Hudson Primary School

School News, Celebrations & Reminders

Friday 13th November 2026

Everyone, Experiences, Excellence

SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher

Celebrating achievement, remembering together and getting ready for Christmas!

There has been plenty happening at Hudson this week, with some lovely opportunities to celebrate our children, recognise their achievements and come together as a school community. As Christmas gets closer, the excitement is certainly beginning to build!

A Wonderful Autumn Disco!

We started our week of celebrations with our Autumn Disco last Friday, and what a fantastic time the children had! The dance floor was full, the music was playing loudly and the children had an absolute ball enjoying time with their friends.

A very special thank you goes to all the staff and volunteers who gave up their time to organise, prepare and supervise the event. These occasions take a great deal of work behind the scenes, and we are so grateful to everyone who helped make it such a success.

Celebrating Excellence Across the Autumn Term

Last Friday was also a very special occasion as we recognised our **98 children who achieved 100% attendance**, alongside our Behaviour Champions and children who have demonstrated excellent attitudes to learning throughout the whole of the Autumn term.

Our celebration was about so much more than handing out prizes and certificates. Teachers took the time to read some truly gorgeous words about each child, recognising their individual qualities, achievements, determination and the positive contributions they make to our school.

It was a real moment of pride for children and families, and a wonderful reminder that excellence comes in so many different forms. Whether through commitment to learning, kindness, positive behaviour, resilience or simply giving your very best, these children have shown us what it means to shine. A huge well done to everyone recognised. We are incredibly proud of you!

Remembering Together – Our Remembrance Service

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children led a beautiful Remembrance service for the Hudson community. They approached the occasion with great maturity, sensitivity and respect, helping us all to pause and reflect on the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed for others.

We were particularly proud of the way our Year 6 children took responsibility for leading this important moment in our school calendar. Their thoughtful contributions were a credit to them and to the wider school community.

SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher (CONTINUED)

🎄 Looking Ahead – Another Busy Week at Hudson!

Christmas is certainly getting closer, and there is plenty to prepare for as we move towards the festive season!

🖩 Autumn Family Conferences – Information Coming Home

Information about our Autumn Family Conferences will be shared with families via ClassDojo. This will be your opportunity to book a time to meet virtually with your child's class teacher and talk about their learning, progress and next steps.

Our virtual meetings will take place on **Wednesday 9th December from 1.30pm**. Please look out for the booking information coming home via Dojo and make sure you secure a time to speak with your child's teacher.

🎁 Friday – Non-Uniform Day and Christmas Fundraiser Donations

Next Friday will be a non-uniform day, and we are asking families to support one of our Christmas Family Fundraiser stalls by sending in a **sweet treat donation**.

Your generosity will help us prepare for what promises to be a wonderful festive event for our children and families. Thank you, as always, for supporting our school community and helping us create special experiences for everyone.

💗 A Final Thought

As we move further into November, the excitement of Christmas is beginning to take hold across Hudson. Alongside all the festive preparations, we remain focused on ensuring that children continue to enjoy purposeful learning, positive friendships and opportunities to celebrate their achievements.

Thank you to our staff, families and wider community for everything you contribute to making Hudson such a special place. There is so much to look forward to over the coming weeks, and we cannot wait to share it with you.

Niki Craddock Headteacher
Everyone Experiences Excellence. 💗

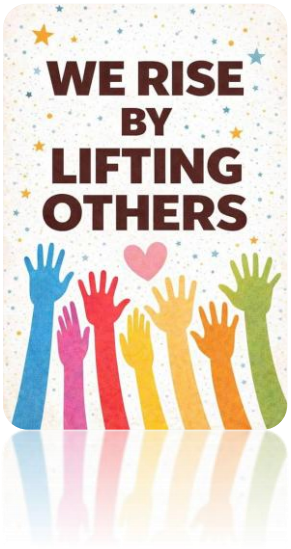
ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION – Becca Kidd, Attendance Manager
Our aim is for every child to achieve 100% attendance wherever possible. We understand that illness is sometimes unavoidable, but every school day counts!
😊 ✨ **This week, 210 out of 267 pupils achieved 100% attendance!** Well done to everyone! 😊 ✨
A few reminders:

- Arrive at school on time and ready to learn.
- Report absences to the school office before the start of the school day, giving a reason.
- Arrange routine appointments outside school hours where possible.
- If you need support with attendance, please speak to us. We are here to help!

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 week:**
Little Acorns Nursery (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Boulton & Team): Max D
Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Mila F
Holly Class – R (Mrs Carney & Team): Violet H
Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Harry D
Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Polly G
Silver birch Class – Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Pippa W
Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Lucca T
Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Reuben K
Chestnut Class – Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Emily R
Elder Class – Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Noah D
Oak Class – Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Thomas S
Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Theodore K
Rowan Class – Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Floss W

Those who have demonstrated **Excellence within their learning this week are:**
Little Acorns Nursery (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Boulton & Team): Nyla C
Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Scarlett K
Holly Class – R (Mrs Carney & Team): Joshua B
Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): GiGi M
Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Logan W
Silver birch Class – Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Whole Class
Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Cody T
Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Whole Class
Chestnut Class – Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Sophia G
Elder Class – Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Sham A
Oak Class – Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): George L
Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Jake W
Rowan Class – Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Romy S



The Hudson Kindness Cup – Vinnie D, Elm Class

This week's Kindness Cup goes to a very thoughtful young man in Elm Class, Vinnie Dalton.

In the lead-up to Remembrance Day, Vinnie spent all of his choice time carefully making paper poppies for every child in his class. On the 11th November, he proudly handed them out so that everyone could wear a poppy and have their own special reminder of those who have fallen.

What makes this gesture so special is the time, thought and care Vinnie put into making sure nobody was left out. He chose to use his own time to create something meaningful for others and help his friends take part in this important act of remembrance. Vinnie, we are incredibly proud of you. Your thoughtfulness, generosity and understanding of the importance of remembering others are truly wonderful.

A beautiful example of kindness, community spirit and what it means to be part of Hudson.

REMINDERS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE: School Administrators; Chris Cook & Sandra Jones

Arbor Parent Portal

We are now using the Arbor Parent Portal for updating your contact information and for ordering school lunches.

So many of you have already logged in – thankyou! Lunches ordered via Arbor start on Monday 23rd November 2026. Orders must be placed 3 days in advance but there is no restrictions on which days you order lunch – choose what you need, when you need it!

Please go to https://login.arbor.sc to log in to the parent portal. Use the forgotten your password link and the email address you have registered with the school to reset your password.

Please order your meals 3 days in advance – e,g, by Friday 12.00pm for meals on Monday and Sunday 12.00pm for meals on Wednesday

- The system knows if your email is linked to pupils at other schools using Arbor – so please don't worry about that!
- The system knows if your child is eligible for free meals and there will be no charge applied.
- Please login to the web based portal at https://login.arbor.sc before trying to download and use the app.
- School can only provide a meal if you have ordered one. Likewise school will only provide your child with the meal you have ordered. There will be no substitutions.

Lastly …….

Do you need to check or change your email address to allow you to access, please email finance@hudsonprimary.co.uk

Do you need to check the allergens included? please call our chef, Diane Culley on 07585073187 to double check these before placing your order.

If your child's contact information is wrong, submit the changes to us for verification. If the change is slightly more complicated, please email admin@hudsonprimary.co.uk

If you want to move any ParentPay balances to Arbor for meal purchased, please email finance@hudsonprimary.co.uk

Wednesday 2nd December is Christmas Dinner day!

The Roast Turkey meal option available on Wednesday 2nd December will be our annual traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Christmas dinner will be the only meal option that day.

If you have already selected Roast Turkey that day - your child will automatically get Christmas Dinner.

If you have selected another meal option for that day - your meal option has automatically been changed to Roast Turkey, but you may login and delete that meal choice (and its charge) if you would prefer to provide a packed lunch that day.

For this meal only, parents will need to order and pay for the meal by 9am on Wednesday 24th November 2026. Unfortunately, any orders placed for Christmas dinner after this time will be removed and parents will need to provide a packed lunch that day.

SCHOOL EVENTS 2026-2027 AUTUMN TERM

Week	Date of event	Event title and details
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		