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Newsletter 6

Dear Parents & Carers,

Attendance matters

We have noted an increase in requests for planned leave followed immediately by reported illness (e.g., 3-4 days planned absence which begin with, or are followed by, a return to school citing illness). This pattern suggests that in some cases, unauthorised absence may be being disguised to avoid statutory fines.

School Expectation and Verification Process:

- Reasonable Doubt: The school is obligated to apply reasonable doubt when assessing further absence surrounding a leave request.
- Home Visit Protocol: Where the school has reasonable doubt regarding the nature of the absence, particularly when illness follows a leave request, a verification home visit will be conducted.
- Unauthorised Absence: If the child/children and parent/carer are not at home during this verification visit, the school is required to report this to the Local Authority (LA). The absence will be recorded as unauthorised, which will trigger the process for a Penalty Notice fine.

Home visits require the attendance of two staff members. This can take a significant amount of time, pulling staff from their daily roles. We urge all parents to communicate openly and honestly regarding their child's attendance and leave requests.

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm Chapel Haddlesey welcome to Evie in Year 5 and Laurie in Nursery who recently joined our school.

New arrival

We're very pleased to share the lovely news that Ffion, Miss Langhorn's baby girl, arrived safely early last week.

Both Miss Langhorn and her partner are enjoying these first precious weeks together. We're sure our school community will join us in sending warm congratulations and best wishes to her growing family.

During Miss Langhorn's maternity leave, her pastoral role is being covered internally to ensure continuity for pupils and families. Mrs Whitehead will continue in her lead pastoral role across all four schools.

More exciting baby news

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Mrs Titterington is expecting twins! We know many of you have been particularly eagle-eyed (and perhaps already had a hunch!), and we can now officially confirm that the good news is doubled!

Mrs Titterington is due to begin her maternity leave in May, and we will provide an update regarding the cover arrangements for her absence at Easter, ahead of the Summer Term.

Please join us in sending our very best wishes to Mrs Titterington and her husband as they prepare for this exciting new chapter.

Parking

Could we please remind all family members not to park in the reserved parking spot on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. Miss Hannah is a regular user of the Haddlesey Church Community Hall and arrives and leaves in the dark, hence her reserved space in the car park that belongs to the Community Hall. We are very fortunate that we are allowed to use the car park and should respect the rules.

Class 1 visit to Castle Museum, York

Our visit to the Castle Museum was a day full of discovery and excitement! The children set off on the coach buzzing with anticipation, and the adventure began as soon as we arrived. We started by exploring a range of Victorian rooms, spotting many differences between life then and now. Afterwards, we headed to the games room, where everyone enjoyed trying out traditional Victorian toys and even had a go at making their own mini cars.

One of the highlights of the day was the Victorian street. It looked completely different from the high street we know today. The children loved stopping by the old-fashioned sweet shop and the pharmacy, where they asked the chemist plenty of thoughtful questions about medicine in the past.

After lunch we visited the Victorian schoolroom and compared it to our own experiences. Then came a moment they won't soon forget: a trip to the jail!

By the time we boarded the coach home, there were smiles all around. It was a memorable day, and everyone agreed that out trip to the Castle Museum was a wonderful experience.

Charity Haircut Update

On Saturday 8th November Teddy in Class 3 had the big chop and donated his hair to The Little Princess Trust. He raised an amazing £1327.19, which was more than double the amount he hoped to raise. Well done Teddy, what an amazing thing to do!

Flu Vaccinations

If for any reason your child missed their vaccination, there will be catch-up clinics (dates and locations below) for you to book an appointment at by telephoning this number: 01904 237680.

Thursday 4th December 3.30pm-5.30pm - The Avenue Tang Hall YO31 0UT
Wednesday 10th December 3.30pm-5.00pm – Tadcaster Library LS24 9JG
Monday 15th December 3.30pm-5.30pm - Sherburn Old Girls school LS25 6BL
Tuesday 16th December 3.30pm-5.30pm - The Avenue Tang Hall YO31 0UT
Monday 17th December 3.30pm-5.30pm – Hob Moor Children's Centre YO24 4PZ
Friday 19th December 3.30pm-5.30pm – Selby Library YO8 4EQ

Christmas round-up:

Campfire Carols

The PTA are hosting a Campfire Carols event on **Wednesday 10th December from 3.00pm**. There will be crafts for the children, including Christmas tree decorations listed below. Craft activities are £1 each. There will be a tombola and refreshments available to purchase.

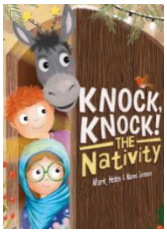
The craft activities are:-
Card making
Pinecone glitter decoration
Christmas tree/star or bauble shape decoration
Bead decoration
A payment item has been set up on ParentPay so that these craft activities can be paid for in advance.

Could we please ask for donations of items suitable for a tombola that can be dropped off at school any time prior to the day of the event and for donations of baked goods to be brought to school on the morning of the event (they may be brought earlier if they are pre-packed with a long date).

We do hope you will be able to join us for some festive fun and please warm up those vocal cords so that you can join in with the singing!

Please note that children will need to be signed out of the classroom by an adult at 3.00pm. The carols will be from 3.10pm to 3.30pm. Children without an adult will remain with school staff. All children should be collected by 3.30pm when craft activities may be accessed for those who have not already done them. After school clubs and Out of School Club will still be available.

We have the Village Hall on standby if the weather is not suitable on the day.



Nativity

Nativity Tickets are now on sale for the four performances. Families are limited to 4 tickets in the first instance to ensure everyone has an equal chance to purchase tickets. Tickets are priced at £1.50 each, with the money going to the PTA fund. Additional tickets will be offered closer to the performance date, depending on availability. It you require more than 4 tickets, please let the office know and you will be added to a waiting list.

The four performances are:-
Thursday 11th December 9.30am

Thursday 11th December 2.00pm
Friday 12th December 9.30am
Friday 12th December 2.00pm

St John the Baptist Church – Christmas Tree Festival – **change of times**

On Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December, St John The Baptist Church in Chapel Haddlesey is hosting a Chirstmas Tree Festival. There will be refreshments to purchase, Christmas music and one or two stalls, plus some activities for the children in addition to the display of decorated Christmas trees. Everyone is asked to vote for their favourite tree and a prize will be presented at the Carol Service. **The event is open from 3.00pm to 6.00pm each day** taking advantage of the darker days to make the trees twinkle that little bit more.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K Northway
Head of School

Diary Dates

Friday 5th December 2025	• Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 10th December 2025	• Campfire Carols 3.00pm
Thursday 11th December 2025	• Nativity 9.30am • Nativity 2.00pm
Friday 12th December 2025	• Nativity 9.30am • Nativity 2.00pm
Friday 19th December 2025	• Break up for Christmas
Monday 5th January 2026	• School re-opens
Monday 12th January 2026	• Nursery/Reception Open afternoon 1.30-2.30pm
Friday 23rd January 2026	• Phototronics taking individual and class photos
Thursday 29th January 2026	• Young Voices Concert – Sheffield Arena
Friday 13th February 2026	• Celebration Worship 9.00am • Break up for half-term 3.30pm
Monday 23rd February 2025	• School re-opens
Monday 2nd March 2026	• Secondary School National Offer Day
Tuesday 3rd March 2026	• Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.00
Thursday 5th March 2026	• Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.00
Friday 6th March 2026	• Class 3 trip to Magna
Monday 9th March 2026	• Nursery/Reception Open afternoon 1.30-2.30pm for prospective families
Monday 11th March 2026	• Mother's Day Campfire Hot Chocolates 2.30pm

Friday 27th March 2026	• Break up for Easter 3.30pm
Monday 13th April 2026	• Training Day
Tuesday 14th April	• School re-opens
Monday 27th April 2026	• Year 4 Residential – more details to follow
Monday 4th May 2026	• Bank Holiday – school closed
Thursday 7th May 2026	• Bag2School Collection
Monday 11th May 2026	• Nursery/Reception Open afternoon 1.30-2.30pm for prospective families
Thursday 21st May 2026	• Sports Day – 1.30pm
Friday 22nd May 2026	• Celebration Worship 9.00am • Break up for half-term 3.30pm
Monday 1st June 2026	• Training Day
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	• School re-opens
Thursday 4th June 2026	• Sports Day Back-up
Thursday 11th June 2026	• Class 3 Trip – Yorkshire Sculpture Park
Monday 22nd June 2026	• Nursery/Reception Open afternoon 1.30-2.30pm for prospective families • Fathers' Day Campfire waffles and ice-cream 2.30pm
Thursday 2nd July 2026	• Federation Sports Day – KS2
Tuesday 7th July 2026	• Art Showcase 2.30pm
Thursday 16th July 2026	• Leavers Service 9.30am
Friday 17th July 2026	• School closes for summer break 3.30pm
Monday 20th July 2026	• Training Day

Term dates for upcoming academic years

Please see our website for the term dates for 2025/2026 and also the newly added **2026/2027.**

Term Dates for Chapel Haddlesey C of E Primary School

CHRISTMAS ROCK CLIMBING

Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Just a packed lunch and old clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and squirming amongst the rocks and we'll provide the rest.

£62.50, sibling discounts available (7-16 years old)

Upcoming Dates:

The Big Depot- 10:00-16:30, 21st Dec, 2nd Jan

The Climbing Hub - 10:00-16:30, 22nd Dec, 4th Jan

Childcare Vouchers (The Climbing Hub Only) accepted

Book online or contact us via email

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Rock Climbing Clubs 2026

Since 2021, we've been teaching young people how to become independent climbers. From **knot tying** to **belaying**, **bouldering** to **lead climbing** we progress through the essential skills both Indoor and Out, developing self confidence to fitness in a long-term hobby.

Mixed: Saturday -10:00-13:00, The Climbing Hub, Bradford

Saturday - 10:00-13:00, Live for Today, Harrogate

Ages: 7-17 (Live for Today & The Climbing Hub)

Dates: 10th Jan 2026 (6 weeks)

Cost: £35.00 per session or £180.00 6-week block

Childcare vouchers available at The Climbing Hub

"THE CLIMBING SESSIONS NOT ONLY HELP WITH PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO ARE BRILLIANT FOR BUILDING CONFIDENCE."

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