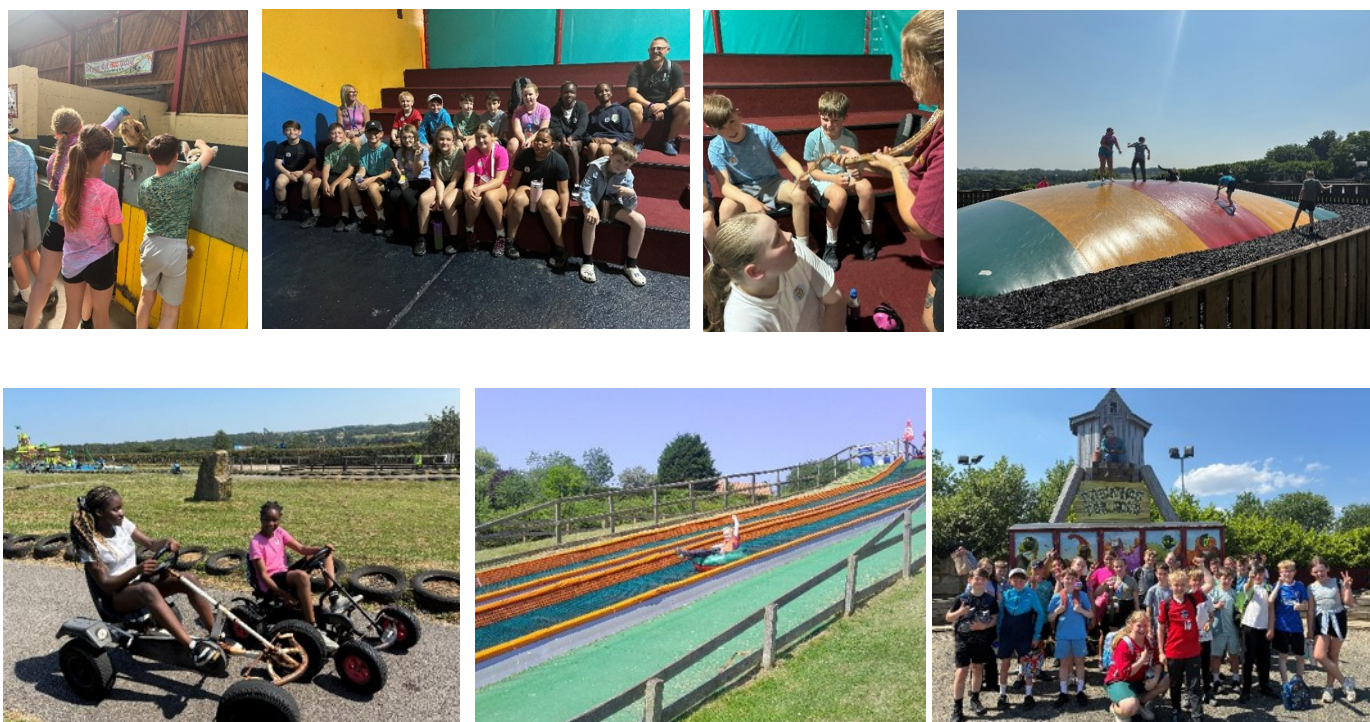
Year 6 have been so busy this week! We had our fantastic UV party on Tuesday to reward our children for the fantastic effort and excellent behaviour they have shown over the last year.



Then, we welcomed our grown ups in for one final workshare. We completed a spaghetti tower challenge and a design a piece of headwear competition! We ended the session creating school memory walls.



If that wasn't enough, we had our leaver's trip on Thursday. Somehow, this was the second trip we've had during a heatwave. It was so hot! Everyone still had a great time though and we were all so proud of how amazing our children were on this trip.





### Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic time on their exciting trip to Trincomalee! The children stepped back in time to learn all about pirates, exploring the impressive ship and discovering what life was like at sea. One of the highlights of the day was taking part in a fun cutlass class, where they learnt how pirates trained with their swords. It was a wonderful day full of adventure, hands-on learning and lots of smiles!



### Year 3

Year 3 have been working with Keep Active Sunderland this term to try to improve attendance in our class. Pupils who achieved their attendance targets spent a lovely morning at the Riverside Bowling and enjoyed competing against each other. Mrs. Masters was so impressed at how many talented bowlers we have!

