

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now more than half way through a very busy half term. In this newsletter, you will find information on some of the wonderful things we have been taking part in and lots of important dates for the next half term. Please make sure you add these dates to your calendar or, alternatively, use the calendar on our website which can be found here: [School Calendar](#)

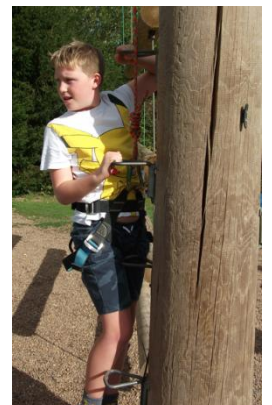
Y6 Residential

On the 17th September, Maple Class visited Dearne Valley for their Year 6 residential. The trip was a huge success filled with challenge, teamwork, and plenty of fun! The children threw themselves into a variety of exciting activities – from abseiling down walls and testing their aim in archery, to solving tricky team challenges and climbing to impressive heights. Their courage, determination, and support for one another shone through at every step. The trip ended perfectly with a cosy campfire, where everyone shared stories, laughter and a well-earned hot chocolate. It was a fantastic experience that built confidence, friendships and memories to last a lifetime.

"I got all the way to the top of Jacob's ladder and even had a battle with Henry, which was really fun!"-

Brody

"On the last night, we had a campfire where we drank hot chocolate and sung campfire songs." - Matilda



Year 3 and Year 4 Multi-skills Festival

On Thursday 25th September, all of our Year 4 children took part in a multi-skills competition against other local primary schools. This was the first sporting event of this academic year and it was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion for all children involved. The children took part in 10 different activities in the two-hour session and had great fun along the way! A special mention must go to our Year 6 Sport Leaders and our House Captains for running the events alongside Mr Jackson and Mr Spetch. Well done to all involved!



Blue Cross Visit



Lois, a trained Educational speaker from the Blue Cross, visited us to talk to both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 about their role as a charity and how they aim for every pet to enjoy a healthy life in a happy home. Lois spoke to the children about the behaviours of different dogs, how to stay safe around dogs and how dogs might react in certain scenarios. It was a brilliant session which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



Flu Vaccination Programme

The flu Vaccination will take place in school during the afternoon of Monday 24th November. This is for all children from Reception to Year 6. Please use the following link to let us know your wishes regarding this programme by completing a 'Yes' or 'No' consent: [Flu Vaccination Programme](#)

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thanks to our wonderful FHS Team for hosting our Big Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to all the families that kindly donated so many cakes and buns that made this a terrific event. Together with selling the remaining cakes on the playground at the end of the day, we managed to raise **£183.60**. Thanks again for all your support!

Parents Evening

Autumn Parents Evenings will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 25th November from 3:45 pm until 6:15 pm

Thursday 27th November from 3:45 pm until 6:15 pm

Details of how to book your slot will follow near the time.

Christmas Performances

The Christmas Performances will take place on the following dates:

EYFS and KS1 (in the hall)

- Tuesday 16th December at 2:15 pm
- Wednesday 17th December at 9:30 am

KS2 (in the church)

- Tuesday 16th December at 9:30 am
- Wednesday 17th December at 6:00 pm

Details of how to reserve your seats will follow nearer the time.

Disco

The FHS are organising a Pumpkin disco which will take place on Thursday 6th November. More details will follow shortly.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place in school on Friday 12th December from 2:30 pm. Full details of this event and how you can support us will follow.

Individual and Family Photographs

Proofs of individual and family photographs have now been sent home with children. Orders/payment need to be back with the school office by the end of the day on **Monday 13th October** latest.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Assembly will take place in the church on Friday 24th October at 2:00 pm. Parents, grandparents and family members are welcome to join us for this event, and children can be taken home afterwards; however, school will be open until 3:30 pm, as usual. Doors to the church will open 15 minutes before the start.

Bonfire Lunch

Mrs Hardy will be serving a Bonfire Lunch which will take place in school on Wednesday 5th November; details of the menu and what you need to do to order this meal for your child can be found here: [Bonfire Lunch](#). Please let the school office know by the end of the day on Monday 13th October.

SchoolCycled!



Thank you so much for collecting your plastic bottle tops for our SchoolCycled project. We have now filled three huge boxes! These have been returned towards our rewards. For every kilo we collect, we earn 250 Earth Tokens which can be exchanged for furniture, play equipment etc. Our school councillors will decide what we are collecting for at their next meeting. In the meantime, please keep collecting and sending these in! More information

about this reward scheme can be found here: [SchoolCycled](#)



Christmas Cards with My School Printing

The children have now designed their Christmas cards and we expect to have the proofs and order forms shortly before half term. So, before you buy your Christmas cards for your friends and family this year, it may be worth waiting to see your child's wonderful design.

Cool Milk

Children are entitled to free milk in school up to their fifth birthday. After this, if your child would like to continue having milk you can register with our provider, Cool Milk, for a small charge: [Cool Milk Registration](#)

ParentPay

In ParentPay there is an agreed maximum debt per child of £30.00 in total across payment items. This includes payment for any swimming lessons, school dinners, extra-curricular activities etc. Miss Mills has sent our reminders this week to parents who have outstanding balances to clear, can parents keep their accounts up to date please? Thank you.

Hensall School Instagram

Please don't forget to follow our Hensall School Instagram page which showcases the highlights of life inside our school, with a focus on events and class learning. This is an open page, giving potential new members of our school a chance to have a flavour of life at Hensall School before visiting us. Please have a look: [Hensall Instagram](#)

FHS Facebook Page

The FHS have asked all parents to follow the FHS Facebook page. This will be packed full of all the information you need to know about upcoming events. It will also detail opportunities for you to get involved if you can spare a little bit of time! [FHS Facebook](#)

Dates for the diary for Academic Year 2025/2026 (New dates added in red)

- Friday 24th October , 2025 – Harvest Festival in the Church at 2:00 pm (All welcome)
- **Wednesday 5th November, 2025 – Bonfire Lunch**
- **Thursday 6th November, 2025 – Pumpkin disco (More information to follow)**
- Monday 10th November, 2025 9:00am – Bag2School Collection
- **Friday 14th November, 2025 – BBC Children in Need (Details to follow)**
- Monday 24th November, 2025 – Flu Vaccination Programme (Rec to Y6)
- **Tuesday 25th November, 2025 – Scholastic Book Fair arrives in School (opening dates to follow)**
- **Tuesday 25th November, 2025 from 3:45 pm until 6:15 pm – Autumn Parents Evening**
- **Thursday 27th November, 2025 from 3:45 pm until 6:15 pm – Autumn Parents Evening**
- Thursday 11th December, 2025 – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Friday 12th December, 2025 at 2:30 pm – Christmas Fair**
- **Tuesday 16th December, 2025 at 9:30 am - KS2 Performance (in the church)**
- **Tuesday 16th December, 2025 at 2:15 pm - EYFS and KS1 Performance (in the hall)**
- **Wednesday 17th December, 2025 at 9:30 am - EYFS and KS1 Performance (in the hall)**
- Wednesday 17th December, 2025 – Christmas Lunch (menu to follow)
- **Wednesday 17th December, 2025 at 6:00 pm -KS2 Performance (in the church)**
- Thursday 29th January, 2026 – Young Voices Concert
- Wednesday 8th July to Friday 10th July, 2026 – Y6 Transition Days at The Snaith School

Useful Links:

Homework Policy: [Homework Policy](#)

Term Dates 2025-2026: [Term Dates 2025-26](#)

Attendance Policy: [Pupil Attendance](#)

Behaviour Policy: [Behaviour Policy](#)

Sun Safety Policy: [Use of Sunscreens](#)

The school has many policies and procedures; you will find some of the more important ones listed on our website here: [School Policies](#) If you cannot find what you are looking for, please contact the school office.

Useful Contacts

Kid's Corner – Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast Club from 7.00am and After-School Club to 6.00pm in partnership with Kids Corner.

Please find below the contact information for Kids Corner Breakfast and After School club at Hensall:

Hensall Setting Mobile: 07593 721242 (Only available during club times - 7:00 am to 8:45 am and 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm)

Leanne Ramskill Mobile: 07593 720386 (Contactable throughout the day for ad hoc, last minute bookings etc.)

Email: bahensall@kidscornernurseries.co.uk

If you do not already have an account set up with Kids Corner but think you may need to use their wraparound care in the future, please consider setting your account up now so that you have access to the booking system. This will make things much easier if you have a last minute requirement. Booking links can be found here: [Wraparound Care Bookings](#)

Local Events

AUTUMN ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Holiday Session - £55.00 (7-16 years old)

Ilkley Cow & Calf: Monday-Wednesday, 10:00-16:00

Brimham Rocks: Thursday-Friday, 10:00-16:00

Childcare Vouchers accepted



Book online or contact us via email



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