



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 - November 2025

A message from Mrs Brett

This month we enter a very special time in our school calendar- the season of advent- a time of waiting and a time of hope and expectation. For our children, there will be time to pause and reflect: to think about others before the excitement of our Christmas celebrations. We look forward to the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 visit to the Christmas Production of 'The Little Mermaid'; the Year 5 Christmas service; the Christmas dinner, disco and parties and, of course, the highlight of the year our very own nativity. We look forward to seeing you joining us at these events.



November Highlights

This term, we have welcomed Year 2 and Year 3 parents into school to take part in our **Handwriting Workshops** which were led by Mr Kenningham. It was wonderful to see parents so engaged, sitting next to their children practising the letters. We know from the smiles and laughter from the children that they really enjoyed seeing mum or dad taking part in lessons. Thank you to those who attended. We know that when schools and parents work together it can significantly improve outcomes for children. We intend to hold further workshops over the coming year so please do look out for them.

Our **Choral Choir** had the wonderful opportunity to take part in the Schools Choir Festival (10th November): the children were a credit to the school and it was fabulous to hear them singing the Candlelight Carol along with the other choirs.

Year 3 have taken part in a **Pre-Historic Experience** at the Hull and East Riding Museum of Archeology. The experience really brought history to life and the children even came face to face with a woolly mammoth!



This half term, as part of their celebrations following their historic win, Hull Kingston Rovers

foundation visited the school with the Super League Grand Final trophy. Whether you support Hull FC or Hull KR, it is a wonderful achievement and we wanted to inspire the children to strive for sporting excellence.

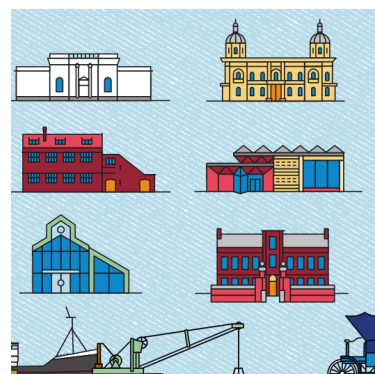
Trips and Visits

As a school, we believe that trips and visits play a vital role in the education of our children: they enrich the curriculum and give the opportunity for the children to have experiences that we could not replicate in the classroom. Having the opportunity to learn outside the classroom creates excitement and curiosity. In some cases, there is a true sense of awe and wonder!

Another benefit of school trips is that they help to develop stronger relationships with their peers and teachers and experience places (even if they have visited them before) in a different way.

However, in order for trips to take place, we do need to ask for a voluntary contribution from parents. We work incredibly hard to ensure that we keep the costs to a minimum and put payment plans in place where trips are slightly more expensive. We also carefully quality assure each trip to ensure that they meet needs in terms of the curriculum and quality of experience.

In order to reduce costs further we are excited to announce that we have now paid to be members of the **Magical Museums** school membership scheme. This enables us to access workshops at a reduced cost for parents during the year. We have always been incredibly impressed by the quality of workshops that our local museums offer for schools (which are not available to members of the public) and we are proud that we have such a fantastic museum service that we are able to access on our doorstep.



Justice and Responsibility

This year, building on our previous work on courageous advocacy, and in order to teach our children to become agents of change, the children in each year group will become a voice for others. Each class has been asked to choose a cause that they would like to represent and raise awareness of within this academic year. This could be linked to what they are studying in the curriculum or may be chosen for more personal reasons. Our Year 5 children and our Foundation Stage children have been the first to take up the cause.

Our **Year 5 children** used the idea of windows, mirrors and doors to teach us about the importance of **Remembrance Day**.



Windows- the children look at the experiences of others. We learnt about the impact of war.



Mirrors- the children then reflect on what they and we had learnt



Doors-children promoted the Poppy Appeal, creating posters and selling poppies to support veterans who have suffered as a result of their service.

At the end of the week, in a moving Remembrance Service, led by Reverend Jake and Year 6 children, we learnt about the different colours of poppy that some people wear: the the red poppy which reminds us of those who have given up their lives; the orange poppy that reminds us of veterans and of people who have been caught up in war; the yellow poppy that reminds us of children caught up in war; the green poppy reminding us of the devastating impact that war has on our environment; the purple poppy that reminds us of animals who were used in war; and we also looked at the black poppy, which is worn to remember the African, Black Peoples, West Indian, Caribbean, Pacific Islands and Indigenous communities contributions in the great wars. We thought about how we should treat others and our world by reflecting on the white poppy- the poppy of peace and how justice could lead to a lasting peace.

Our **Foundation Stage** children have used the idea of mirrors, windows and doors to help our community understand why the Children in Need charity is so important.



Windows – let us look out and see the experiences of others. Through Children in Need, we learn about children who might face different challenges and how charities can make a positive difference in their lives.



Mirrors – help us reflect on ourselves and recognise how lucky we are to have the things we need, such as a home, friends, and school.



Doors – remind us that we can take action. By raising money, joining in with activities, and showing kindness, we can help open doors of opportunity for others

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](#)

If you are interested in applying or are just not sure about how the system works, please do not hesitate to call the school in confidence and speak to Wendy Palmer, who is based in the school office, and she will be able to support you through the application process.

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

Kids is a charity organisation that is on a mission to create a world where all kinds of children and young people have all kinds of opportunities.



They provide a wide range of support from early years into adulthood, learning and development, playschemes, adventure playgrounds and youth groups, parent support and mediation, social connections and emotional wellbeing. Click here for more information: [Find a Service | Kids](#)

SEND sleep support (Hull)

Kids sleep services understand the challenges of children's sleep. They are here to offer you a helping hand. Their team of trained sleep practitioners is dedicated to assisting and guiding you through your children's sleep issues.

Who's it for?

Any child aged 1-18 living in Hull or registered at a GP practice within this area.

When does it run?

One-to-one telephone sleep clinics are offered throughout the year. There are also occasional online information sessions and face-to-face events. Sleep workshops also run throughout the year, except during school holiday periods. Workshops are offered either online or face-to-face.

How much does it cost?

Free

How to access the service

Any professional who is involved with your child can refer and this includes your child's GP. Alternatively, parents/carers can also self-refer using our enquiry form [here](#)

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.

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](#)





We would like to remind all parents/carers that we are a **nut-free school**. Due to the risk of severe allergic reactions please make sure your child is not sent to school with any nuts or foods that contain nuts. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

Clubs Autumn 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	3:15-5:15	NSJ Youth Theatre*	Hull Truck (Miss Dulian)	Y5	Free
Monday	3:20-4:20	Gymnastics*	Coach Rachel	Y1/2/3	Free
Tuesday	3:20-4:20	Basketball*	Coach Sonny	Y4/5/6	Free
Thursday	3:15-4:15	Choral Choir*	@choralhull (Mrs. Kirk)	Y4&5	Free
Friday	3:20-4:20	Tag Rugby*	Coach Sonny	Y4/5/6	Free

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

Key Dates - Autumn -Spring 2025

Date	Event
Tuesday 2nd December	Year 5 trip: World War II Experience Hull Streetlife Museum
Wednesday 3rd December 1:45-3:15	Dormice stay and play
Monday 15th December	Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 16th December	'Wear Something Christmassy' on Christmas Dinner Day
Tuesday 16th December	Upper Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Concert (4.30pm - 5.30pm) <i>(Open to families of those who are performing)</i>
Wednesday 17th December (pm)	Nativity to Parents at St. John's Church Foundation stage and Y1 and 2
Thursday 18th December	St. John's Newland (9:20-10:20) Christmas Service (Year 5) <i>(Open to all parents/carers but especially those with children in Year 5)</i>
Thursday 19th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
Thursday 19th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Thursday 18th December	School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 6th January	School opens to children
Monday 9-15th February	Children's Mental Health Week - activities in school
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 25th March	Year 6 trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Reflection

Advent is a very special time in our school. It is a time of excitement but also a time of hope. Christians believe that our hope for the world rests in God and God's ability to transform lives through his son Jesus Christ. The prayer below, taken from resources the Diocese of Gloucester website helps children understand this



Excitement is like lots of fizzy bubbles popping inside us.

Excitement makes us wriggle and jiggle and giggle.

Hope is gentler.

Hope is quieter.

When everything seems slow and gloomy,

Hope holds our hand and helps us walk gently.

Lord Jesus, you are our hope, and that is exciting!

Amen