



HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Weekly newsletter 4 W/E 3rd October 2025

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

Dates for your Diary

W/b 13th October 2025
Parental appointments

Tuesday 21st Oct 2025
NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
Staff training

Wednesday 22nd Oct 2025 -
Halloween Disco £2.00
EYFS/KS1-3.15pm - 4.15pm
KS2 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Tickets on sale from the office
- Wednesday 8th - Friday 17th Oct

THIS IS CASH ONLY EVENT
No tickets will be available after this date!
NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Thursday 23rd Oct 25
Harvest Festival 10.00am & 2.00pm
Ticket on sale from the school office Mon 13th Oct - £1.00 - **THIS IS CASH ONLY EVENT**

Friday 24th Oct 2025
Break up for half term

W/B 3rd November 2025
Derwent Hill Trip

Monday 3rd Nov 2025
Children return to school

Friday 19th Dec 2025
Break up for Christmas

W/B 11th May 26
KS2 SATS - all children have exams throughout May

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 3rd October

KS1:Rec 93.33%
KS2:Y5 98.15%



No Smoking/Vaping

We kindly remind all members of our school community that smoking and vaping are **not permitted at the school gates or anywhere on school grounds**. This helps us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all our children, families, and staff.

Let's work together to set a positive example for our students and ensure the area around our school remains clean and smoke-free.
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

Communication/Complaints

We always aim to work closely with parents and carers to resolve any concerns as quickly and effectively as possible.

If you have a concern or would like to pass on a message, your first port of call should be the staff on the door in the morning, who can arrange for the class teacher to call you.
If the issue remains unresolved, you're welcome to make an appointment to speak with the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher, who are also available on the main yard each morning.

For more serious concerns, please follow our Complaints Policy, which is available from the school office or on our website.

Thank you for helping us maintain open, respectful, and effective communication.

Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won this week:

- Lyla Sloanes
- Ocean Stothard
- Natalya Allen
- Levi Strong
- Oliver Tanaszi
- Lincoln Maddock
- Lucas Hind
- Lloyd Potts
- Savannah Anderson
- Theo Dawes
- Harry Gettins
- Joey Spencer
- Gracie Lawson
- Eliza Glover
- Niall Reay

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

Y6 Parents – Secondary School Applications

A reminder to all parents and carers of Year 6 pupils: Secondary school applications must be submitted by Thursday, 31st October.

Please ensure your application is completed on time to secure a place at your preferred school. You can apply online on Sunderland City Council website.

Y6 SATs 2026

Parents and carers of Year 6 pupils, please note that SATs will take place during the week beginning Monday 11th May 2026.

It is essential that all children are in school during this time, so please do not book any holidays for that week.

Thank you for your support in helping your child be fully prepared and present

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:

- Harry Gettins
- Gracie Lawson

A huge well done and keep it up.



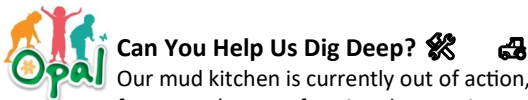
Happy Birthday to the children who have Birthdays:



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| Aaliyah | McDermott |
| William | Burnicle |
| Oliver | Beckett |
| Jaxon | Smith |
| Beau | Philliskirk |

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OPAL



Our mud kitchen is currently out of action, but we're not letting that stop the fun! While we plan its future, we're transforming the area into a temporary **digging zone** for the children to explore, build, and get stuck in.

To bring this idea to life, we're on the lookout for:

- **Plastic crates** (like the green Asda-style shopping ones) – perfect for building, stacking, and creating mini construction sites.
- **Old construction toys** – diggers, dump trucks, bulldozers, and any other sturdy vehicles your little ones may have outgrown.

If you have anything going spare, we'd be so grateful for the donation. Please drop items off at the school office.

Thank you for helping us keep play imaginative, hands-on, and muddy – just the way we like it! 😊

Halloween

Children can come to school in fancy dress for Halloween on Wednesday 22nd October.

We will also be having Halloween parties on that night.

- EYFS and KS1 (3.15 – 4.15pm) straight after school
- KS2 4.30 – 5.30pm.

Tickets are £2 per child and are on sale from the office from Wednesday 8th - Friday 17th October

Includes Hot dog, drink, sweets and chance to win prizes

No tickets will be available after this date!

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Harvest Festival

We are excited to welcome you to our Harvest Festival at 10.00am & 2.00pm on Thursday 23rd October. Ticket's on sale from the school office from Monday 13th October - £1.00 - **THIS IS CASH ONLY EVENT**

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:

- Tinned potatoes and tomatoes
- Biscuits and long life fruit juice
- Toiletries and carrier bags/bags for life



Year 1

Year 1 had an amazing afternoon on Friday of last week to end their sponsored read. We had lots sweet treats and as we read our stories the children had to guess which treat was hiding in the story! They loved eating the treats and best of all the sponsored read raised over £500!



Year 4

Earlier this week we had an external skipping coach come in to teach some skipping moves for the children to practise for a tournament they will be taking part in next year. She was very impressed by their skills & how they worked together.



Year 6

Year 6 won the attendance last week and enjoyed their extra play-time. Keep it up year 6!

