



Hensall Community Primary School

18th September, 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to this new school year to all of our existing pupils and a big welcome to all of our new starters. All of the children have settled well in to school life and are settling in to their new routines. We are looking forward to an exciting Autumn term in school.

Academisation Update

Last term, the governors shared that Hensall School was considering becoming an academy and joining the Pathfinder Trust. This change would also make the school the fourth member of The White Rose Federation which has been providing support to Hensall since November 2023.

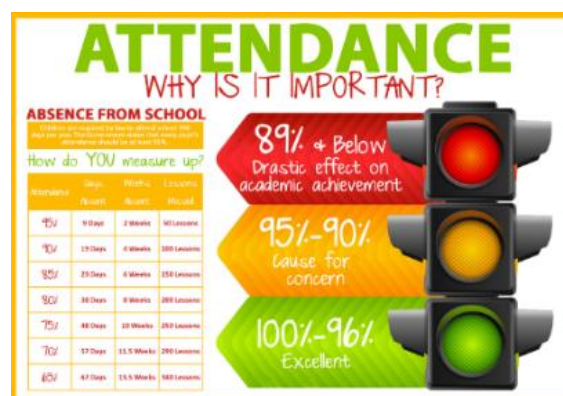
The process of becoming an academy is a long one. While we hosted an information evening for parents last term, we have not yet begun the formal consultation. We plan to consult with parents before the October half-term break and will send you more information in the coming weeks.

We've heard there's a rumour circulating about a potential change in the school uniform if Hensall becomes an academy. Please be assured that there are **no plans** to change the Hensall school uniform. This is not a high priority for us and we are happy with the uniform as it is.

Attendance Update for all Parents

In England, the law is clear: parents must ensure their child attends school regularly. We understand that life can present unforeseen challenges, and that's why schools can grant leave in exceptional circumstances. It's important to understand, however, that the Department for Education generally does not consider a holiday to be an exceptional circumstance.

Please be aware that a letter from an employer stating that you are unable to take leave during school holidays is not considered sufficient evidence. We understand the pressures of work, alongside the increased costs of trips during the school holidays, but the school is duty bound to implement the Department for Education statutory attendance guidance. Leave for exceptional circumstances is specifically for genuine and unavoidable situations. Please consider this should you request a holiday in term time, it is highly likely that your response will be unauthorised.



Individual and Family Photographs

On Wednesday 24th September, our school photographer **Phototronics** will be visiting school to take individual and family school photographs. Children will have individual and sibling photographs taken in school throughout the morning. Between 8:30 am and 9:00 am, we would also like to welcome other siblings into school to have their photo taken as a family. These photographs make fabulous Christmas presents! **Children who would usually come in PE kit on this day (Oak Class and Rowan Class) should come to school dressed in their school uniform and bring a change of shoes in a named bag.**

Prime Minister's letter to parents and carers on Best Start in Life

The Department for Education have requested we share the following link to a letter from the Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer: [Education Hub - Letter from Keir Starmer](#)

We would also like to share a link to the UK Government Parent Hub - [Best Start in Life](#) which has lots of useful information from for parents from pregnancy, early years and beyond: [Best Start in Life](#)

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. Mrs Hardy will also cook a very special Harvest Lunch for the children, the date and menu will follow shortly.

Music Lessons

Music lessons have started in school for those children who have registered with the North Yorkshire Music Hub. Details are below:

Brass - Monday morning

Piano - Thursday afternoon

Guitar - Friday morning

Please ensure your child has their instrument, music book and music diary in school for every lesson.

If your child is interested in starting music lessons in school, please visit the Music Hub website for more information <https://northyorkshireremusic.co.uk/> or speak with the school office.

We have been informed by the music service that lessons will not be given until invoices are paid. If you no longer require lessons, just let the music service know and the place can then be offered to another child on the waiting list.

Also during this school year, each term one of our Key Stage 2 classes will take part in whole class Ukulele lessons. During the Autumn term this will be Beech class.

We have also included more information here on music services that are offered out of school.

Selby Music Centre is launching some new groups this September on Saturday mornings at Barlby and Osgodby Methodist Church and we would like to invite your children to take part!



8.45 - 9.30 Selby Music Makers - a fun group for ages 4 to 7 to develop general musical skills and introduce children to different musical instruments during the year to start them off on their musical journeys.

beginner violin group – 11.15 – 11.45 and beginner keyboards group - free taster sessions available and then a small fee payable after half term. This is an inexpensive way to explore learning an instrument and to get ready for "proper" lessons! Places are limited so please get in touch.

We also have availability in our other groups:

9.45 – 11.00 Beginners to grade 2 **guitar and ukulele** group, wind group (**woodwind and brass**), **strings** and **keyboards** group. **Theory** lessons – free to those already in a group.

11.15 – 12.30 Grade 2 and above **Senior Strings** and **flutes, folk/rock** group (guitars, keyboards, flutes, percussion), **Selby Youth Choir** (Y2 to Y9)

If you have a child who would be interested in a **pre-school music group** 8.45 – 9.30 on a Saturday, please let me know!

Selby Music Centre is part of the North Yorkshire Music Service

Contact: helen.moulds@northyorks.gov.uk _ northyorkshireremusic.co.uk

Usborne Books – Donation



Usborne Books have recently asked local farmers if they would consider donating books to local schools all about farming. Thank you so much to Mr Joe Spetch, brother of our very own Mr Spetch and a local farmer from Long Drax, for the fantastic books that have been donated to our school.

Thank you!

Kid's Corner – Breakfast Club and After School Club

We are now pleased to be able to offer 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.

Young Voices 2026



Rehearsals started in school on Wednesday 10th September for the Young Voices concert in January 2026. Children from Year 4 to Year 6 have been invited to join this choir. It's not too late for your child to join, please contact the school office and register through ParentPay if your child would like to attend.

Christmas Cards with My School Printing

Once again, the children will have the opportunity to design their very own Christmas card in school. 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. Children in all year groups are taking part in this fundraiser.

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, after-school clubs and out of school club payments. 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 of 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. Please have a look: <https://www.instagram.com/hensallcommunityprimaryschool/>

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!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1GREKxfG3K/>



SAFETY IN OUR SCHOOL

Parking

The staff car park is for staff parking only. Please do not park on the staff car park (unless extenuating circumstances have been agreed with the school). Please do not park on the private road between the school and the church, on the zigzag lines outside of the school or on the pavement opposite school. We have received several reports of parents stopping in the middle of the road to let children out! Please help to keep all of our children safe.

Dates for the diary for Academic Year 2025/2026

(New dates added in red)

- Wednesday 10th September, 2025 – Young Voices Choir Practices Start for children in Y4, Y5 and Y6
- Wednesday 17th September to Friday 19th September – Y6 Residential to PGL, Dearne Valley
- Wednesday 24th September, 2025 – Individual and Sibling (Family) photographs
- Friday 26th September, 2025 – MacMillan Coffee Morning in school
- **Thursday 2nd October, 2025 – Harvest Lunch (menu to follow)**
- **Friday 24th October, 2025 – Harvest Festival in the Church at 2:00 pm (All welcome)**
- **Monday 5th November, 2025 – Bonfire Night (menu to follow)**
- **Monday 10th November, 2025 9:00am – Bag2School Collection (New Date)**
- Monday 24th November, 2025 – Flu Vaccination Programme (Rec to Y6) (Details to follow)
- Thursday 11th December, 2025 – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch (menu to follow)**
- 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.