Hudson Primary School

School News, Celebrations & Reminders

Friday 6th November 2026

Everyone, Experiences, Excellence

SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher

A wonderful start to our new half-term!

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to Hudson after the half-term break. The children have returned ready to reconnect with friends, settle back into routines and get stuck into another half-term of learning and experiences. There is plenty to look forward to, and we have already had some special moments to celebrate!

Celebrating Excellence Across Hudson

Today, we have taken time to recognise the amazing achievements of children across the whole of last term. We celebrated those who have shone through their learning, behaviour and attendance, recognising the tremendous effort, commitment and positive attitudes they have demonstrated over many weeks.

These children have been wonderful examples of what it means to experience excellence at Hudson. There have been prizes, stickers and certificates galore, and it has been a particularly special opportunity to share these successes with children and their families. We are incredibly proud of every child who has worked hard, shown resilience, made positive choices and consistently given their best.

Looking Back and Looking Ahead

Our return has also brought plenty of opportunities to reconnect with the experiences and celebrations that make Hudson such a special place to learn. We have been delighted to welcome the children back to their classes, celebrate the achievements from last term and look ahead to the exciting opportunities still to come.

A particular highlight on our return is our **Autumn-Themed Disco**! We hope the children enjoy this opportunity to spend time with friends, enjoy the music and celebrate together. Thank you to everyone who has supported the event. A reminder that tickets are purchased through ParentPay.

Next Week at Hudson

Autumn Assessments – Celebrating Progress and Planning Next Steps

Next week, our full teaching team will be carrying out our autumn assessments. This is an important opportunity to take stock of children's learning, identify the successes and progress we can celebrate, and understand any gaps or areas where further teaching and support may be needed.

Assessment is not simply about results; it helps us to understand what children know, what they can do and how we can best support their next steps. Our aim is to ensure that every child is recognised for their progress and receives the teaching, encouragement and support they need to keep moving forward.

Anti-Bullying Week – Friendship Matters

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and our focus at Hudson will be on being a good friend, building positive friendships and making sure everyone feels included and valued.

SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher (CONTINUED)

We will be encouraging children to think about the small things that make a big difference: showing kindness, listening to one another, inviting others to join in, celebrating differences and speaking up when something does not feel right. Friendship is something we all have a responsibility to nurture.

🎵 World Nursery Rhyme Week
Our youngest learners will also be enjoying World Nursery Rhyme Week! Nursery rhymes are a wonderful way to develop early language, listening, rhythm, memory and communication skills. There will be lots of opportunities for our little learners to sing, join in and have fun with familiar favourites.

🏊 Year 5 Swimming
Swimming lessons will continue on Wednesday for our Year 5 children. Please ensure children come to school in warm uniform, with suitable clothing for travelling to and from the pool. As the weather gets colder, keeping warm around swimming sessions is particularly important.

🏛️ Governors' Finance Meeting
Our Finance Committee of Governors will meet on Wednesday evening as part of their ongoing work to oversee the school's financial planning, resources and priorities.

🏆 Friday Celebration of Learning
We will finish the week with our usual Friday celebration of learning. We will recognise the wonderful efforts children have made throughout the week, particularly those who have gone above and beyond to demonstrate our behaviour charter expectations and become true **Behaviour Charter Champions**.

💚 A Final Thought
As we begin a new half-term, we want every child to feel that they belong, that their efforts are recognised and that they have the opportunity to succeed. Whether through learning, friendship, attendance, behaviour or the many experiences school offers, there is always something to celebrate and always another step forward to take.
Thank you for continuing to work alongside us. We look forward to a positive and purposeful half-term together.
Niki Craddock Headteacher
Everyone Experiences Excellence. 💚

ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION – Becca Kidd; Attendance Manager
What a fantastic achievement! We are delighted to celebrate **98 children who achieved 100% attendance throughout the whole of last half term!** That is something to be incredibly proud of. Well done to every one of you!
A special shout-out also goes to **Elm Class**, who have achieved **100% attendance this week!** What a brilliant team effort!
At Hudson, we know that every school day counts. Being in school, on time and ready to learn gives children the very best opportunity to make progress, build friendships and enjoy all the wonderful experiences school has to offer.
Let's keep working together to make every day count. Every day matters, every minute matters and every child matters!

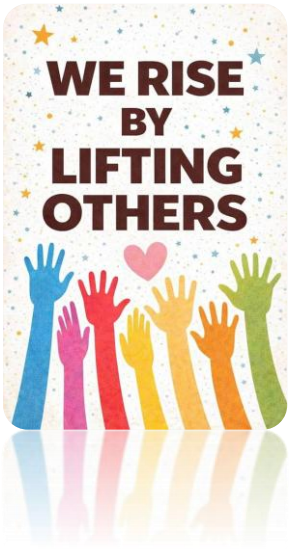
SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS: *Friday brings us smiles, and celebrations, a huge well done to the following children …*

Our **Behaviour Charter Champions nominated for their excellence in behaviour across the whole Autumn first term:**

Little Acorns Nursery (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Boulton & Team): Nova M
Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Logan A
Holly Class – R (Mrs Carney & Team): Axel G
Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Carter Joe N
Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): AJ H
Silver birch Class – Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Lily J
Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Elora O'
Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Jessica C
Chestnut Class – Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Mia V
Elder Class – Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Marnie B
Oak Class – Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Florence H
Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Amelia R
Rowan Class – Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Ava DMc

Those who have demonstrated **Excellence within their learning across the whole Autumn first term are:**

Little Acorns Nursery (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Boulton & Team): Lennon G
Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Lyra J
Holly Class – R (Mrs Carney & Team): Elianna BB
Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Tillie M
Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Harry E
Silver birch Class – Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Jack F
Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Logan O
Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Vincent H
Chestnut Class – Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Wil G
Elder Class – Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Amber Rose N
Oak Class – Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Sebby L
Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Kenny B
Rowan Class – Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Sophie S



🏆 **The Hudson Kindness Cup – Eric G, Beech Class**

This week's Kindness Cup goes to Eric G in Beech Class for the most wonderful example of encouragement, sportsmanship and leadership. 🤍

Eric has been using some beautifully thoughtful and encouraging words to support his teammates. What makes this particularly special is that he also recognised a friend from a different team who was finding it difficult to manage the feelings that come with winning and losing. Rather than focusing on the competition, Eric took the time to offer reassurance and encouragement, helping his friend to feel better and remember that taking part, trying your best and enjoying the experience are what really matter.

Eric, what a fantastic Base Team Captain you are becoming! You are showing us that true leadership is not about winning; it is about lifting others up, showing kindness and helping everyone feel valued.

We are incredibly proud of you. Keep leading by example and showing us what it means to be **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. 🌟

REMINDERS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE: School Administrators; Chris Cook & Sandra Jones
Please email with any requests or changes: admin@hudsonprimary.co.uk

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

PGL school residential payments – Instalment 4: £50 due 06.11.26

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. Late Gate will be in operation at 9.15am

SCHOOL EVENTS 2026-2027 AUTUMN TERM

Week	Date of event	Event title and details
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 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		