



Hackness Church of England Primary School



Autumn 2 Newsletter

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

Christian Value: Forgiveness

British Value: Tolerance

Updates from the Head

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a restful half term. Autumn 2 is always an exciting time in school with the run-up to Christmas so there is lots to look forward to. A full list of dates is on page 2 and you will continue to receive reminders on Class Dojo to help you keep track of everything as it is a very busy time of year! Mrs Yeoman and I have been hard at work pulling together our new school website, which we hope to share with you in the very near future too.

We still have a vacancy for a General Teaching Assistant and for a playworker to run our before school club. If you, or anyone you know, feel you might be a good fit for either of these roles, we'd love to hear from you! Please email the school office or see the [Vacancies page on our school website](#).

As we head into winter, a reminder that children may be outside in all weathers at Hackness. Please ensure your child is ready for this with appropriate footwear and warm clothing for colder days. Wellies can be kept in school until the end of term, as can PE kits - we will send them home before then if they are in need of a wash! Please make sure everything is labelled with your child's name.

It was lovely to see so many of you attend our Harvest service and to have you back at school afterwards to see children's work. We have lots of opportunities to come together as a whole school community again this term, from our "book and biscuit" drop-in in a couple of weeks to the festive fun in December, kicking off with our annual Christingle. (This year, we will be inviting family members into school on the day of the service to help make the Christingle!) Parent/carer partnerships are very important to us at Hackness so I do hope you're able to join us for some of our planned events!

Mrs Thorp

Attendance

Our attendance target is 96%

Autumn 1 attendance
Willow: **96.95%**
Beech: 95.01%
Sycamore: 91.49%
Whole school: 94.82%

If your child is too poorly to be in school, we kindly ask that you please **phone** the school office directly to report their absence. This enables us to meet our safeguarding duties and update registers accurately. We will no longer accept messages sent via the school gate, Class Dojo or email. Thank you for your support with this.

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Diary Dates - Autumn 2

Tues 4th Nov

- Willow Forest Schools

Mon 10th Nov

- Odd Socks Day

Tues 11th Nov

- Beech Forest Schools

Thurs 13th Nov

- Willow and Beech library session (in-school)

Fri 14th Nov

- Children in Need (details to follow)

Mon 17th Nov

- **10:30** Individual/sibling photos
- **14:30** Book and biscuit drop in

Tues 18th Nov

- Sycamore Forest Schools

Tues 25th Nov

- Flu Vaccinations
- Willow Forest Schools

Tues 2nd Dec

- Beech Forest Schools
- **11am** Christingle crafts in school
- **6pm** Christingle service at church

Fri 5th Dec

- Beech/Sycamore SJT trip
- **3.30pm** FOHSA Christmas Disco at village hall

Tues 9th Dec

- Sycamore Forest Schools

Wed 10th Dec

- **6pm** Willow Nativity performance (at church)

Thu 11th Dec

- School Christmas Lunch

Fri 12th Dec

- Willow SJT trip

Wed 17th Dec

- **1.15pm** Whole school carol service at church

Fri 19th Dec

BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Mon 5th Jan

TRAINING DAY

Tues 6th Jan

Children return to school

Friends of Hackness

Thank you to Friends of Hackness who are busy organising the school disco and raffle. More details will follow in due course. Any raffle donations would be greatly received, please bring these to the school office.

If anyone would like to help with FOHSA in any way please contact either Friends of Hackness or the school office.

Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers in school, particularly to help out with Forest Schools on Tuesday afternoons - no experience necessary! Please get in touch with the school office to find out more.

Autumn 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, 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	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.