



**'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'**  
Husthwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery Monthly Newsletter

February 2026...

Another busy month of lots of exciting learning and events in school!

In early February we celebrated **Number Day 2026** and all children did a variety of different activities and games. Class 1 celebrated Number Day by playing games, making number monsters, creating doubles biscuits, making number blocks and drawing Number land. We had great fun and further developed our subitising skills, our addition and subtraction skills and our ability to work as part of a team. Our youngest children spread Number Day over a whole week, so everyone got a chance to join in.

**Number  
Day 2026**



Class 2 celebrated number day by exploring maths games on Purple Mash (which can be accessed from home) or playing some games such as Snakes and Ladders, Shopping List and Tell the Time.



Class 3 marked NSPCC Number day with lots of maths activities and games. Paper activities were not as popular as those online, which ranged from times tables challenges against the clock, escape rooms with Numberella and keeping customers happy with Pizza Fractions. Lots of fun was had by all



**Child Mental Health Week 2026.** As part of Children's Mental Health week, the children considered what 'belonging' meant and how it felt. Class 2 discussed what/where made them feel safe, loved and that they belonged and then they portrayed their ideas as an island. All children were able to explain the significance of each item drawn as we 'walked' around their islands, titled, 'This is my place'.



**FOHS School Film Night.** A huge thanks to FOHS for organising another much loved Film Night. The children were mesmerised watching Dogman (U) in our Husthwaite Hall Cinema, many in KS2 had read the books and the refreshments were loved by all.

**PrimeTime.** Class 3 thoroughly enjoyed catching up and playing Boccia and Curling with their older friends in our community up at Husthwaite Village Hall. We certainly had some super competitive players; Winter Olympics 2034 watch out!



### Safer Internet Day



Miss Goodchild led a special collective worship all about AI to mark Safer Internet Day. This year's national theme, *"Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI,"* focuses on helping children understand how AI shapes the online tools they use every day and how to make informed, responsible choices when using smart technology. Across the country, Safer Internet Day encourages young people to think critically about the benefits and risks of AI—such as

recognising misinformation, protecting personal data, and understanding how online content can be shaped by algorithms. Miss Goodchild's worship helped pupils reflect on these ideas and consider how to stay safe, confident and respectful online.



Hustwaite Hummingbirds treated everyone to a fabulous Chinese New Year and Pancake Day performance at our Friday Celebration Collective Worship at the end of last half term which was very much enjoyed by all children, parents and family that attended.

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February Awards

#### Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

**Apple Award** - Ivor for his fantastic dedication to his learning in every subject.

**Headteachers sticker** - Elliott was very excited by our den building in Forest School. He helped his friends to design and build the den, listening to the ideas of others and working as a great team member.

**Writer of the week** - George B for some super ideas linked to our story "Two Bad Mice".

#### Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

**Apple Award** - Sharday is growing in confidence and becoming increasingly independent in her learning across different subjects. She is putting in great effort and taking positive steps forward.

**Headteachers sticker** - Evie-Mae for always being so positive about her learning and trying her best.

**Writer of the week** - Raeph for his sentence work this week, working hard to include the right punctuation for questions and statements.

#### Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

**Apple Award**- Scarlett has proven herself to be a wonderful Hustwaite ambassador. She welcomed Charlotte into Class 3, took her under her wing and helped her get used to our routines.

**Headteachers sticker** - Charlotte – welcome to Hustwaite! A super first week!

**Writer of the week** – George Buchanan for a dramatic improvement in his handwriting. Now we've seen it, we expect it all the time!

**Harry the HOOSC Hippo:** Robert, for making good choices and wanting to get his homework done.

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February Awards

#### Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

**Apple Award** - Arthur for his wonderful map making, he told me all about "his yard" drawing with great detail and encouraging his friends to join in. They made a map that was so big, it filled the whole table!

**Headteachers sticker** - Primrose for her fantastic work on numbots, she is super speedy at subitising, and it is evident that all her effort in Maths Mastery is really supporting her learning.

**Writer of the week** - Henry for his commitment to forming his letters and numbers correctly and consistently. Well done Henry, super perseverance.

#### Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

**Apple Award** – Noah for working so hard in maths and for confidently using the notes in his jotter to help him tackle tasks independently. He is also a wonderfully enthusiastic contributor during our mastery maths sessions.

**Headteacher's Sticker** – Rhodie-May for putting in such fantastic effort with her reading and making great progress with her decoding skills.

**Writer of the Week** – Alice for creating a beautifully written and published version of her *Two Bad Mice* story, which was a delight to read.

#### Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

**Apple Award** - Ellie. She has blown us away with her learning over the last three weeks! She has made links in her maths, helping her to calculate fractions of an amount and how to multiply a fraction by an integer. Her fantasy story based on Middleworld was exciting and imaginative and included paragraphs, dialogue and descriptive expanded noun phrases. What a star!

**Headteachers sticker** - Charlie, for trying hard to focus on the task in hand, listen carefully to instructions and take responsibility for quickly and efficiently tidying his belongings. Keep it up Charlie!

**Writer of the week** - Daisy. Another incredible Middleworld adventure. Daisy's was carefully structured and beautifully presented.

**Harry the HOOSC Hippo:** Alice, for her wonderful biscuit making.

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February Awards

#### Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

**Apple Award** - Aeris and Lulu for settling so well into Hushwaite School and Apple Tree Nursery.

**Headteachers sticker** - Alana for her confidence in new situations and with new people.

**Writer of the week** - Essie for her super name writing. Well done Essie.

#### Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

**Apple Award** – Leonard for showing exceptional effort this week. He has worked consistently hard across all areas of his learning and should feel very proud of his achievements.

**Headteacher's Sticker** – Oscar for his excellent work in computing. He listened carefully to instructions, completed tasks independently and kindly supported others when they needed help.

**Writer of the Week** – Hunter for leading his group thoughtfully and working hard to help write a short talk on Benjamin Franklin after reading a brief biography.

#### Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

**Apple Award** - Wilf Kirk: during a week that has been topsy-turvy, Wilf has been organised and has demonstrated confidence and self-belief in all aspects of the curriculum.

**Headteachers sticker** - Alfie and his positivity have shone this week. Always smiling and upbeat, whatever we are learning (even quizzes) – keep that enthusiasm going Alfie!

**Writer of the week** - William H. This week has been 'Silent Quiz' week, but William still managed to impress with his careful written answers in his reading quiz.

**Harry the HOOSC Hippo:** Elliott, for his great imagination when playing with lego.

For your information our Collective Worship Christian School Value this half term is Community with the theme of Responsibility. Your child has received a Responsibility school values sheet of ideas this week in their book bag, should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration Collective Worship** in the school hall at 2.45pm, hosted by Miss Bennett.

Have a lovely weekend.

**NOTICES:**

- **WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

This week your child has brought home their National £1 World Book Day token in their book bag. A free £1 book is available in many book shops until 15 March. To celebrate world book day in school this year the children will be doing a world book day activity in class and if they would like to come dressed as a book character, they are very welcome too and this is optional for all children this year. Those who do not wish to dress up, please come in school uniform as normal. There will be a special **World Book Day Dinner** served on Thursday and a book voucher will be given out from North Yorkshire catering for the best costume. The winner will be automatically entered into the county competition to win an iPad.

- **NEW MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM.** We will shortly be moving from our Arbor app to a new app called **BROMCOM**. It will work in a very similar way to our current app, offering further opportunities of communication, services and at a much better cost. Further information will follow and support through this transition will be provided.
- **February online safety newsletter for parents.** Please see the February online safety newsletter to support you in providing your child with a safe online environment. As always, we want to promote having a safe online environment for children both at school and at home.
- **After School Clubs** If your child is registered to attend an after school club, they will be kept at school at the club unless we are notified otherwise by a parent. This is particularly important for those children who go home on the bus.

**SPRING TERM DIARY DATES:**

1-4 March	Y5/6 residential Newby Wiske
5 March	World Book Day & Special School Lunch Menu
11 March	Curriculum Enrichment Day. STEM. Curiosity: What's your question?
13 March	KS2 Climate Action poetry workshop. Please note there will be no Friday Celebration Collective Worship this week.
16 March	PSHE/RSE Meeting for Federation parents- 4pm details to follow
18 March	Y5 bikeability
20 March	Red Nose Day – organised by 'MoneyMakers' details to follow
23 & 25 March	Parent evenings
24 March 6.30pm Husthwaite School Hall	The N.E.E.P.S Band Performance. Tickets available soon.
27 March	9.30am Easter Service St Nicholas Church FOHS Easter Egg Hunt 3.20pm School closes for Easter Holidays
13 April	School opens for Summer Term 1

[www.husthwaiteprimaryschool.org](http://www.husthwaiteprimaryschool.org)