

Hudson Primary School

School News, Celebrations & Reminders



Friday 25th September 2026

Everyone, Experiences, Excellence



SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher

Leadership, Adventure, Creativity and Pupil Voice

What another fantastic week we have had at Hudson!

There is something really special about the beginning of a new school year. Our children are settling into their classes, building new relationships, taking on responsibilities and, increasingly, finding their voices within our school community.

Last week was certainly a busy one, with children across school embracing adventure, challenge, creativity and leadership.

School Council – Your Voice Matters!

And this week, we have continued to build on our commitment to pupil voice and leadership, with the appointment of our 2026-27 School Council. The process has been particularly exciting because our children have experienced democracy in action. Children who wished to stand for School Council applied for the role and presented to their class, explaining why they felt they would make a good representative and what they could bring to the role. Their classmates then had the opportunity to vote democratically, with the final decisions being made by the children themselves. We announced our successful School Council representatives in assembly today, and we are incredibly proud of every child who put themselves forward. Standing for election takes courage. Preparing a presentation, speaking in front of your peers and putting yourself forward to represent others is a wonderful achievement in itself. Our new School Councillors now have an important responsibility: to listen to their classmates, share their ideas and help make Hudson an even better place for everyone.

We can't wait to see what they achieve!

A Week of Adventure at Rock & River

Last week was also an enormous week of adventure! Children from Years 1-6, alongside our Elm and Beech Base classes, enjoyed their Rock & River experiences. These days provide fantastic opportunities for children to challenge themselves, develop resilience and independence, work as part of a team and experience success outside of the traditional classroom environment. There was plenty of excitement, plenty of laughter and, I'm sure, a few tired children at the end of the day! We were incredibly proud of the way our children approached each challenge and supported one another.

Forest School and Balance Bikes

While some of our children were out adventuring, our younger learners were busy enjoying their own special experiences through Forest School and balance bike sessions. These opportunities are an important part of our enrichment offer at Hudson, giving children the chance to develop physical confidence, coordination, independence and an understanding of the world around them. It has been lovely to see children learning through exploration, movement and play.

And, of course, there is plenty more to look forward to this week!

Meet Your New Class Teacher – Family Information Sessions

One of the most important opportunities coming up is our series of family information-sharing sessions with your child's new class teacher. There will be a special session available for families each evening, giving parents and carers the opportunity to meet their child's teacher, hear about the year ahead and find out more about what children will be learning and experiencing. Please **keep an eye on ClassDojo** for information about the different meeting options and times available that week. We hope as many families as possible will be able to attend.

SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher (CONTINUED)

Monday – Scholastic Book Fair

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** arrives on Monday!

We are delighted to welcome the Book Fair back to Hudson, giving our children the opportunity to explore a fantastic range of books and hopefully discover their next favourite read.

We love anything that encourages our children to become enthusiastic, confident readers, so please do take the opportunity to visit when the Book Fair is available.

Tuesday – Music at Hudson

Our school music programme continues on Tuesday.

Our children are enjoying regular opportunities to develop their musical skills and confidence, alongside our whole-class enrichment programme. Music continues to be an important part of our wider curriculum and our commitment to giving children a broad range of experiences.

Wednesday – Governors' Finance Meeting

On Wednesday, our Governors will meet to discuss their financial responsibilities and the ongoing financial management of the school. Our Governing Body plays an important role in ensuring that school resources are carefully considered and used effectively to support our children, staff and wider school priorities.

Thursday – National Poetry Day

Thursday is **National Poetry Day!**

We will be celebrating poetry across school and encouraging our children to enjoy the creativity, imagination and language that poetry brings. Poetry is such a wonderful way for children to develop their vocabulary, confidence and ability to express themselves – and we are looking forward to seeing what our children create!

Thursday – Build-a-Burger Day!

Thursday is going to be a tasty one at Hudson as we enjoy our special **Build-a-Burger Day!** 

Every child is invited to enjoy a **free school meal**, with the opportunity to build their own burger and choose their favourite toppings.

Even if your child does not usually have a school meal, they are very welcome to join in with this special lunch.

Please remember to order your child's meal through ParentPay. The ordering system will close on **Monday**, so please make sure your child's choice is submitted before the deadline.

We can't wait to see what combinations our children create!  

Friday – Our Final Pupil Volunteer Roles

Friday brings the final piece of our pupil leadership puzzle for this term. We will announce our pupil volunteer roles in assembly, celebrating the children who have put themselves forward to take on additional responsibilities around school. These roles are another important part of developing responsibility, independence, service and leadership in our children.

It has been wonderful to see so many children wanting to contribute to our school community.

What has struck me most over these past few weeks is just how many different ways our children have had the opportunity to experience excellence. **They have climbed, explored, performed, voted, presented, represented, helped others, tried new things, challenged themselves and discovered that their voices really do matter.** That is what a rich Hudson education is about. **We want our children to leave us not only as successful learners, but as kind, confident, capable young people who understand that they have something valuable to contribute.**

Thank you to our families for your continued support and encouragement. There is lots happening at Hudson, and we are incredibly proud of the way our children are embracing every opportunity.

Have a wonderful weekend.

SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS: *Friday brings us smiles, and celebrations, a huge well done to the following children ...*

Our **Behaviour Charter Champions** nominated for their excellence in behaviour this week:

Little Acorns Nursery (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Boulton & Team): Poppy W

Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Logan A

Holly Class - R (Mrs Carney & Team): Lola M L

Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Ayda M M

Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Harry E

Silver birch Class - Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Gene M

Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Esmae O'

Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Reuben K

Chestnut Class - Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Willow J

Elder Class - Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Henry C

Oak Class - Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Emelia S

Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Amelia R

Rowan Class - Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Jack M

Those who have demonstrated **Excellence within their learning** this week, our **EEE winners:**

Little Acorns Nursery (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Boulton & Team): Sienna P

Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Luca B

Holly Class - R (Mrs Carney & Team): Joshua B

Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Tillie M

Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Max G

Silver birch Class - Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Sebastian E

Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Logan O

Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Vinnie D

Chestnut Class - Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Roman M

Elder Class - Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Thea-Rose C

Oak Class - Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Alistair M

Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Cayden Mc

Rowan Class - Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Morgan Mc

🧡 **Kindness Cup - This week's** Kindness Cup goes to two stunning young men who have shown us that kindness is often about noticing others and doing something thoughtful without being asked. 💖

🌟 **Levi B - Elm Class** - Levi has been working so beautifully on his **friendship skills**, and this week he achieved something particularly special. Levi noticed that a friend was celebrating their birthday and, taking great care and time in his own time, decided to make them a special birthday card. This was a fantastic achievement for Levi and a genuinely thoughtful and generous act. He noticed something important to his friend, wanted to make them feel special and took the time to do something kind. **Well done, Levi!** We are incredibly proud of you and the wonderful progress you are making with your friendships. 🙌

🌟 **Harley L - Rowan Class** - Our second Kindness Cup superstar is **Harley**, who noticed that a Year 6 friend had not yet been met at the roadside meeting point by their parent at the end of the day. Rather than simply walking away, Harley noticed, stayed with his friend and took responsibility for making sure they were safe and happy. What a wonderful example of looking out for someone else. Harley showed care, maturity and a real understanding that sometimes being a good friend means making sure someone isn't left on their own. **Well done, Harley!** 💖 Your thoughtfulness and care for your friend were wonderful to see. Levi and Harley have both shown us that kindness doesn't always need to be a grand gesture. Sometimes it is **making a birthday card because you want someone to feel special, or staying with a friend because you notice they need you.** Both boys have shown us what it means to look beyond ourselves, notice others and make a positive difference.

ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION - Mrs. Cook; Attendance Manager

Every day at Hudson is an opportunity to **learn, grow, connect and be part of our school community**. Regular attendance really does make a difference. We know that children can sometimes find coming to school difficult, and we are always here to work alongside families to help children attend regularly and feel confident coming through the school gates. Please remember that **every school day counts**. Being in school regularly helps children keep up with their learning, maintain friendships and develop the routines and independence they need to thrive.

REMINDERS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE: School Administrator; Chris Cook

Please email with any requests or changes: admin@hudsonprimary.co.uk

PGL school residential - for year 5+6 Any wobbles then please come and see me as final numbers need to be given in.

This instalment (£50) was due on 4th September. Next instalment due by 2nd Oct, thanks

Flu campaign for 4th November for all children. Please complete the online form to consent or do not consent. Please copy the link below for more information. QR codes will be placed around school and on school dojo to make it even easier.

<https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/patient-leaflets/primary-school-immunisation-guide-parents-and-carers>

Rec + Yr6 Height and weight - Letters have been given out with more information with regards to this programme.

Yr6 High school choices - Letters have been given out. The portal can be accessed via Sefton's website at www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool The closing date is 31st October. If you live outside of Sefton then please submit your application through your local authority.

Nursery Children - Moving to reception in September 2027? You will have been given a letter on how to apply for your child's reception place. Closing date is 15th January 27.

New Free School Meal information (This is not the government universal free meals for children in reception, year 1 or year 2) If your circumstances have changed or you think you may be eligible then please visit the website (see below) If you live in Knowsley then please apply through their website.

There are now 2 types of free school meal eligibility:

Targeted - equivalent to current eligibility criteria - this category gives a FSM, PP, HAF and other benefits linked to being on a low income.

Expanded - this is the new eligibility criteria for anyone on Universal Credit (income higher than £7400) - this category just entitles the child to a FSM

But if you think you may be eligible then please visit the website

<http://www.sefton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

Voucher payments for wraparound care - Please send me your information if you have transferred a payment. I will need to allocate the payment to ParentPay for you to choose your sessions.

Absences - Please remember to notify the office (**not** via dojo) if you child is absent from school. Mrs Jones and Mrs Cook can be contacted on 0151 526 1568 option2, or enquiries@hudsonprimary.co.uk

Special leave requests - please submit you request via the school's website, request for pupil leave.

School doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. Please call to the office and sign you child in after 8.50am, thank you.

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Thursday 1st October - 'Build a Burger' day at lunchtime for every child if requested. (Free)

We will not be providing the normal menu on Thursday, so it's vital that you visit ParentPay to make your child's choice for that special fun lunch. This will close on Monday as numbers have to be given to the kitchen. This will be completely free for every child in school.

Wraparound - a few points to note and information that may be of use.

- Breakfast Club costs £4.00 and operates from 7.45am.
- Please can children arrive by 8.20am so that we can serve breakfast before entry into school.
- After school club costs £7.50 and operates until 5.30pm.
- All children receive a snack at the start of after school club and those who are still with us at 5pm will be offered a further smaller snack.
- Children can be collected anytime up to 5.30pm.
- A discretionary charge of £5 per child will be applied where children are not collected by 5.30pm. This charge is in place to discourage late collection and covers our additional cost in paying staff to remain in school.

If you would like any further information about charges, snack options or have any queries - please don't hesitate to send me an email on finance@hudsonprimary.co.uk

SCHOOL EVENTS 2026-2027 AUTUMN TERM

Week	Date of event	Event title and details
28 th September	Thursday 1 st October	National Poetry day A chance for the children to develop core creative literacy skills -catch up on Dojo to see the children in action.
28 th September	All week	Settling in meeting with Teachers After School A session with your class teacher to see your child's new learning environment, find out what the year has in store and ask any settling in questions you may have. This evening will start at 4pm and will last approx. 45 mins.
5 th October	Friday 9 th October	Hello Yellow Event Supporting world mental health day - wear something yellow for Young minds event Families can donate £1 to this vital charity.
12 th October	All week	Hudson Bake Off Who will be crowned champions of our Autumn themed baking competition?
19 th October	All week	Harvest donations in - tins and jars please! Harvest has arrived again at Hudson we like to support those in our locality not as fortunate. All donations will go to our very own Foodbank sources, a table will be set up in our school entrance.
19 th October	Friday 23 rd October	1.15pm Harvest festival service EYFS/KS1 2.15pm Harvest festival service KS2 Come along and join in our Harvest celebration, listen to readings, songs and stories.

