Hudson Primary School

School News, Celebrations & Reminders

Friday 16th October 2026

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SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher

A demanding week, a shared commitment and a strong finish to the half-term

It has been a particularly demanding week at Hudson, and I know that staff, children and families alike are ready for a little breathing space as we approach the end of our first half-term. School life is not always easy, and there are weeks when maintaining routines, making positive choices and supporting one another requires a little more from all of us. At these times, our commitment to working together, showing understanding and helping our children to make the right choices matters more than ever.
Despite the challenges, there have been some wonderful experiences and achievements to celebrate.

The Hudson Bake Off 2026

Our autumn-themed cookery experiences have brought creativity, practical learning and plenty of seasonal inspiration into classrooms this week. The children have been busy developing their skills and putting their ideas into practice, and we are looking forward to deciding who will be crowned **Hudson Bake-Off Champion 2026** today! Thank you to everyone who has helped make these experiences possible.

Bravery on the Cross-Country Course

A huge well done to the children who represented Hudson at the cross-country event at Maricourt on Wednesday evening. Taking part in a sporting event like this takes courage, determination and resilience, particularly when the course feels challenging and the competition is strong. We are proud of every child who stepped forward, gave it their best and represented our school.

School Photograph Day

Our school photograph day took place on Thursday. Families should now be able to view their photographs using the QR code provided. We hope you enjoy seeing the photographs and choosing your favourites, whether for family keepsakes or festive gifts. Photographers will be back on Wednesday 21st October for any children who where absent and more sibling photo's.

Looking Ahead: Our Final Week Before Half-Term

Next week will be a week of consolidation, giving children the opportunity to revisit their learning, finish off work and reflect on their achievements as we bring our first half-term to a close. We want everyone to finish the term feeling proud of their efforts and ready to enjoy a well-earned break.

Harvest Festival – Friday

From Monday, we will be welcoming donations for our Harvest Festival. All contributions will be donated to our local foodbank to support people and families in our community. Every donation, however small, can make a difference, and we are grateful for your support.
On Friday, we will celebrate Harvest through two special assemblies. Year groups will share songs and poetry, alongside presentations from our pupil leaders. These assemblies will give us an opportunity to reflect on the importance of gratitude, generosity and looking after others.

SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher (CONTINUED)

Safeguarding and Staff Development

Behind the scenes, our commitment to keeping children safe and ensuring staff are well equipped to support them continues. Staff will complete the final elements of their safeguarding training for the term and continue our whole-school training on crisis prevention during our late Tuesday evening session. This ongoing work is an important part of developing a consistent, informed and supportive approach across our school community.

As we approach half-term, I would like to thank the staff team for their continued commitment and hard work during a demanding period. I also encourage all families to help us make the final week a positive one by reinforcing the importance of kindness, respectful behaviour, safe choices and ready-to-learn attitudes.

Our children deserve to feel safe, supported and successful every day. By working together and maintaining clear, consistent expectations, we can help them achieve exactly that.

Wishing all our families a restful weekend. We look forward to finishing the half-term together next week.

Niki Craddock
Headteacher
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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.

Whole School Attendance for this week is **94.7%**

Our leading class this week with fantastic 97.2% attendance is Maple

Well done everyone, Mrs Cook is very proud of you 😊

SCHOOL EVENTS 2026-2027 AUTUMN TERM

Week	Date of event	Event title and details
19th 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.
19th October	Friday 23rd 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.

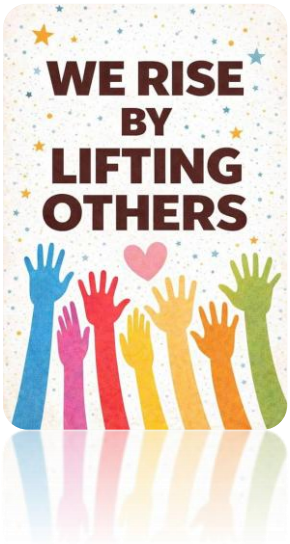
SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS: *Friday brings us smiles, and celebrations, a huge well done to the following children …*

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

Little Acorns Nursery (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Boulton & Team): Sofia G
Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Aymelya H
Holly Class – R (Mrs Carney & Team): Violet H
Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Tillie M
Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Thomas P
Silver birch Class – Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Lily J
Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Logan O
Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Levi BN
Chestnut Class – Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Mia V
Elder Class – Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Jude W
Oak Class – Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Lilly H
Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Autumn K
Rowan Class – Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Lily J

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

Little Acorns Nursery (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Boulton & Team): Aiden F
Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Carter E
Holly Class – R (Mrs Carney & Team): Sonny C
Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Bonnie S
Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Hallie H
Silver birch Class – Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Bailey R
Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Elora O'
Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Ellie M
Chestnut Class – Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Eddie HH
Elder Class – Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Harrison P
Oak Class – Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Charlotte S
Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Joshua B
Rowan Class – Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Charlie O'



🏆 The Hudson Kindness Cup – James M, Year 3 Chestnut

This week's Kindness Cup goes to a very thoughtful and dedicated young man in Chestnut Class, Year 3. James noticed that the pathway leading to Hudson was becoming overgrown with brambles. What makes this so special is that James was concerned not just about the impact on our school community, but on everyone who uses the pathway. Rather than simply noticing the problem, he took the initiative to ask his mum if they could do something to help. Together, they gave up some of their precious family time to tackle the brambles and make the pathway better for others. 🤍

James, thank you for showing such wonderful community spirit, thoughtfulness and care. You recognised something that needed doing and took positive action without being asked. That is a beautiful example of what it means to be part of the Hudson community — looking beyond ourselves and making a difference for others. We are incredibly grateful to James and his mum for their kindness and generosity. You have both shown that **everyone can make a difference, and that even small acts of kindness can have a lasting impact.**

REMINDERS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE: School Administrator; Chris Cook
Please email with any requests or changes: **admin@hudsonprimary.co.uk**

Yr6 High school choices for September 2027 – The closing date is 31st October. Please don't wait and miss the deadline! The portal can be accessed via Sefton's website at www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool If you live outside of Sefton then please submit your application through your local authority.

Young Voices – T Shirt order is now live on ParentPay.

PGL school residential payments – Instalment3 £50 02.10.26 Instalment 4 £50 06.11.26

School Photographers are back in school on Wednesday 21st October. For free delivery back to school you must place your order by 02.11.26

Hudson University passports – anyone that has ordered a passport are now ready for collection from the office.

Free School Meals - Food Vouchers
In the past if your child was eligible for Free Meals then you would have received food vouchers during the school holidays. Sefton Council have now advised us that this funding has now come to an end and vouchers will no longer be issued.
Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to visit www.sefton.gov.uk/costofliving for information about the support available to them.

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:

1. **Targeted** – equivalent to current eligibility criteria – this category gives a FSM, PP, HAF and other benefits linked to being on a low income.
2. **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.

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.

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