



Newland St John's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Living Together, Learning Together and Shining Together in the Love of God.

'...Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' **Matthew 5:16**

Newsletter -January 2026

A message from Mrs Brett

We have had a wonderful start to the new term. It has been a joy to see the children so engaged in their learning. Thank you for all you do as parents, carers and friends to support the school in this.

This half term, we have begun to reflect on the people Jesus meets in our worship. We have also continued our theme of courageous advocacy- being a voice for others. We learnt about Martin Luther King and on Holocaust Memorial day we learnt about people who took risks to save the Jews. Next week we will be thinking about racial equality.

Thank you

We are incredibly grateful to all of the families who donated to our Christmas Reverse Advent Calendar. It was heartwarming to witness the generosity of the community -particularly at such an expensive time of the year. We are proud to support the work of Hull Foodbank. This year we provided 112kg of food which equated to 267 meals. An amazing achievement!

January Highlights

The highlight of the month was:

Aspirations Day

This was a wonderful event where the children were able to meet a number of different people with different professions. These included: a video director, a Chartered Legal Executive, firefighters, sports coaches, drama directors, a dog trainer, specialist nurses, police officers, a local councillor, the Lord Mayor of Hull and even a chef who has cooked for Queen Elizabeth II. We are extremely grateful to all of the people who made this event possible and offer our thanks to them for giving up their time.

Justice and Responsibility

After discussions with the classes, one of our year groups asked if they could raise awareness of more than one charity. This was our **Rabbits** class. Last half term, the children led the school in raising awareness about how we could **help others who do not have enough to eat over the Christmas period**. They produced a reverse advent calendar, made daily announcements in worship about what was needed and collected the food so that it could be transported to our local foodbank.

This term they have asked if they could raise awareness of and support the work of **Dove House Hospice**.

Our **Year 3 children** will use the idea of windows, mirrors and doors to teach us about how hospices look after people who are in need of care at the end of their life.



Windows- the children will think about how Dove House hospice looks after people who are in need of end of life care and support their families.



Mirrors- the children will then reflect on what this means to them.



Doors- the children are beginning to plan some activities to raise awareness of, and support the work of Dove House Hospice

* This will all be dealt with in a very sensitive way. We will continue to support any children and families who have been affected by bereavement or illness through the work of Mrs Williams.. Please do contact us if you or your child would like any support on bereavement.

Free School Meals

Our financial circumstances change all the time. In order to apply for free school meals (if you have access to public funds) you must be in receipt of one of the following benefits -

- income support
- income based jobseeker's allowance
- income related employment and support allowance (ESA – IR)
- universal credit if the household is earning less than £7,400 per year
- asylum seekers receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of state pension credit
- child tax credit with an annual income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by the Inland Revenue. If also in receipt of working tax credit you will not be eligible
- working tax credit run on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit

The Department for Education has permanently extended free school meal eligibility to children in all households. This includes households with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)*, subject to maximum income thresholds. To do so register on the My School Portal and complete the online form. You can apply using the portal: [Free school meals | Hull](#).

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Team:



What to do if you have a concern about a child:

During School Hours:

- Contact the school and speak to either Mrs Brett or another member of the safeguarding team, via the main office on 01482 305740.
- Contact the Access and Assessment team for Hull on 01482 448879

Out of school hours and during school holidays:

If your concern is urgent and there is an immediate risk of harm, then contact the police via 999

If your concern is less urgent but you are worried about the welfare of the child then contact the Early Help and Safeguarding Hub on 01482 448879 or the Emergency Duty Team 01482 300304 (After 5pm and weekends)

For more information, click on the link: [Worried about a child | Hull](#) Please remember that if a child discloses anything that is worrying them, we may need to speak to parents and carers. This is part of our duty of care.

SENDCo Spotlight - Miss Jones

Reminder: Parents Consultation Evenings

For all pupils on the SEND register, teachers will be discussing your child's progress towards their current learning plan targets during the consultation meetings on **Monday 23rd February (Year 6) Tuesday 24th February and Wednesday 25th February**. New targets will also be agreed to focus on for the next half term.

Parents and carers can view their child's learning plan on **EduKey Provision Map**. If you need support accessing this, please email senco@nsj.hlt.academy or speak to a member of staff at the school office.

In February Half Term, **Healthy Holidays Hull** will be running across the city.

The programme provides children, young people, and families across the city access to free activities with the vast majority also coming with a food offer, whether this be a hot meal, a packed lunch, or snacks.

There are a variety of activities on offer during the half term including swimming, sports, arts, dance, skateboarding, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) specific activities and so much more!

These activities are open to all school aged children and young people in Hull.

All information on the sessions can be found at on the Healthy Holidays website from Monday 2nd February 2026 www.healthyholidayshull.org



We want to hear from you!

At NSJ, we're always looking for ways to improve our SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) provision. Your feedback is vital in helping us provide the best support for your child.

Please take a few minutes to complete our online feedback form and share your thoughts on how we can enhance our SEND offer. [Parent/Carer SEND Voice](#).

Your opinions matter and your input will help shape a more inclusive and supportive environment for all our students.

Thank you for your time and support!

Where can I get SEND advice?

- **Hull Local Offer** [The Hull Local Offer website](#) is where parents, carers, children and young people up to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can find information, advice and guidance about support, services and activities that are available to those living in Hull.
- **SENDIASS (Special Educational needs Independent Advice Service)**
Telephone: [01482 467 541](tel:01482467541) Email: hullsendiass@kids.org.uk



If you have any queries regarding this update, or would like to speak to the SENCo about anything to do with your child, please do not hesitate to email hello@nsj.hslt.academy for an appointment.

Key Dates - Spring 2025

Date	Event
Wednesday 4th February	Pedestrian Skills (Year 3)
Thursday 5th February	On-line Safety Event for parents (Key Stage 2)
Monday 9-15th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11th February	Pedestrian Skills (Year 3)
Friday 13th February	School closes for half term
<i>Holidays</i>	
Monday 23rd February	Return to school
Monday 23rd February	Y6 Consultation Day
Tuesday 24th February	Consultation Evening
Wednesday 25th February	Consultation Evening
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 25th March	Year 6 trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Thursday 26th March	EYFS Trip to the Deep
Thursday 26th March	Year 3 Easter Service
Friday 27th March	School closes to children for Easter Holiday
<i>Easter Holidays</i>	
Monday 13th April	Return to school after the Easter Holiday
Monday 11th May- Thursday 14th May	Year SATs week

Clubs Spring 2025

Day	Time	Club	Led by	Year Group	Cost
Monday-Friday (daily)	8:00-8:45	Breakfast Club*	Staff	All	£1 per session
Monday-Thursday (daily)	Lunchtime	Lunchtime crafts and games	Mrs Williams	All	Free
Monday	8:30-8:45	Yoga session	Coach Rachel	Breakfast club	Free
Monday	Lunchtime	Scooter skills on the playground	Coach Rachel	All	Free
Monday	3:15-4:30	Multi-skills sports club	Coach Rachel	Y1 & 2	Free
Monday	3:15-5:15	NSJ Youth Theatre*	Hull Truck (Mrs Marszalek)	Y5	Free
Tuesday	3:15-4:30	Football Club	Coach Sonny	Y3 & 4	Free
Thursday	3:15-4:15	Choral Choir*	@choralhull	Y4&5	Free
Friday	3:15-4:30	Football Club	Coach Sonny	Y5 & 6	Free
Friday	3:15-4:30	Green Ambassadors	Mr Kenningham	Y3	Free

* Booking essential. If there are no places available, your child may be added to a waiting list.

**All other Sports Clubs will be confirmed in the new year- please look out for details.

Help for Families

Help for Families - a reminder the cost of living crisis is having an impact on all families in our community. We would like to signpost some sources of support that may help.

Food Banks:

[Hull Foodbank](#)

[Hull Vineyard Church](#)



Reflection

Dark nights & starry skies | The Church of England

A prayer for children
Loving God,
your Son told his disciples
to become like little children.
Lead us to work for the welfare
and protection of all young people.
May we respect their dignity
that they may flourish in life,
following the example of the same
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.