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

Friday 23rd Oct 2026
Break up for half term

Monday 2nd Nov 2026
Children return to school

W/B 2nd Nov 2026
Derwent Hill Trip

Monday 10th Nov 2026
Y3 Trip - £10.00—
To be paid by 2nd Nov

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

Friday 17th Nov 2026
Y6 Trip - £18.00—
To be paid by 13th Nov

Thursday 10th Dec 2026
Rec Trip - £18.00—
To be paid by 26th Nov

Friday 18th Dec 2026
Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 26th Jan 2027
Y4 Trip - £15.00—
To be paid by 22nd Jan

W/B 10th May 27
KS2 SATS - all children have exams throughout May

A Big Thank You

As we reach the end of a very long and busy half term, we want to say a huge thank you to all our families for your continued support.

It has been a particularly eventful start to the school year, and we really appreciate everything you do to support your children and our school. From getting children to school ready to learn, supporting their reading and homework, to joining in with school events – it all makes a difference.

We are incredibly proud of our children and all they have achieved this half term. They have worked hard, tried new things and enjoyed lots of exciting experiences.

We hope you all have a lovely, well-deserved half-term break and enjoy some quality family time.
We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2 November**, ready for another exciting term!

Harvest Festival – Thank You!

A huge thank you to all our families who donated items for our Harvest Festival. Your generosity has been fantastic!

The donations were collected yesterday and delivered to Sunderland Foodbank, along with **£144.00** raised by our school community. We hope these donations will make a real difference to local families who need a little extra support.



Thank you also to everyone who came along to our Harvest Festival. It was lovely to see you there, supporting the children and helping to make it such a special occasion.

We are very proud of our school community and the kindness shown by our families.

Heroes of the Week

Well done to the children who won this week:

- Amelie Johnson
- Amelia Hill
- Rosie Rushworth
- Gold Adegbola
- Leoni Brown
- Alexia Gibson
- Olivia Lane
- Elsie Glover
- Harry Gettins

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:

Lincoln Race

Lyla Sloanes
Harrison Winter
Ava Galer
Scarlett Campbell

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:

- **Skylar Welsh**

A huge well done and keep it up.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 23rd October

KS1: Rec	**97.04%**
KS2: Y4	**97.58%**

House Team Winner

Children have really enjoyed earning house tokens again this term. Because it is the end of the half term, we have counted the tokens and the winning house is:

- The Determinator (Blue)

Well done to everyone in that team; we hope you enjoy your special treat bag.

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

What if they didn't show up?

Imagine booking your nail appointment weeks in advance, choosing the perfect colour… and then your nail technician didn't show up!

You might be disappointed, have to rearrange your plans and wait even longer for those fabulous nails!

Being reliable matters. People make plans around us and depend on us to show up.

It's exactly the same at school. When children don't come to school, they miss important learning, time with their friends and opportunities to be part of the school day.

We are preparing our children not just for their next year at school, but for life. Being punctual, reliable and understanding that people can depend on you are important life skills.

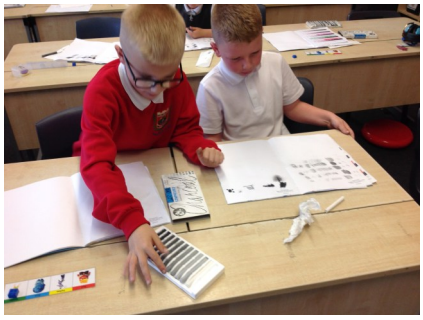
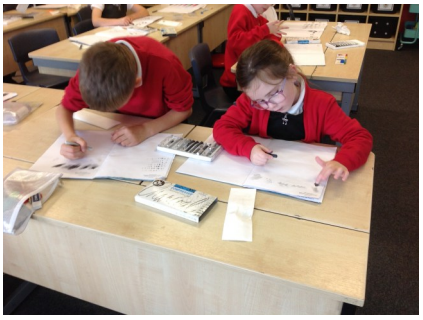
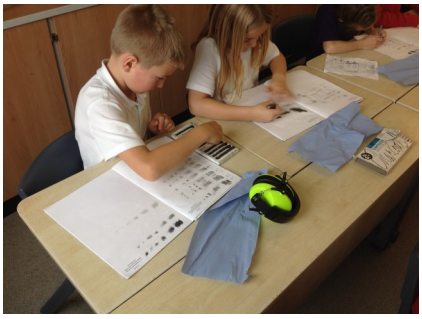
So, just like you'd expect your nail technician to turn up for your appointment, we want our children to turn up every day, ready to learn and be part of the day!

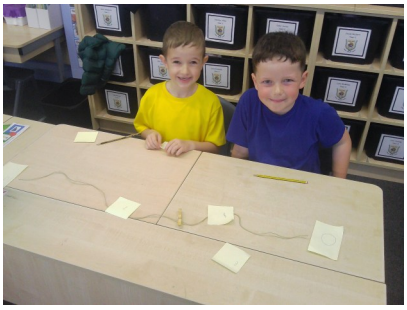
What if they didn't show up? Every day really does count!



Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed experimenting with pencils and charcoals this week. We have been exploring the different tones and shades that can be created with different materials to help us with our drawing topic this term. Watch this space for our finished products in a few weeks.






Year 2

This week, we have been strengthening our counting and estimating skills in Maths and making fantastic progress with our independent writing in English, showing growing confidence in our phonetic spelling. In Geography, we have loved learning about the seven continents and locating them on a world map. A huge well done to everyone for their amazing Harvest Assembly performance – you were incredible and we hope we made you all very proud!

Girls Football Team

Last week was the first ever Girls Football Tournament at Castle View Enterprise Academy, and our team did a fantastic job representing the school with their skill, effort and attitude. The team played 6 matches in a row and put in 100% effort in all the matches. All the matches were close, fast paced matches with chances being created by all the teams. Lucy managed to score 2 goals to give the team their first win and Molly scored in a 3-1 defeat. The team finished in 5th place after the 6 matches and just missed out on qualifying for the semi-final. After dinner it was on to the playoff matches for 5th, 6th and 7th place both games went to a penalty shootout, Ivy was excellent in goal saving 2 penalties and our penalty takers were cool under pressure scoring 5 out of 6 penalties! A huge well done to the team on their 5th place finish!



Year 6

Our Year 6 children enjoyed one final Halloween in school dressing up in the their best (and spookiest) outfits!









Reception

This week, Reception have had a spooktacular time getting involved in lots of exciting Halloween activities!

After reading *Room on the Broom*, the children enjoyed making their very own broomsticks. We then put our mathematical skills to the test by measuring and comparing our broomsticks to discover which were the longest and shortest.

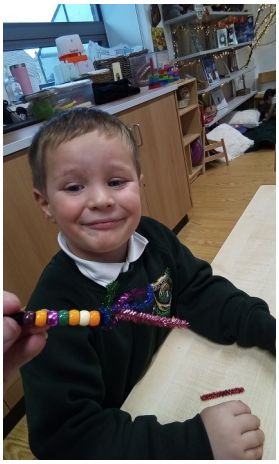
Some of our little explorers loved investigating the inside of pumpkins, using their senses to discover different textures before creating their own gruesome potions!

It was also wonderful to see the incredible effort, creativity and imagination that went into everyone's fantastic Halloween costumes. What a fun-filled, spooky week of learning in Reception!









Year 3

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed our Halloween dress up day. Mrs. Masters and Mrs. Malik were so impressed with how imaginative the costumes were and the children loved taking every opportunity to scare us throughout the day!

