



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

JANUARY 2026...

A busy and active start to the New Year!

Pet Therapy Dog. We're thrilled to welcome back Robin and the reading dogs this term! The children were overjoyed to see them and couldn't wait to share their books with Tinker and Conker again. We've really missed their visits!



Years 3-6, Easingwold Cluster KS2 Fun Run, Thursday 22 January. Despite the wind, rain and mud, KS2 demonstrated remarkable sportsmanship during a cold January afternoon. They cheered for one another, behaved respectfully and all tried their absolute best. A huge congratulations to Eliza W, Eliza M, Douglas, Robert and Ana who were medal winners in their Year groups. Well done to everyone.



Last week all our children loved taking part in the 'Young Voices Wicked Worldwide Singalong' it most certainly had a positive impact on everyone's wellbeing, self-confidence and gave a great sense of community and joy to all. A huge thank you to Mrs Price for enabling us to be part of this National event.



Years 5 and 6 had an amazing afternoon, watching Beauty and the Beast performed by years 7-13 at Ampleforth College. We were in awe. The actors were unbelievable, the singers sounded professional, the orchestra added depth and atmosphere, and the set was breath-taking. And to top it off, ice-cream was served during the interval. We enjoyed every second.



Friday 9th January Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award- Elliott for his commitment to his reading over Christmas, he has practiced his tricky words lots of times and it is evident in his confidence and reading this week.

Headteachers sticker - George B for his enthusiasm about our new topic of pirates, he is so excited and has lots of fantastic suggestions for activities he would like to do and new things he would like to learn.

Writer of the week - Freya for her super writing about fiction and non-fiction books. Excellent effort Freya.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award- Hunter has shown real pride and care in his artwork, using pencil crayons to create tone, shading and highlights.

Headteachers sticker - Archie has done a great job this week, confidently recalling his shape knowledge from our maths lessons before Christmas and applying it thoughtfully in his computing work.

Writer of the week – Ana for her excellent summary timeline of key events from our new class text on animal biographies.

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award- Eliza B. Eliza is an inspiration to others. She gives 100% in everything and has shown determination and resilience, especially in Maths, challenging herself to have a go at the trickier questions.

Headteachers sticker - Hope, for starting 2026 with a huge smile and embracing our new maths unit of Ratio with such positivity.

Writer of the week – Beatrix for her detailed, accurate timeline summarising key events from the life of a famous animal.

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Jack T, for showing great care towards others

Friday 16th January Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award- Jack for his wonderful Kandinsky art work, super circles Jack.

Headteachers sticker - George W for his enthusiasm about our new topic of pirates, he is so excited and has lots of fantastic suggestions for activities he would like to do and new things he would like to learn.

Henry for his insightful ideas about our class story "After the fall" Henry was really quick to work out what had happened to Humpty Dumpty at the end of the story.

Writer of the week - Effie for her super use of her digraph mat when writing, she wrote a lovely sentence linked to our class story.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award- Oscar demonstrated superb skill in calculating with money this week.

Headteachers sticker - Robert impressed me with his thorough and accurate recall of our Romans topic

<p>Writer of the week – Rocco has worked brilliantly in English. He has been chunking writing into paragraphs, thinking of informative sub-headings he could use and had a go at turning notes into detailed sentences. Fantastic work Rocco!</p>
<p>Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie. Apple Award- Ethan for putting in so much effort in all areas of his learning. He has impressed all adults who have worked with him in the last week and shown commitment to helping himself (even coming to school early for extra maths!) Well done Ethan! Headteachers sticker - Walter for persevering with his learning on Multiplication and Division, making links between the operations. Writer of the week – Eliza M improved and extended her draft of a Travel Guide. She reflected on feedback and made changes, producing an interesting and informative guide.</p>
<p>Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Freya and Phoebe R, for their amazing joint craft project!</p>

<p>Friday 23rd January Awards</p>
<p>Class 1, Mrs Chappell. Apple Award- Primrose for her super positive attitude to all her learning. Headteachers sticker - Atticus for trying so hard to use his words when speaking to adults. Writer of the week - Ivor for his super writing and recall of facts related to James Cook.</p>
<p>Class 2, Miss Goodchild. Apple Award- Angus for his brilliant reading progress, especially with tricky words and split digraphs. Headteachers sticker - Minnie for her positivity and enjoyment of school. Keep bringing those smiles Minnie. Writer of the week – Jack demonstrated creativity in his animal biography and showed real perseverance in publishing his work with a neat, well-presented final piece.</p>
<p>Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie. Apple Award- Douglas. His quiet determination had his competitors fooled, but Husthwaite knew what he was capable of! An amazing Cross-Country run Douglas! We can't wait to see what you'll achieve next! Headteachers sticker - Another Cross-Country star. Despite injury, Sare was an outstanding marshal during the event. Guiding others, helping adults and pupils to find their way around. She kept her smile and positivity going all afternoon. Writer of the week – Ellie wrote a brilliant informal travel review. She used chatty language and contractions to share her experiences of her (imagined) visit to Cuba.</p>
<p>Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Hope, for being such a funny and kind friend.</p>

<p>Friday 30th January Awards</p>
<p>Class 1, Mrs Chappell. Apple Award- George B for his super understanding of past tense verbs when learning about Beatrix Potter in English. Headteachers sticker - Archie for his super computer that he made to go in our police station, linked to our Talk Through Stories text Burglar Bill. Writer of the week - Charlotte for her commitment to improving her handwriting and presentation in all areas.</p>
<p>Class 2, Miss Goodchild. Apple Award- Ana for reading her comprehension questions carefully and making sure her answers match the questions. Headteachers sticker - Rocco for his brilliant maths working out millimetres and centimetres. Writer of the week – Dotty for her imaginative Little Red Riding Hood Plan.</p>
<p>Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie. Apple Award- Eliza M. She impressed the whole class by using sign language for the entire alphabet. She then kept Class 3 entertained during our power-cut with a mesmerising oral story told while we were in the dark. Headteachers sticker - Evie Mee for her focus during tricky maths lessons and amazing contributions to discussion in English. Writer of the week – Phoebe L created an informative and visually stunning double page spread about the artist Chila Kumai Singh Burman.</p>
<p>Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Niamh for her ability to make everybody laugh and getting on with everybody.</p>

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Trust through our School Christian Value – Christian Roots. Your child brought home a school values sheet of ideas at the beginning of this term 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:

- For your information, next half term we will 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.
- **January online safety newsletter for parents.** Please see the January 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.

SPRING TERM DIARY DATES:

2 February	Y5/6 Newby Wiske Parent Information Meeting on Teams, 5pm. Microsoft Teams meeting Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/39706517625211?p=u57RsHtoa20HpfZYt3 Meeting ID: 397 065 176 252 11 Passcode: D8TU2bn3
4 February	FOHS film night
6 February	Curriculum Enrichment Day - Maths NSPCC Number Day
9 – 15 February	Child Mental Health week 2026 – ‘This is My Place’
10 February	Safer Internet Day – Smart tech, safe choices.
11 February	2-3pm Stay & Play
13 February	School closes for half term
23 – 26 February	Year 6 Mock SAT’s week
1-4 March	Y5/6 residential Newby Wiske
5 March	World Book Day
18 March	Y5 bikeability
20 March	Red Nose Day – details to follow
23 & 25 March	Parent evening
24 March	Band Performance
27 March	9.30am Easter Service St Nicholas Church
27 March	3.20pm School closes for Easter Holidays

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