

Hudson Primary School

School News, Celebrations & Reminders



Friday 4th September 2026

Everyone, Experiences, Excellence



SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher

What a wonderful few days it has been welcoming everyone back to Hudson!

A **very big, warm welcome back** to all of our returning families, and an especially warm welcome to all of our **new children, families and staff** who have joined our Hudson community this September. We are absolutely delighted to have you with us and hope that you already feel a sense of belonging within our school family.

Our children returned on Wednesday and have been an absolute joy. They have looked incredibly smart, arrived punctually, settled beautifully and, most importantly, have demonstrated such exceptional kindness and thoughtfulness towards one another. There has been a real sense of excitement around school, but also a lovely calmness as children have reconnected with friends, met new adults and begun to settle into their new classrooms.

I would also like to thank our families for the wonderful start you have helped us to achieve. Your calm and confident encouragement each morning, together with ensuring that children arrive prepared, organised and ready to learn, makes such a difference. Those first few minutes of the school day really do set the tone, and we have seen the benefits this week.

Building Our Hudson Routines

Next week marks our **first full week back**, and this is when all of those familiar routines that provide children with consistency, security and confidence will become fully embedded.

Our assemblies and end-of-day routines will be up and running across school, supported by our School Leadership Team. These predictable structures are an important part of helping children know what to expect, develop independence and finish each day positively.

We know that the beginning of a new school year can be exciting, but it can also feel a little tiring for children. Please continue to support them with regular bedtimes, a good breakfast, plenty of water, and time to talk about their day. The return to school is a big transition for everyone, and a calm routine at home can make a significant difference.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Tuesday sees the return of our **music tuition**, with children beginning another year of developing their musical skills, confidence and creativity.

On **Wednesday**, our **Year 4 swimming tuition** begins. Please ensure that children have everything they need for their swimming sessions and that belongings are clearly named.



SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher (CONTINUED)

By Friday, Mrs McNally and I will have interviewed all of our Year 6 children who wish to put themselves forward for the prestigious positions of **Head Boy and Head Girl**. We are looking forward to hearing from our children about their ideas, leadership qualities and the contribution they feel they can make to our school community. It is always a very special moment to see our oldest children beginning to step into these important leadership roles.

Friday will also see children bringing home an application for our highly valued and prestigious **Hudson School Council**.

Our School Council is an important part of our commitment to **pupil voice and democracy**. Children will have the opportunity to put themselves forward, share their ideas and explain why they would make a positive representative for their class. We would really encourage families to talk this through with children at home. Helping your child to think about their strengths, ideas for school improvement and how they would listen to and represent the views of others would be a wonderful way to support them through the process.

A Few Back-to-School Reminders

As we settle into the new academic year, please help us to maintain the excellent start we have made by remembering a few simple things:

- Please ensure children arrive **punctually each morning**, ready to begin their learning.
- Children should come to school **prepared for the day**, including bringing their named water bottle.
- Please ensure **all uniform, coats, PE kits and personal belongings are clearly named**. This makes such a difference when items inevitably become misplaced!
- Please check **ClassDojo regularly** for important information, reminders and updates from school.
- If you need to share important information with your child's class team, please use **private messaging through ClassDojo** rather than the public class communication channels.
- If you have a concern that would benefit from a conversation, please contact our **school office team to arrange an appointment**. This ensures that we can give you the time and attention your concern deserves rather than trying to manage important conversations at the school gate.
- Please remember that the start and end of the school day are busy times for our staff, and appointments allow us to communicate with families effectively while ensuring children's safety and routines remain our priority.

Most importantly, please continue to talk positively with your children about school. Ask them about what they have enjoyed, what they have learned, who they have played with and what they are looking forward to. Those small conversations can make a huge difference to children's confidence and sense of belonging. We are incredibly excited about the year ahead. There is so much already planned, and behind the scenes our team has been working hard to ensure that this is another year filled with **learning, opportunity, aspiration, kindness and unforgettable experiences**.

Please take a moment to look at the **school events planner at the end of this newsletter**, which gives you an overview of what is happening during our first term. As always, please keep checking ClassDojo as additional events, opportunities and reminders will be added throughout the term. Here's to another wonderful year at Hudson — **only the very best for our children and families!**

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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): Joel S

Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Albie P

Holly Class - R (Mrs Carney & Team): Sonny C

Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Gigi M

Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Amber F

Silver birch Class - Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Siddarth RS

Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Lucca T

Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Francis P

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

Elder Class - Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Eleanor H

Oak Class - Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Jack P

Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Eric G

Rowan Class - Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Rosa K

Kindness cup Our Kindness Cup nomination this week goes to Lacey Mae D from our Year 2 Silver Birch class! 🌟

Lacey has made an **excellent start to the new term** and has already shown such wonderful kindness and consideration towards others.

She has been **generous with her time, supportive and encouraging**, particularly towards children who have found the transition back to school a little more difficult. Lacey has been quick to notice when someone needs a little extra help, reassurance or a friendly face, and she has quietly stepped in to make a difference.

This is exactly what our **Kindness Cup** is all about - noticing others, showing compassion and helping everyone to feel that they belong.

Well done, Lacey Mae! 💖 You should be incredibly proud of yourself. You are a wonderful example of how small acts of kindness can make a very big difference at Hudson. 🙌

We rise by lifting others



ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION - Mrs. Cook; Attendance Manager



Whole School Attendance for this week is **95.9%**

Our leading classes this week with fantastic 100% attendance is Sycamore, Silver birch and Oak. What a way to start the new school year.

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

REMINDERS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE: School Administrator; Chris Cook

Please email with any requests or changes: admin@hudsonprimary.co.uk

Rock and River - All children from year 1 to Year 6 should have had a letter last term explaining our fantastic activity day trip in Sept. This will be an amazing opportunity and is **funded completely by school**. ParentPay now has the consent/medical info etc **which must be completed**.

PGL school residential - for year 5+6

The next instalment (£50) is due today, 4th September.

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.

<https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/patient-leaflets/primary-school-immunisation-guide-parents-and-carers>

New Free School Meal information (This is not the government free meals for children in reception, year 1 or year2) Letters will be given out to those families who have already been checked by Monday. If your circumstance have changed or you think you may be eligible then please visit the website (see below)

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>

Hudson Passports for clubs attendance/participation- this will be open on ParentPay until mid Sept when the order will be placed.

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

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
31 st August	Wednesday 2nd September	School Returns on Wednesday for the new term Tuesday 1st is 1 day INSET
7 th September	Friday 11 th September	Year 6 Head boy and Girl Interviews
7 th September	Friday 11 th September	School council applications go home It is time again for us to recruit our new members to our school and class councils. Please support your child in completing their crucial application and returning it on time by Friday 18th September .
14 th September	Friday 18 th September	Hudson University for Children club letters go home It is time for our clubs to start - you can order and collect our out of hour's passport for clubs your child attends away from Hudson. Clubs will plan to start by Monday 28th September .
14 th September	Friday 18 th September	Wear Jeans for Genetic research charity. Wear denim £1 donation. One of the children's favourite charity events - wear genes and donate £1 towards genetic research. Any non-uniform will do if your child does not like wearing denim.
21 st September	Monday 21 st September for two weeks	Reception class NFER testing starts & baseline assessments for all other classes Please ensure your child attend school every day and also on time so that accurate assessments can be made and relevant targets set for the term and year.
21 st September	Friday 25 th September	Pupil volunteer job applications go home Children in years 1 to 6 have the opportunity to take on a volunteer role at school, please help your child to complete the application form and return it to school on time - Wednesday 1 st October.
21 st September	Friday 25 th September	Non-uniform event Bottle donation It is time to get saving towards our fantastic Christmas fundraiser. Any sensible non-uniform can be worn in exchange for a donation.
28 th September	Thursday 1 st October	National Poetry day A chance for the children to develop core creative literacy skills -catch up on Dojo to see the children in action.
28 th September	All week	Settling in meeting with Teachers After School A session with your class teacher to see your child's new learning environment, find out what the year has in store and ask any settling in questions you may have. This evening will start at 4pm and will last approx. 45 mins.
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.

