



HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Weekly newsletter 1 W/E 11th September 2026

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

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17th Sept 2026
Wellbeing day - wear green

Thursday 24th Sept 2026
Flu Vaccines - Rec - Y6

Monday 28th Sept 2026
Y1 trip - £3.00 -
to be paid by 25th Sept

Tuesday 29th Sept 2026
NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
Staff training

W/b 12th October 2026
Parental appointments

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

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year.

We have had a fantastic first week back at school. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning. Everyone has settled into their new classes exceptionally well and has quickly adapted to new routines and expectations.

The children have looked incredibly smart in their school uniforms and have taken great pride in presenting themselves so well. We are extremely proud of the mature and respectful way they have approached the start of the term.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring the children arrived ready to learn. We are looking forward to a successful term filled with exciting learning opportunities, memorable experiences and plenty of achievements to celebrate.

We hope everyone has a happy and successful year ahead! ✨

What if they didn't show up?

This year, we are placing a strong focus on attendance and helping children understand the importance of being in school every day.

Our attendance campaign asks a simple question: "What if they didn't show up?"

We've been encouraging children to think about what school would be like if their teacher didn't turn up. There would be no lessons, guidance or support, and learning would quickly be disrupted.

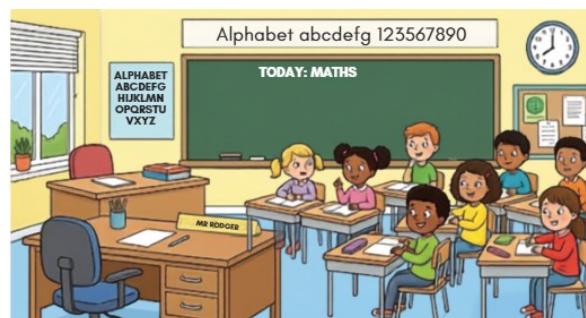
The same is true when children miss school. Every day matters. Children miss valuable learning, experiences, friendships and opportunities to grow in confidence. Every child plays an important part in their class, and school is not quite the same without them.

We want every child to know: **You matter. You belong. We notice when you're not here.**

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children attend school every day, on time, unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend.

Every day counts. Every lesson matters.

Every child belongs. ✨



Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won this week:

- Archie Barkess
- Jackson Pritchard
- Ollie Lonsdale
- Axel Morris
- Jack Quinn
- Riley Copeland
- Comfort Ayo-Ige
- Harrison Winter

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

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 11th September

KS1: Rec 99.63%
KS2: Y4 99.60%



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:

- **L-Jay Dennis**

A huge well done and keep it up.



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

A Gentle Reminder About Tiredness and Germs

As children settle back into school routines, it is quite normal for them to feel a little more tired than usual over the next few weeks. Returning to busy school days, earlier mornings and lots of learning can take some adjustment. It is also common for children to pick up minor coughs, colds and sniffles as they mix with friends again and share everyday germs.

In most cases, these minor illnesses do not require children to stay off school. If your child is well enough to take part in their normal school day, we encourage them to attend. A good night's sleep, plenty of fluids and a healthy routine can help children settle back into school and build their resilience. Thank you for your continued support. 😊

Home Heroes

At our school, we love celebrating the achievements of our children both in and out of the classroom. Whether your child attends a club, takes part in competitions, earns a badge, certificate or trophy, we would love to hear about it! Children are welcome to bring their awards into school on a Friday to be shared during our Celebration Assembly. We would also appreciate a photograph and a brief explanation of their achievement so that we can feature them on our **Home Heroes** display and celebrate their success with the wider school community.

We are always proud to hear about the fantastic things our children achieve outside of school and look forward to celebrating many Home Heroes throughout the year. ★ 🏆 📸 🌐 🎵

Wellbeing Day

💖 Ambitious Warrior Wellbeing Day – Thursday 17th September 💖

On Thursday 17th September, we will be celebrating our first Wellbeing Day of the school year – Ambitious Warrior! Children are invited to **wear something green** to school to represent our Ambitious Warrior value and our Five Ways to Wellbeing theme, 'Keep Learning'.

Throughout the day, we will be thinking about our future aspirations, dreams and careers. The children will have lots of exciting opportunities to explore different jobs, think about what they might like to be when they grow up and consider the skills and qualities they will need to achieve their ambitions.

We can't wait to see our Ambitious Warriors dreaming big and thinking about their futures!

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



.Keep Fit Menu - Thursday 1st October

The school meals service is holding a "Keep Fit" promotional day on Thursday 1st October. If your child brings a packed lunch from home & would like to take part on this please let the office know. All children who currently have school meals will automatically receive the meal.

The menu will be:

- Chicken Dumbbells (oven baked chicken breast goujons)
- Runner's wrap (tuna or cheddar cheese wrap)
- Medicine meatballs (meatballs in a tomato sauce)

Served with:

Workout seasoned crispy oven baked diced potatoes or Powerful Pasta
Balance Beam baked beans or Strength & Stamina Sweetcorn

Followed by

- Fitness Flapjack or Fresh Fruit Salad

In each year group there will be a lucky "golden ticket" winner of a cupcake set, who will then enter a prize draw to try and win one of our star prizes :
a £20 Amazon gift card (10 prizes will be won)



Year 3

Year 3 have had a great start to the new academic year. We have been learning the routines and expectations of a year 3 classroom and have been participating in a variety of fun activities to help us practise these. Our classroom rules sorting activity helped to refresh our memories after the summer break and also gave us the opportunity to practise working as part of a small group- which can be a tricky task in itself! Mrs. Masters was so impressed with how sensible we all were and how we supported and encouraged one another to complete the task correctly. A very good start to the year! 😊



Year 2

What an incredible first week back we have had in Year 2! The children have done amazingly well settling into our new routines and expectations and we are so proud of how quickly they have adapted. We have begun refreshing our knowledge of our Hylton Heroes and thinking about how we can show these values every day, making positive choices and becoming responsible, considerate and kind citizens. We have also enjoyed our PE sessions, developing our ball skills and showing great teamwork and determination. It has been lovely to join our whole-school assemblies again and we especially loved seeing Monty! We are incredibly proud of the fantastic start the children have made and are excited for all the learning and adventures ahead.

