HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Weekly newsletter 6 W/E 16th October 2026

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

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 20th Oct 2026
EYFS - Hoots Spell Party
£7.00

Wednesday 21st Oct 2026
Halloween Disco £2.00
EYFS/KS1-3.15pm - 4.15pm
KS2 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Book a slot on the Compass App before Thursday 15th Oct NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Thursday 22nd Oct 26
Harvest Festival 10.00am & 2.00pm
Ticket on sale from the school office Mon 12th Oct - £1.00 - **THIS IS CASH ONLY EVENT - Max 2 tickets per family**

Friday 23rd Oct 2026
Break up for half term

W/B 2nd November 2026
Derwent Hill Trip

Tuesday 10th Nov 26
School photo day - normal school uniform on top for all children

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

Happy Birthday to the children who have Birthdays:

Theo Dawes
Vinny Handley
Evie Lucas-Collings
Karn Raine

REMINDER—Harvest Festival

We are excited to one again welcome you to our Harvest Festival at 10.00am & 2.00pm on Thursday 22nd October. Ticket's on sale from the school office from Monday 12th October - £1.00 - **THIS IS CASH ONLY EVENT - Max 2 tickets per family**

We would be very grateful if you could donate items that will be given to Sunderland Foodbank following our celebration.
Children can take donations to class.

Items that they are in urgent need of are:

- Tins
- Biscuits and long life fruit juice
- Toiletries and carrier bags/bags for life

Heroes of the Week

Well done to the children who won this week:

- Lucius Trueman
- Odin Smith
- RomanHorler
- Ava Galer
- Logan Scrafton
- Lennon Summerside
- Franklin Morse
- Girl's Football Team

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

What if they didn't show up? – Vehicle Breakdown

Imagine you're stuck at the side of the road with a flat tyre or a car that won't start. You call the RAC and are told, "Sorry, the recovery driver didn't show up today." You'd be pretty frustrated!

The same is true in so many jobs. People need to show up so that things can happen.

At school, every day matters too. When children come to school every day and on time, they don't miss out on learning, friendships, routines and all the little moments that help them grow.

We're preparing our children for life, and one of the most important lessons we can teach them is the importance of showing up, being reliable and doing their best – even when they don't always feel like it.

What if they didn't show up? Things just wouldn't work!

So, let's keep encouraging our children to show up, every day, ready to learn.



REMINDER—School Photos

We have the school photographer in school on Tuesday 10th November. Throughout the day all children will have their individual photographs taken & also with their siblings who are currently in our school. If you have a pre-school child & would like a photograph with all of your children, please come to the office at 8.30am.

Children who would normally have PE that day, will wear their pe kit on the bottom & their
normal school uniform on the top, (white T-shirt & year group sweatshirt/cardigan) & **not their coloured pe top,** as the photographs are head & shoulders.

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:

- **Mylah-May Harrison**

A huge well done and keep it up.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 16th October

KS1: Y1	**96.79%**
KS2: Y3	**97.59%**

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

OPAL Update

This week we introduced some new digging equipment into our OPAL play provision and the children have absolutely loved it! They have had lots of fun exploring, digging, building and working together outdoors.

The new equipment provides many benefits for children's development, including:

- Developing gross and fine motor skills
- Encouraging physical activity and healthy risk-taking
- Supporting teamwork, communication and cooperative play
- Promoting problem-solving, creativity and independent learning

Helping children develop responsibility through the safe use and care of real equipment
It has been fantastic to see the children so engaged, sharing ideas, creating new games and working collaboratively. We look forward to seeing how their imaginative play continues to develop over the coming weeks.



Help Our School Win £500 for Our Breakfast Club!

We're excited to share an opportunity to support our school's breakfast provision!

Kellogg's and Tesco are offering **300 schools across the UK a £500 grant each** to help fund their breakfast clubs.

Parents, carers, staff and members of our school community can nominate our school for a chance to receive this funding.

Nominations are open from 29 September to 26 October 2026.

If our school is selected, the £500 could help us continue providing breakfast and supporting our pupils to start the day ready to learn.

Please support our school by submitting a nomination here:

https://www.kelloggs.co.uk/en_GB/our-story/breakfast-club-grant.html

Thank you for your support! Every nomination counts.

Year 2

Year 2 were incredible, respectful and polite citizens on our trip to the farm yesterday! Although we didn't get to see many farm animals, we had lots of opportunities to feed, handle and learn about a variety of animals. The children represented our school brilliantly with their enthusiasm, kindness and excellent behaviour throughout the day. To make the journey home even more exciting, we even got to ride on a double-decker bus back to school! The day was filled with memorable experiences and plenty of learning. Well done, Year 2!













Year 4

In science, year 4 have been learning about grouping and classifying living things. This week we explored the differences between wild plants, flowering plants, deciduous trees and evergreen trees before heading out into our school yard to see what we could find! The children enjoyed putting their knowledge into practice as they identified and classified the plants and trees around us.






Year 4

For National Dessert Week, year 4 got busy making their own healthier cupcakes! We explored how we could make a tasty treat healthier using ingredients such as raisins and berries. The children enjoyed mixing their ingredients, creating their cupcakes and, of course, tasting their delicious creations!






Inclusion Ambassadors



Thank you to Harry and Elsie, two of our Inclusion Ambassadors, who represented the school at the Culture House last week. They enjoyed looking around the building, especially sitting in the cuddle chair, and were excellent representatives for our school.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a great time designing and making fruit jelly as part of their Design Technology work for National Dessert Week. They can't wait to taste them and find out what a good job they have done!





