



'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'
Husthwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery New Academic Year Newsletter

5 SEPTEMBER 2025...

Welcome back to everyone and what a fabulous start to the new academic year! All our children, old and new have settled in so well to their new year groups. It is so lovely as always to see our older children supporting our youngest and the buzz and love of learning fills our school once again after the summer break.

Our new Reception and Nursery children have all settled in amazingly this week and it has also been lovely to warmly welcome Noah and Raeph to Year 2 and Angus to Year 3.



Friday 5 September Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award – Freya for being so kind to our new children and showing our Christian school value of Caring and Sharing. Thank you for helping your new friends to find their pegs and carpet spaces.

Headteacher's sticker – All our new starters: Alana, Atticus, Iris, Essie, Elliott, Effie and Primrose. You have all made a fantastic start to Husthwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery.

Writer of the week - Primrose for her super name writing alongside her portrait drawing.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award – Alice for her mature start to Year 2 and trying her best with everything.

Headteacher's sticker – Noah, Raeph and Angus for a brilliant first week at Husthwaite.

Writer of the week – Sharday for making a brilliant start to Year 3 by attempting to join some of her writing.

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award – Hope has started Year 6 with a positive mindset, a contagious smile and an enthusiasm to have a go at everything. Well done Hope!

Headteacher's sticker – George B. for impressive accuracy and timings with his times tables.

Writer of the week – Wilf B. for meticulously writing his date and title with perfect joins and neat underlining.

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Jack T for settling into breakfast and after school club like an absolute super star!

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Respect. Your child has received a 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, this half term hosted by Miss Bennett.

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- As you know Mr Chapman is now our Assistant Headteacher working across both schools in the Federation. Mr Chapman / our senior teacher Miss Goodchild is in charge in my absence on site at Husthwaite, please don't hesitate to contact them if they can be of any assistance.

Being the beginning of the academic year please can we remind all of our school uniform.

School uniform: Red or grey sweater/cardigan White or red polo shirt Grey or black skirt, trousers or shorts Grey/white socks or tights Black sensible shoes.	PE Kit: Plain white or red t-shirt Navy/black shorts Tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt (for outdoor PE) Plimsolls/trainers
Hair: Children with hair below the shoulder must have their hair tied back. Jewellery:- For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school. If a watch is worn, it is at your own risk. Plain stud type earrings may be worn with pierced ears but must be removed (independently) during PE sessions. This is in line with North Yorkshire County Council's policy. No nail varnish or makeup.	

We do have some second hand uniform in school for those families that might need this assistance. Please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Dixon in the school office.

- Playtime snack** Please can we remind all we constantly promote healthy eating and being a healthy school. All EYFS and KS1 children are given a free piece of fruit / vegetable at playtime which we encourage all to take advantage of. Please can we ask that any playtime snacks brought in from home are of a healthy variety. Water bottles are for water only, no juice please.
- School Drop Off** Please can we remind everyone that **school starts at / registration is at 8.50am**. The gate is officially opened at 8.40am and locked at 8.50am/after the school bus has arrived. Any child arriving after 8.50am is recorded as late (L) and if arrives after registration is closed at 9am is recorded as unauthorised (U).
- For our **Reception** year parents, in line with statutory requirements your child has done a very informal, low key baseline assessment this week individually with their class teacher. Please see the following link for more detailed information.
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074327/2022_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf
- As said last term, we would like to remind you a school dinner is now £3.50. If you think, due to a change in circumstances, that you may qualify for free school meals, please apply through the application form on the NYCC website: www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals
- If you are interested in your child starting individual or small group music lessons, please use the following link: <https://northyorks.eepos.fi/#/forms/1>

Please remember that if your child is currently in receipt of FSM, support with music tuition cost is available.

- FOHS (Friends of Husthwaite School) are having their first meeting of the academic year on Friday 3rd October at 2pm in school. Everyone, old and new parents and carers are warmly invited for a social cuppa with FOHS and Miss Bennett. It is very much appreciated however much or little time you can give.
- Please can we remind all parents and carers that holidays during term time will be unauthorised unless they meet the NYCC exceptional circumstances criteria. Please be aware unauthorised absences can result in penalty fines from NYCC.
- We would like to remind you that 'Be Aware', the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children online knowledge hub with a section for parents is available to all to help prevent and tackle child exploitation. It is all about child exploitation which sadly is happening here in North Yorkshire. The resources and information on this page have been designed alongside parents and carers from across our county to give you the information you need about child exploitation so you can **Be Aware** of the potential risks.

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/be-aware-parents-and-carers/>

- Communication.**
Dojo, school admin email and open door policy. As you know we encourage strong communication between school and home. If you need to contact your child's class teacher please Dojo them a private message, see them before or after school or contact the school office through email or telephone. Staff will respond as soon as possible within school opening hours, 8.30 – 3.30pm.
- Federation Local Committee.**

PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY – WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BECOME A FEDERATION PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBER?

MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

DEVELOP YOUR OWN PROFESSIONAL SKILLS.

HELP SHAPE EXPERIENCES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

No in-depth knowledge of the education system is needed, you bring with you skills and workplace knowledge that will help positively impact young lives. For more details please don't hesitate to contact Miss Bennett.

WE WILL BE HAVING OUR PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBER ELECTIONS LATER THIS TERM

What is it like to be a Committee member?

'Having been a School Governor since November 2023, I wanted to share some of my experiences and explain a bit more about what it is like to be a member of the Husthwaite and Sessay Local Governing Body.

Being a Governor is a great way to understand more about how the School's operate and support staff to improve the lives and education of the children and communities they serve. As a Governor, your role is to provide oversight of the School budget, curriculum, policies (including safeguarding), property and staff and act as a local voice to the trustees of the Elevate Multi-Academy Trust that we are now part of.

The Governing Body meets 3 times a year (once per term) for a couple of hours and Governor's should aim to visit at least one of the School's each term to maintain familiarity with the school and staff and discuss an area of school governance that you will have been assigned (known as a Link Governor). You do not need any specific skills or qualifications to be a Governor - however interest and experience in one of the areas listed above would be a great addition to our small group.

If you are interested to know more about being a Governor/Committee member then please contact Miss Bennett.'
(P White – Parent Governor at Husthwaite)

AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES:

24 September	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe whole school presentation.
26 September	Curriculum Enrichment Day – European languages day. 'Languages open hearts and minds'
26 September	MoneyMakers – Macmillan Coffee Morning treat.
Saturday 27 September	Open Morning at Husthwaite CE Primary School 9.30-10.30am.
1 October	Phonics / Early Literacy morning 8:40-9:am. Everyone welcome but especially useful for parents in R to Y2.
2 October	EYFS and KS1 Cluster Fun Run at Husthwaite.
3 October	FOHS meeting 2pm.
6 October	Harvest Festival 2.30pm at St Nicholas Church. Parent Evening 4-6.30pm.
8 October	Elevate SEND parent drop in session 2.45pm. Parent Evening 3.30-5pm.
10 October	World Mental Health Day – Hello Yellow Day!
23 October	FOHS Pumpkin carving competition.
23 October	<i>School breaks up for half term.</i>
24 October	<i>Training Day</i>
3 November	<i>Training Day</i>
4 November	<i>School open for Autumn term 2.</i>
10-14 November	Anti Bullying week 'Power For Good'
11 November	Remembrance Day. Whole school open afternoon 1.15-2.30pm.
12 November	FOHS School Disco 4.30-6pm.
13 November	Curriculum Enrichment Day – PSHE.
14 November	MoneyMakers – Children In Need.
17-21 November	Road Safety week
17 November	Years 5 and 6 Crucial Crew.
21 November	Non uniform day.
26 November	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents, 5pm on Teams.
Sunday 30 November	Husthwaite Christmas Market at the village hall.
5 December	Husthwaite Christmas Jumper Day. Christmas Fair 3-4pm.
11 December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity.
12 December	Autumn term Mini Report Cards.

19 December	Christingle Service at St Nicholas' Church 9.30am. <i>2.30pm School breaks up for Christmas holiday.</i>
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Please see 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 term dates attached for your reference.

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