

Hudson Primary School

School News, Celebrations & Reminders



Friday 2nd October 2026

Everyone, Experiences, Excellence



SCHOOL NEWS - Niki Craddock; Headteacher

Stories, Poetry, Leadership and Lots to Celebrate!

A Visit from Jude Lennon

We want to begin this week's newsletter by going back to last Friday, when we were incredibly lucky to welcome the wonderful **Jude Lennon** to Hudson. Jude spent time with our **whole school**, bringing stories to life, sharing her love of books and encouraging our children to become enthusiastic readers and storytellers. Her sessions included storytelling, book promotion and a brilliant question-and-answer session, giving our children the opportunity to listen, think, ask questions and be inspired. There was something particularly special about seeing our children so engaged with a real author. Jude's enthusiasm and passion for stories were infectious, and we hope that her visit has encouraged lots of our children to pick up a book, create their own stories and perhaps even imagine themselves as authors one day!

A huge thank you to Jude for such an inspirational visit.

Looking Back at Another Busy Week - It has been another action-packed week at Hudson, with lots happening across the school.

Thank You to Our Families - Meet the Teacher

A very special thank you to all of the families who joined us for our evening '**Meet the Teacher**' sessions this week. We offered families the choice of two different evenings, giving as many parents and carers as possible the opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher, ask questions and find out more about the year ahead. These sessions were a wonderful opportunity to hear about the ambitions we have for the children, become familiar with the routines and expectations within each class and begin to build those important relationships between home and school. We really value the opportunity to work in partnership with our families, and we hope that everyone who attended left feeling informed, reassured and excited about the year ahead. Thank you for giving your time and for your continued support. Strong relationships between school and home make such a difference to our children.

The Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair arrived this week and has already created lots of excitement! It has been lovely to see children exploring the books, talking about their favourite authors and discovering new stories. We are always keen to encourage children to develop a genuine love of reading, and opportunities like this are a wonderful way to help children find books that capture their imagination.

National Poetry Day

Thursday was National Poetry Day, giving us another opportunity to celebrate the wonderful world of words. Across school, our children have been exploring poetry, playing with language and enjoying the creativity and imagination that poetry brings. Poetry gives children a different way to express themselves, develop vocabulary and discover that words can be powerful, funny, emotional and surprising - sometimes all at the same time!

Our Pupil Volunteers

Today we have celebrated another important part of our pupil leadership programme, with our pupil volunteer roles being announced in assembly. We have been incredibly impressed by the number of children who wanted to put themselves forward and contribute to school life. These roles give our children opportunities to take on responsibility, support others, develop leadership skills and make a real contribution to our Hudson community. A huge well done to every child who applied, and congratulations to those who have been appointed to a role this year. We are looking forward to seeing our pupil volunteers get started and showing us what they can do!

SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher (CONTINUED)

🏠 Monday – Children's University Clubs Begin

Monday marks the beginning of our School Volunteer-run Children's University Clubs.

Children who have been successful in securing a place will receive a letter today confirming which club they have been allocated. We have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm for our clubs, and unfortunately some clubs have already reached capacity. **Waiting lists have now begun**, so if your child has not secured their first choice, please don't be disappointed – there may still be opportunities for a place to become available. A huge thank you to our wonderful staff volunteers who give their time to make these additional experiences possible for our children.

🖋️ Tuesday Afternoon – Year 6 Guest Speaker

We are delighted to welcome **Andy Grant**, former military serviceman and motivational speaker, to Hudson on Tuesday afternoon. Andy will speak to our Year 6 children about resilience, challenge and the power of mindset, sharing the message that life can put us in all kinds of challenging situations, but those challenges do not have to determine who we are. We are looking forward to an inspiring afternoon for our Year 6 children! 🌟

🏠 Wednesday – Maghull High School Leaders

On Wednesday morning, School Leaders from Maghull High School will be on Moorhey Gates, ready to welcome our children into school. They will also be available to answer any questions that children and families may have about starting at Maghull High School. This is a lovely opportunity for children and families to have a friendly face available at the school gate and to ask any questions they may have as they begin to think about the next stage of their education.

🏐 Wednesday – MADCOS Netball

We are also hoping to take part in our first MADCOS Netball event on Wednesday afternoon. We are looking forward to getting our team out there, representing Hudson, demonstrating our teamwork and sportsmanship and, most importantly, enjoying the opportunity to compete alongside other local schools. Good luck to our team! 🏐

💛 Friday – Hello Yellow!

Friday is our **Wear Yellow for Hello Yellow** day! 💛

We are inviting children to wear something yellow and, if families would like to, make a donation to support Hello Yellow and help raise awareness of young people's mental health. Let's brighten up Hudson with a sea of yellow and show that it's always okay to talk and ask for help.

💛 Friday – Celebrating Hudson

And then we will bring the week to a close with our very special Hudson celebration. Friday will be all about celebrating the good, the wonderful and the special things that make Hudson the community it is. There are so many things to celebrate – our children's achievements, their kindness, their creativity, their resilience, their friendships, their learning and the wonderful people who make up our school community. It will be a lovely opportunity to pause, look around and appreciate just how much our children achieve every single day.

One of the things I value most about our school is that there is always something to celebrate. It might be a child discovering a new book they love, finding the confidence to stand up and speak to their class, helping a friend, taking on a new responsibility, representing Hudson in sport or simply having a really good day at school. These moments matter. They are the experiences that help our children to grow into **kind, confident, resilient and thoughtful young people**. Thank you, as always, to our families for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Hudson community. Have a wonderful weekend.

Niki Craddock
Headteacher



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): Phoebe H

Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Annie K

Holly Class - R (Mrs Carney & Team): Violet H

Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Louie K

Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Ayaan ET

Silver birch Class - Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Isabella G

Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Elsie B

Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Freddie C

Chestnut Class - Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Matilda O'

Elder Class - Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Grace P

Oak Class - Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Henry T

Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Frankie O'

Rowan Class - Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Lily S

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

Little Acorns Nursery (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Boulton & Team): Lennon G

Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Roman S

Holly Class - R (Mrs Carney & Team): Elianna BB

Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Ethan B

Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Lily D

Silver birch Class - Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Dexter K

Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Lucca T

Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Buddy B

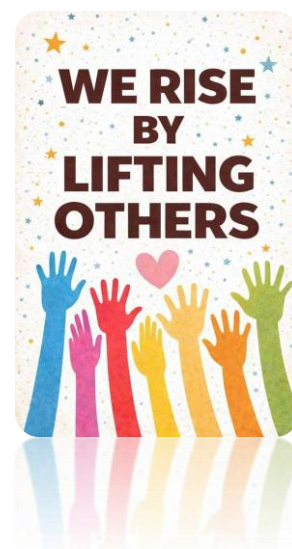
Chestnut Class - Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Sylvie C

Elder Class - Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Jonathan L

Oak Class - Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Caitlyn R

Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Cameron L

Rowan Class - Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Phoebe S



🕒 ❤️ **kindness cup nomination - Joni R, Little Acorns**

This week's Kindness Cup goes to Joni R in Little Acorns Nursery! Joni is new to Hudson, but she has already made a wonderful impression. She is always kind and helpful to her friends, sharing equipment beautifully, looking out for others and making sure everyone feels included.

When Mrs Carney visits to lead Forest School, Joni gives her the loveliest welcome and is always ready to help. This week, during tidy-up time, Joni noticed Mrs Carney lifting something heavy and immediately ran over to help. ❤️ Joni is gentle, caring and always has a smile to share. She shows kindness even without words and is a truly wonderful friend to everyone.

🌟 **Well done, Joni! You are a little shining example of kindness at Hudson.** 🌟

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.mersecare.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 year2) 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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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
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.

