



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

MAY 2026

We most certainly have had a very busy month in school.



Year 5 and 6 Football May marked another football tournament. Our fantastic team of ten played four incredible games, showing skill, teamwork, and determination throughout. Every player gave their all — heads held high. They played brilliantly, made us all proud and enjoyed wearing our new football kit.

SATS Our amazing Year 6 pupils have truly outdone themselves! After working hard all year, they faced six tricky tests with determination, humour, and plenty of smiles. They embraced every challenge — and created a few of their own along the way! (Just how much chocolate spread *can* one person eat at breakfast? How many sweet treats fit into a single day?)

The week ended perfectly: sunshine, cake, and a well-earned trip to the park. We are immensely proud of their effort, resilience, and spirit — WELL DONE!



Bradford – the best day! Lucky pupils from Year 5 and 6, plus 2 members of staff and a very brave Mrs Hebdon, experienced the Ultimate School trip on Tuesday 19th May. It was a year's worth of trips in one day. Every minute was packed with fun and learning, from the interesting (and often jaw-dropping) tour of the truly beautiful Grand Mosque (which included the biggest chandelier we have ever seen, the most intricately detailed floors and the best snacks) led by the amazingly kind and generous Bilari, to the National Media Museum where we got up close to the planets, investigated light and sound, learned how TV and film have progressed and undertook some brilliant experiments (which included Mr Chapman in a poncho and Ethan's opportunity to get him wet). There was then time for a quick statue hunt and play in the water features of Centenary Square, where some got sogger than others. A delicious 3 course meal at Pizza Express meant we were still full of energy and enthusiasm before the moving, yet funny theatre adaptation of *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. And ice cream!

The children were an absolute delight! The behaviour was impeccable and they were the best representatives for our school. It really was the trip of the decade!

Friday 8th May Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award - Elliott for challenging himself in PE. Elliott showed great courage by overcoming his fears and trying something new on the apparatus. Well done for being so brave!

Headteacher's Sticker - Aeris for participating in PE with super enthusiasm. Aeris brought lots of energy and a fantastic attitude to the lesson. Great teamwork and effort!

Writer of the Week – Lulu for trying really hard to write her name and drawing a picture of herself. Lulu showed excellent perseverance and pride in her work.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award – Archie for consistently showing outstanding kindness and helpfulness to everyone around him. Archie is a shining example of our school values and always leads by example with a positive attitude and a warm smile. A truly fantastic school ambassador who makes our classroom a brighter place every day.

Headteacher's Sticker – Jack for sharing interesting facts linked to our topics and contributing thoughtfully to our Know More, Remember More quizzes.

Writer of the Week – Noah for producing thoughtful questions and answers linked to our interview with a tiger text.

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award - Freya for showing excellent perseverance and determination with her wire sculpture, especially when she found it challenging. Freya demonstrated a fantastic attitude by sticking with it and trying her best throughout.

Headteachers sticker – William A. for focus and effort in all areas of the curriculum, from computing to maths, reading practice (where he earned a DOUBLE MERIT) to SPaG!

Writer of the week – Angelica. She worked hard with a partner to give an oral explanation for how something works (based on the class text, 'Until I met Dudley'), then got stuck in with her group to write an informative paragraph to contribute to the group's explanation text.

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Phoebe, for always being positive and her amazing homework skills.

Friday 15th May Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award - Jack, for his excellent recognition of numbers, including teen numbers. A fantastic start in maths, well done!

Headteacher's Sticker - Effie, for her brilliant recall of number bonds to 5 without using her fingers. An outstanding mathematician, amazing work!

Writer of the Week

Ivor, for his fantastic understanding of statements, exclamations, and questions in English, linked to our class text Interview with a Tiger.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award – Rocco, for his kindness and empathy when playing football. He made sure our youngest football enthusiasts had a turn with the ball and even returned it so they could try again to score a goal. It was wonderful to see such thoughtfulness and care towards younger members of our school community. Not just a great footballer but also a good coach!

Headteacher's Sticker –Isla has shown great progress in computing, demonstrating strong coding skills. She worked through challenges with determination and used debugging to help solve problems.

Writer of the Week – Dotty for her clear and engaging explanation draft about the Homework Helper machine she has invented. Dotty shared some imaginative ideas and explained them well.

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award - Walter. He is a maths whizz with money! He can add amounts unbelievably quickly, suggest a variety of coins that could be used to make a given total and work out change. Well done Walter!

Headteachers sticker – **Year 6.** 8 pupils, 6 tests, 4 days and LOTS of chocolate spread! Your positivity, humour, determination and perseverance throughout not just this week, but the whole of Year 6, have made the adults unbelievably proud of you all.

Writer of the week – Alfie, for getting to grips with the Subjunctive Form, identifying examples within writing and composing some of his own.

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Freya, for being a good friend and always making everyone happy.

Friday 22nd May Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award – Alfie for his continued effort with his reading. Well done, Alfie, for showing such perseverance.

Headteacher's Sticker – Arthur for his enthusiasm and communication skills when developing his ideas in the construction area.

Writer of the Week – Primrose for working hard to improve her sentences by remembering to use a capital letter and a full stop.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award – Raeph for absolutely blowing me away this week with his fantastic phonics progress. What a superstar—keep it up!

Headteacher's Sticker – Casper for a brilliant start at Husthwaite. He has settled in so well and is already showing a great attitude to learning.

Writer of the Week – Ana for working so hard this half term on joining her handwriting. Her latest published piece looked amazing—such great effort, well done!

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

A quick mention to those in Year 5 and 6 who enjoyed our class trip on Tuesday. What incredible ambassadors for our school! You were a pleasure to take on our trip and your behaviour was exemplary. Thank you!

Apple Award - Phoebe Lee is a JOY and we would love to keep her forever. Always smiling, kind and polite, she treats everyone with impeccable manners and her compassion means she is always looking out for others, which was clearly evident during Tuesday's trip. She has set a high standard for Year 6: Year 5 have a hard act to follow!

Headteachers sticker – Rufus for his self-belief and positivity, his brilliant sense of humour kept everyone entertained on our trip and his stories about the weird and wonderful are fascinating (ask him about Space Diamonds!)

Writer of the week –. Noah for his fabulous travel brochure, highlighting all that Bradford has to offer. It was informative, well presented and included all the features to entice others. Well done!

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Niamh, for her amazing efforts and attitude during SATs week. This is the last time Mrs Throup will give you Harry, have a fabulous last 7 weeks at Husthwaite and enjoy every minute of secondary school!

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

Have a lovely half term holiday and enjoy the beautiful weather that is forecast.

NOTICES:

- **Classes 2026-27.** I would like to inform you that next academic year we will once again be having 3 classes. We will be having a Nursery /Reception / Year 1 in Class 1, Years 2, 3 and 4 in Class 2 and Years 5 and 6 in class 3. This is due to overall and cohort specific pupil numbers.
 - **Mrs Throup** is leaving this half term. We thank her for all she had contributed to Husthwaite Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery, especially in her role as Play Leader for HOOSC which I know the children enjoy and many families over the last few years have been very grateful for. We wish Mrs Throup all the very best for the future.
 - **HUSTHWAITE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES** We currently are advertising for a **HOOSC** Play Leader and a **School Administrator**.
Please contact the school office directly or go on our website for further information.
<https://www.husthwaiteprimaryschool.org/about-us/vacancies>
 - **Changes to Free School Meal eligibility from September 2026** Please be aware that from September 2026, the Government will introduce substantial changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility. Under the new national criteria, **all families in receipt of Universal Credit will qualify for free school meals**, meaning that more pupils will become eligible.
There will be two categories of benefit-related FSM:
Targeted Free School Meals
This category continues to be based on the existing income threshold. Pupils will be eligible if their household:
Is in receipt of **Universal Credit**, and
Has an annual household **income of £7,400 or less**
2. **Expanded Free School Meals**

This category applies to pupils who:

Live in households receiving Universal Credit, and

Do not meet the income threshold for Targeted FSM (ie the annual household income is above £7,400)

Further information on how to apply will follow.

- **May online safety newsletter for parents.** Please see the May 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.

SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES:

1 June	School opens
2 June	Sowerby Music workshop
4 June	KS2 Space Odyssey Trip to York Museum
5 June	Non uniform day in lieu of Tombola Prizes
9 June (9.00am)	Bags2School collection
16 June (3.20 - 4.20pm)	Explore Joy, please see attached poster from Rev'd Katie and Lucy.
18 June (2.30pm)	Husthwaite Hummingbirds & Music concert
22-26 June	Sports, Health & Wellbeing Week
23 June	Sports Afternoon, Colour Run & Summer Fair
1 July (2.00-3.00pm)	Stay & Play
8 July	Y5 Language Morning at Easingwold Outwood
8 July	KS2 Production
15 July	Federation Day – Carnival Theme
17 July (9.30am)	Y6 Leavers Service St Nicholas Church
18 July (3.20pm)	School closes for summer

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