Hudson Primary School

School News, Celebrations & Reminders

Friday 23rd October 2026

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SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher

Finishing our first half-term together

As we reach the end of our first half-term, it is a good opportunity to reflect on the learning, experiences and achievements that have filled our weeks at Hudson. It has been a busy and, at times, demanding start to the year, but our children have continued to experience new opportunities, develop their skills and show us what they can achieve when they are encouraged to be curious, creative and resilient.

Thank you to our families for your continued support. The partnership between home and school is important, and we look forward to returning after the break refreshed and ready for the next stage of our journey together.

The Hudson Bake Off Champions 2026!

We finished last Friday with the exciting announcement of our **Hudson Bake Off Champions 2026**! After a week of autumn-inspired cookery and creativity, two classes were crowned winners…

EYFS and KS1 Champions – Holly Class

Holly Class impressed us with their fantastic space- and rocket-themed pizzas. Their creations brought together imagination, design and practical cookery skills in a way that was truly out of this world!

KS2 Champions – Oak Class

Oak Class wowed us with their exceptional focaccia, inspired by their World Trade learning journey. Their work demonstrated how our curriculum can come to life through practical experiences, connecting classroom learning with food, culture and the wider world.

A huge congratulations to both classes! Thank you to everyone who helped make the Bake Off such a memorable experience. It was wonderful to see the children applying their learning, working creatively and taking pride in what they produced.

Celebrating Harvest and Supporting Our Community

This week, our children have been preparing to celebrate Harvest and thinking about the importance of gratitude, generosity and looking after others.

Thank you to all the families who have contributed donations for our local foodbank. Your generosity will help support people and families within our wider community, and we are grateful for every contribution.

Our Harvest assemblies bring together so many of the things we value at Hudson. Through year-group singing, poetry readings and presentations from our pupil leaders, the children have the opportunity to share their talents while reflecting on the importance of helping others. These experiences remind us that being part of a community means looking beyond ourselves and considering how we can make a positive difference.

SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher (CONTINUED)

Keeping Children Safe – Our Ongoing Commitment
Safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do. This week, staff have continued their safeguarding training and our whole-school professional development around crisis prevention and supporting children through challenging moments.
This work is an important part of ensuring that we have a consistent, informed and thoughtful approach across Hudson. We want every child to feel safe, understood and supported, while maintaining clear expectations around behaviour, respect and safety.

Looking Ahead to Our Return – Autumn Disco!
After a well-earned half-term break, we will return ready for another busy and exciting few weeks. One event to look forward to is our **Autumn-Themed School Disco!**
The disco will be a lovely opportunity for the children to come together, enjoy music and dancing, and celebrate with their friends.
Tickets must be purchased through ParentPay. Please keep an eye on the information shared by school so that you have the details you need ahead of the event.
We cannot wait to welcome everyone back and get the next half-term underway!

Thank You, Hudson Families
As we close our first half-term, I would like to thank our families for their support and our staff team for their dedication, patience and hard work. There is so much that happens behind the scenes to ensure our children have the opportunities, care and support they deserve.
A school community is at its strongest when we work together, communicate positively and share a commitment to helping children thrive. As we head into the break, I hope our children have the chance to rest, recharge and enjoy time with their families.
We look forward to seeing everyone back after half-term, ready for new learning, new experiences and another opportunity to live out our Hudson promise:
Everyone. Experiences. Excellence.

Have a restful and enjoyable half-term break!

Niki Craddock
Headteacher
Hudson Primary School – Everyone Experiences Excellence.

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 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): Hallie D
Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Lily C
Holly Class – R (Mrs Carney & Team): Joshua B
Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Ayda May M
Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Hallie H
Silver birch Class – Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Lacey- Mae D
Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Charlotte H
Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Buddy B
Chestnut Class – Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Lucy S
Elder Class – Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Thea-Rose C
Oak Class – Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Theodore K
Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Whole Class
Rowan Class – Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Alannah G

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

Little Acorns Nursery (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Boulton & Team): Thomas L
Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Calaybi GD
Holly Class – R (Mrs Carney & Team): Mason H
Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Carter Joe N
Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Olivia F
Silver birch Class – Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Alina S
Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Elsie B
Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Reuben K
Chestnut Class – Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Ella A
Elder Class – Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Eleanor H
Oak Class – Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Carter T
Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Eric G
Rowan Class – Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Charlie O



🏆 **The Hudson Kindness Cup – Celebrating Elora and Jenson**

This week, our Kindness Cup celebrates two truly wonderful children from our resourced provision who have shown us what it means to care for others in the most thoughtful and meaningful ways. 🤍

🌟 **Elora O' – Yew Class**

Elora showed such a beautiful level of empathy when she noticed a friend in distress. With her gentle, soothing touch and calm, caring presence, she went out of her way to comfort her friend and help them feel safe. Elora's kindness reminds us that sometimes the smallest gestures can make the biggest difference.

🌟 **Jenson B – Beech Class**

Jenson demonstrated incredible thoughtfulness and imagination when he created a wonderfully inclusive game for a friend whose mobility can make joining in with some activities more difficult. Rather than allowing this to become a barrier, Jenson adapted his idea, creating a special game where his friend was given their own magical powers and could fully take part and play alongside the class. What makes these moments so special is that both children looked beyond themselves. They noticed what someone else needed and found their own beautiful ways to help them feel included, valued and cared for.

Elora and Jenson, we are so proud of you both. You show us that kindness is not simply about being nice; it is about understanding others, celebrating differences and making sure everyone has a place to belong. **This is Hudson at its very best — ensuring everyone experiences excellence, friendship and belonging.** 🤍

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 – Instalment 4 £50 06.11.26

School Photographers - 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.

SCHOOL EVENTS 2026-2027 AUTUMN TERM

Week	Date of event	Event title and details
2nd November	Friday 6th November	Autumn Celebration Assembly 1 – 2pm EYFS/KS1 and 2.35pm KS2 It is time for us celebrate the second Autumn achievements of our children. We will today give special mention and award prizes to Behaviour charter champions and excellent workers of the second autumn term from each class.
2nd November	Friday 6th November	Autumn themed disco £5 per child for goodies 4-5.30pm All children are invited to come and party. This is a ticket only event.
9th November	Whole week	Assessment week – all children's first assessment of the year Please ensure your child has good attendance and punctuality this week. We will be working hard to showcase all they have learnt so far in the year, celebrate successes and make plans to support any difficulties.
9th November	Whole week	**Friendship Focused week**, Anti-bullying themed activities for all children pm A very important event for the children at Hudson, a time for self-checking and understanding. Lots of important activities will be ongoing to make this memorable and purposeful for all children. This week the theme is: Choose respect.
9th November	Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance service – Year 5/6 class to lead 10.45am Years 3 to 6 Remembrance service, listen to readings, songs and stories from our British culture.
16th November	Friday 20th November	Family conference information It is time to find out about learning developments and targets in learning for your child. Please read the email & ClassDojo carefully and reply promptly in order to complete your requests thoroughly.
16th November	Friday 20th November	Non-uniform event chocolate/sweet treat donation A non-uniform day for the whole school, children can get good wear out of their Christmas Jumpers if they wish.
23rd November	Monday 23rd November	Christmas performance tickets go on sale Tickets are £2 each and are limited to two per family per show. If some still remain by 11th December we will reopen a limitless sale at 8am.
23rd November	Monday 23rd November	Christmas Decoration Day!
23rd November	Friday 27th November	Christmas Family Fun & Bingo Come along and get ready for Christmas! Fun for all of the family and a great fundraiser for our school. Lots to buy, see and get involved in.
23rd November	Friday 27th November	Non-uniform event bottle donation A non-uniform day for the whole school, children can get good wear out of their Christmas Jumpers if they wish.
30th November	Thursday 3rd December	Story time with Santa A special time for children to share a story and a treat with Santa A ticket only event
7th December	Wednesday 9th December	Family conference Virtual meetings – school closure at 1pm
14th December	Monday 14th December	Christmas performances: 9.30am EYFS and 1.30pm KS1 and KS2 Please remember that these are ticket only events
14th December	Tuesday 15th December	Christmas performance: 1.30pm KS1 and KS2 Please remember that these are ticket only events
14th December	Wednesday 16th December	Pantomime and Entertainer Day We have saved for weeks and it's finally arrived a day at the pantomime for our older children and a Christmas celebration for our Younger children.
14th December	Thursday 17th December	Snow Business Winter Themed Talent show Afternoon Our annual winter talent show.

14th December	Friday 18th December	Party day – Own clothes Today we will host a special Christmas party day, with games and treats. End of term – school closes at 1pm Please remember that today your child needs collecting at 1pm and unfortunately there will not be any Willow den after school care available.
End of Term 18th December and return Monday 4th January 2027		