



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

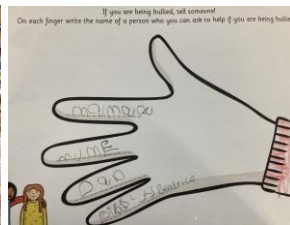
NOVEMBER 2025...

A very busy month for all, with lots of learning both inside and outside of the classroom and school.

At the beginning of this half term our Years 3 and 4 children had an amazing trip to Murton Park, stepping back in time to experience life as Romans! The children dressed in Roman attire and spent the day in a Roman fort, complete with barracks for their unit. They enjoyed lunch in true Roman style, before diving into a range of exciting activities. The day included writing messages using Roman letters and numerals, crafting clay oil lamps and learning Roman army battle tactics. The highlight was practising the famous testudo formation using real shields, gladius swords, and hastae (Roman spears). The staff at Murton Park were full of praise for the children's engagement and excellent behaviour—they were an absolute pleasure to take out. A huge thank you to FOHS for subsidising this educational visit. It was a fantastic experience that brought history to life for everyone! (Miss Goodchild)



On Tuesday 11th November, Remembrance Day, all our children observed the two-minute silence to honour those who gave their lives in times of conflict, as well as the nurses, medics, and wounded who showed courage and sacrifice. They explored the significance of the poppy as a symbol of hope and remembrance and reflected on the powerful words of the poem *In Flanders Fields*. It was a meaningful moment of learning and respect for all who served and suffered. Our in-school collection box for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year raised an amazing £126.24, a huge thank you to our whole school community.



PSHE Curriculum Day: Anti Bullying Week

EYFS and KS1 worked together to make a good friend chain, adding ideas and suggestions for helping people and working as a team to make everyone feel part of the community. We screwed up some paper and discussed how even though we could straighten out the paper, it would never be the same again and discussed how, when people are bullied, it is the same, people might look ok on the outside but feel sad on the inside. Finally we watched a Topsy and Tim clip about bullying and used it to help us think about our own behaviours and how they might make other people feel. (Mrs Chappell)

Years 3 and 4 explored the Power for Good theme, thinking about: Speaking Out, Supporting Others and Kindness Wins. Each child thought about what their superpower is that can make these things happen and created a superhero character based on themselves with that power.

Interfaith Week

EYFS and KS1 looked at religion through the use of art and music. They listened to some traditional church hymns. They learnt about the Muslim call to prayer, the Adhan, and the melodic prayer chanting led by a cantor in a synagogue. The children looked at how religion is represented through art in both places of worship and in people's homes. They loved making stained glass windows using the Jewish Star of David's and Rangoli patterns. The children learnt about the similarities and differences between the religions, and, how everyone is special in the eyes of God, and most importantly how everyone's different faiths are always valued and accepted.



Our KS2 pupils watched an engaging video delivered by Imran Kotwal, a Muslim educator who works in schools to teach about the Islamic faith. The children shared their thoughts on what they most enjoyed learning, from the Five Pillars to the importance of kindness and community.

They took the opportunity to compare aspects of Islam with Christianity, noticing similarities such as caring for others and valuing prayer. This experience reinforced an important message: faith is a personal choice, and no one is ever forced to believe or do anything. At our school, we respect personal choice and show understanding toward all faiths.



A huge thanks to FOHS for another fabulous school disco this month, as always it was very much enjoyed by all. Money Makers and Mrs Chappell arranged a fabulous and much loved by all our children 'Break the Rules Day' with lots of wacky hair and PJ wearing. Thank you to everyone for supporting 'Children In Need 2025', once again we enjoyed raising money to support projects for disadvantaged children across the UK. The school raised a wonderful £132!

On Monday 17th November our Years 5 and 6 children went on an educational visit to Crucial Crew. They learnt about how to make informed decisions when faced with danger and how to respond effectively to emergency situations and accidents. The children thoroughly enjoyed the different workshops and hands on scenarios run by the emergency services.



Road safety week

Last week we marked Road safety week with all our children. Reinforcing pedestrian safety in EYFS and KS1 and safety in vehicles with KS2. At the beginning of this week our Year 6 children completed a Bikeability course based in school and on the roads in our local area. They learned how to cycle on roads using the correct manoeuvres and understand the importance of using hand signals to stay safe when out on their bikes. They will each receive a certificate of their achievement in sharing assembly this afternoon.

Across school we have been preparing crafts for our stall at Husthwaite Village Market which takes place at the village hall this Sunday 11am-2pm. From hyacinth bulb planters and seed packets to Christmas trees, decorations and Gongs! If visiting our community market, be sure to visit our stall with some very familiar, friendly faces who will be our shopkeepers! A huge thank you to the children and parents who are manning our stall.



Friday 7th November Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award- Henry for trying super hard with his reading, he is doing a great job of blending CVC graphemes to make words.

Headteachers sticker - Archie for his wonderful ghost dinosaur picture, he made a wonderful picture and described it in great detail.

Writer of the week - Iris for her amazing name writing, she writes her name completely independently!

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award – Raeph really impressed in PE this week with his brilliant effort and enthusiasm. Mr Shimwell was particularly pleased with his performance. Great work, Raeph!

Headteacher's sticker – Alice has shown great dedication to her homework, including reading, spellings and her homework book. Her impressive decoding skills in reading have also stood out. Well done, Alice!

Writer of the week – Robert wrote a fantastic 'If I was...' poem, showing a strong structure, vivid noun phrase descriptions and a touch of humour. A creative and well-crafted piece—well done, Robert!

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award – Rufus for his determination when tackling addition of fractions involving finding the lowest common denominator. You cracked it!

Headteacher's sticker – Angelica. She has settled brilliantly into her role as a mature Year 4. She is focused, starts her learning quickly and is beginning to understand how amazing she is and what she can accomplish when she believes in herself.

Writer of the week – Walter. Even though he missed the drafting stage, Walter worked hard and was able to write and edit his own version of a poem about Change, thinking about what he might be able to do if he was able to change one thing about himself.

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Robert for his great sportsmanship.

Friday 14th November Awards

Apple Award- George W for his passion when joining in with phonics. He's always first to the carpet and he's not even in Reception yet!

Headteachers sticker - Alfie for his super self-directed investigation into floating and sinking.

Writer of the week - Jack for his wonderful tractor drawings. He is getting really confident with his mark making now.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award – Archie always listens carefully and is ready to learn. He's keen to take on new ideas and give things a go. What a brilliant Year 2 role model!

Headteacher's sticker – Sharday has worked really well on her maths independently. She always tries hard to use the strategies that have been shown and puts in great effort.

Writer of the week – Noah for working hard to write in full sentences.

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award – Angelica for her outstanding learning in Maths. 'Area' is her speciality. She worked incredibly hard and achieved a phenomenal result in her end of unit quiz. Well done!

Headteacher's sticker – Ethan, for his contagious enthusiasm and team work during DT. He organised his equipment and resources, worked collaboratively with his partner and helped tidy-up (Miss Wilkie's mess) without being asked.

Writer of the week – Freya for an exciting (but slightly scary) story that she wrote as part of the BBC 500 words competition. She even made it into an illustrated book. Definitely a future author in the making!

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Evie-mae – for her wonderful drawing in our mini art competition.

Friday 21st November Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award- Elliott for his super sounding out of CVC words when writing about an exciting activity he had done in the dark, he drew and labelled a lovely picture of himself and Daddy.

Headteachers sticker – Arthur for his continued improvement and enjoyment in our mastery maths sessions. Arthur can subitise quickly and see parts of a whole.

Writer of the week - Primrose for her passion for writing - lists, pictures, and class registers... everyone has a list or label! Super learning, Primrose.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award – Rocco showed great enthusiasm at the start of our Roman Pavilions DT project. He enjoyed making 3D shapes and constructing different structures using cocktail sticks and marshmallows. He has also been working hard on developing his independence which he has done in lots of different subjects-what a star!

Headteacher's sticker – Oscar has shown great determination in mastering his maths methods for addition and subtraction. Well done, Oscar!

Writer of the week – Evie-Mae has worked hard on improving her pencil grip, which has helped her develop her letter formation. Her growing independence when writing is impressive, and her enthusiasm for writing truly shines through. Keep up the amazing work, Evie-Mae!

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award – William A. In the last few weeks we have seen another side to William. He has always been a star, but recently he has shown maturity and focus, taking ownership of his learning as well as providing valuable ideas during Pupil Voice. Keep it up!

Headteacher's sticker – Ellie, for making our school a better place. She is calm, always smiling, and shows a kindness that shines through and truly benefits everyone around her.

Writer of the week – Scarlett, for her thoughtful contributions to discussion of our text 'Lost' and her accurate work writing in paragraphs.

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Freya for her wonderful Gonk making.

Friday 28th November Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award- Charlotte for her perseverance in maths, she always tries her hardest. Keep up the super work, Charlotte!

Headteachers sticker – Effie for returning to school with such positivity and enthusiasm. Welcome back Effie!

Writer of the week - Freya for working really hard on her sentence structure. Well done Freya.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award – Rhodie-May for being absolutely amazing this week. She has blown Miss Goodchild away every day in different subjects with her effort and enthusiasm. She has already learnt all her line for the Nativity, there's no stopping her...

Headteacher's sticker – Dotty what an absolute star in reading this week. Persevering with a challenging text and giving 100% effort.

Writer of the week – Minnie for focusing on the success criteria for our sentences, making sure she had everything on the checklist. Brilliant writing Minnie, keep it up!

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award – Noah for his positivity and perseverance. Noah is always willing to give things a go, and if they don't work out as hoped, he tries again (and encourages others to try again too). Super Growth mindset!

Headteacher's sticker – Douglas. He is a quiet and determined member of class 3. He works well in groups, pairs and on his own, tries hard and has completed all his tricky quizzes with total focus.

Writer of the week – Niamh wrote an exceptional playscript based on a chapter of our class text. The formatting was accurate, the use of expanded noun phrases, and modal verbs added to the excitement and the stage directions really heightened the sense of drama and tension.

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Ellie, for her amazing gymnastics!

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Friendship. Your child brought a school values sheet of ideas home at the beginning of this half term, 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 our school hall at 2.45pm, hosted by Miss Bennett.

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- As part of our **safeguarding** duties, we would like to remind parents that supervision of all children is the responsibility of parents at the school gates outside of school hours.
- **Head Lice**

We have had multiple parents reporting that there have been some problems with nits/ head lice. As a school we would like to raise families' attention about the issue and to encourage everybody to check hair regularly and carefully (all family members) so that we can become a 'Nit Free' school! The following is some good practice that we have received, and you may wish to follow in helping us tackle this problem. It is important that you treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should always try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. Further information on helping to eradicate head lice can be found at www.nits.net and <https://www.chc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/DOD-leaflet-1.pdf> where you can even order a 'bug busting' kit should you so wish.

Thank you for your help with this matter and for supporting us in becoming a 'Nit Free' school!

We know that some children are more prone to picking up head lice than others. It is really important that we all take a collective responsibility in checking our children's hair regularly and ideally once a week. If we all work together, we should be able to reduce the number of cases in school. This will reduce the embarrassment and discomfort caused to our children and staff.

Best Start in Life is a new government initiative which has some useful information and advice for parents, from pregnancy to starting school. Further information is available on the website: <https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>

Menu change w/c 15.12.25 As Christmas lunch is being served on 18th December, meatballs due to be served that day will now be served on the Wednesday. Don't forget if you child **DOES NOT** want Christmas lunch to inform the school office by the end of today.

AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES:

Sunday 30 November	Community Husthwaite Market at the village hall. 11am – 2pm, do visit our school stall.
5 December	Husthwaite Christmas Jumper Day. No Celebration Collective Worship - Christmas Fair 3-4pm.
11 December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity.
12 December	Autumn term Mini Report Cards.
15 December	Class Christmas parties.
17 December	Fladam Theatre - AstroNorma & the Cosmic Piano – Christmas show for all children.
18 December	School Christmas lunch.
19 December	Christmas Church Service at St Nicholas' Church 9.30am. <i>2.30pm School breaks up for Christmas holiday.</i>
5 January	Training Day – School Closed.
6 January	Start of the Spring Term.

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