



Hackness Church of England Primary School

Spring 1 Newsletter



"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

Christian Value: Respect/Reverence

British Value: Mutual respect

Updates from the Head

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you have all had a wonderful festive season and enjoyed spending time with loved ones. It has been lovely to have the children back in school and they have settled well, especially considering the excitement of the snow!

It is officially the Spring term, but it will take a month or two for the weather to reflect this, as we have seen this week! Please make sure you have access to ClassDojo and keep an eye on your text messages so you have access to the most up-to-date information. The safety of our school community is paramount and we will always aim to make the right decision using the information we have available to us at the time. Thank you for your patience with this: it can be very difficult to predict how the weather may 'turn' in wintry conditions (for better or worse!) meaning that sometimes we may need to wait until the morning to assess whether it is safe to open. We will always try to communicate plans as early as we can.

We are lucky to have an incredible outdoor space at Hackness and we use it as much as possible in all kinds of weather. Please ensure your child is prepared for this with wellies on wet days (if not already in school) and a warm coat on those frostier mornings! Additionally, while PE is at Everyone Active, we ask that children come to school in their PE kits on Mondays so we can make the most of our time in the sports hall.

You will find a list of diary dates on page 2 of this letter as well as ongoing reminders from teachers on ClassDojo, but don't forget to check the calendar on [the school website](#) as this will be updated regularly now it is up and running! Class information flyers will be out to you by the end of today.

Mrs Thorp

Our attendance target is 96%

Attendance

Autumn term attendance
Willow: 93.93%
Beech: 93.53%
Sycamore: 92.43%
Whole school: 93.37%

Our overall school attendance for Autumn term fell below our target (although an honourable mention goes to Year 1 and Year 3 who achieved over 96%). Authorised absence will only be granted to children in exceptional circumstances. The attendance policy can be found on our school website, www.hacknessprimaryschool.org.uk.

Our school day starts promptly at 8.40am. While we understand that our rural location (and the weather!) may contribute to the occasional late arrival, we would appreciate your support to improve children's punctuality so they can have a smooth start to the school day.

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Diary Dates - Spring 1

Mon 12th Jan

- PE @ Everyone Active (whole school)
- Y5/6 Bewerley Park meeting (3.15pm)

Tues 13th Jan

- Willow Forest Schools

Mon 19th Jan

- PE @ Everyone Active (whole school)

Tues 20th Jan

- Sycamore Forest School

Mon 26th Jan

- PE @ Everyone Active (whole school)

Tues 27th Jan

- Beech Forest Schools
- Girls 7-a-side football at Pindar (after school)

Mon 2nd Feb

- PE @ Everyone Active (whole school)

Tues 3rd Feb

- Willow Forest Schools

Thurs 5th Feb

- Year 5/6 Dodgeball at Thornton Dale (during school time)

Mon 9th Feb

- PE @ Everyone Active (whole school)

Tues 10th Feb

- Beech Forest Schools

Fri 14th Feb

BREAK UP FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Mon 23rd Feb

Children return to school

Year 5/6 residential to Bewerley Park
Mon- Fri the first week back.

Friends of Hackness

This term, Friends of Hackness will focus fundraising efforts to support their much-loved Easter Egg Hunt in Spring 2. This will include a movie night at school once the weather improves! Year 6 hoodies will be on their way this term - no doubt you will see the children showing them off as soon as they receive them!

If you would like to help with FOHSA, please contact the office.

Reception 2026

The deadline for applications for Reception 2026 is Thursday 15th January. To apply for a place, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions/how-to-apply>. If you know anyone with a Reception 2026 starter, please share our website details: www.hacknessprimaryschool.org

School Menu

	Week 1 01.09.2025, 22.09.2025, 13.10.2025, 10.11.2025, 01.12.2025, 05.01.2026, 26.01.2026	Week 2 08.09.2025, 29.09.2025, 20.10.2025, 17.11.2025, 08.12.2025, 12.01.26, 02.02.2026	Week 3 15.09.2025, 06.10.2025, 03.11.2025, 24.11.2025, 15.12.2025, 19.01.2026, 09.02.2026
Monday	V Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake Tuna Sandwich Baked Beans Jacket Potato **** Vanilla Swirl Cookie	Chicken Burger / V Veg Burger Diced Potatoes Ham Sandwich Cheese Jacket Potato **** Oat Cookie & Cheese	V Pizza Potato Wedges Cheese Sandwich Baked Bean Jacket Potato **** Chocolate Brownie
Tuesday	Chicken Korma with 50/50 Rice V Vegetable Noodles Tuna Sandwich Cheese Jacket Potato **** Fruity Jam Sandwich & Custard	Crunchy Topped Mac & Cheese 50/50 Rice Tuna Sandwich Baked Bean Jacket Potato **** Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	Spaghetti Bolognese V Veg Burrito with Rice Tuna Sandwich Cheese Jacket Potato **** Cheese & Biscuit
Wednesday	Minced Beef & Dumpling V Veg Cottage Pie Mashed Potatoes Cheese Sandwich Tuna Jacket Potato **** Jelly & Ice Cream	Roast Gammon V Leek & Potato Bake Mashed Potatoes Tuna Sandwich Cheesy Bean Jacket Potato **** Berry Mousse Pot	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding V Vegetable Hot Pot Mashed Potatoes Cheese Sandwich Tuna Jacket Potato **** Rice Pudding & Jam
Thursday	Hot Dog V Veg Dog Potato Wedges Ham Sandwich Cheese Jacket Potato **** Toffee Apple Muffin	Beef Mexican Taco with Rice V Pizza Loaded Potato Skins Cheese Sandwich Tuna Jacket Potato **** Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice V Veg Carbonara Ham Sandwich Baked Bean Jacket Potato **** Rhubarb Crumble Sponge with custard
Friday	(Harry Ramsdens) Battered Fish, V No Sausage Roll Chips Cheese Sandwich Baked Bean Jacket Potato **** Chocolate Orange Mousse Cake	Fish Star (Salmon) V Cheesy Bean Pasty Chips Cheese Sandwich Baked Bean Jacket Potato **** Lemon Drizzle Shortbread	Fish Fingers V Vegi Bite Sub Chips Tuna Sandwich Cheese Jacket Potato **** Fruit Muffin

Clubs

Breakfast Club: 8 - 8.30 (Mon - Fri)

After school club: 15:15 - 16:30 (Mon-Wed) 15:15-16:15 (Thursday)

Bookable each day by emailing the school office. Please note if your child no longer requires their place, 24 hrs notice must be given or you will still be charged.

Details of our extra-curricular clubs have been sent separately.