

Hudson Primary School

School News, Celebrations & Reminders



Friday 18th September 2026

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SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher

A Week of Leadership, Kindness and Adventure at Hudson

What another wonderful week we have had at Hudson! As we move further into the new school year, it has been lovely to see our children becoming increasingly confident in their new classes, settling into routines and beginning to show us exactly what makes them such special members of our school community.

This week has been full of adventure, responsibility, kindness and new beginnings – from Rock & River challenges and Reception assessments to allergy training, secondary school open evenings and, of course, the exciting appointment of our new pupil leaders.

👤 Our New Head Boy, Head Girl and Base Captains

One of the highlights of the week has undoubtedly been our Head Boy, Head Girl and Base Captain interviews. We were incredibly impressed by the standard of applications and the thought that our children had put into explaining why they would like to represent Hudson. The successful children took part in an interview with myself and Mrs McNally, our Deputy Headteacher, where they answered a range of questions with maturity, thoughtfulness and great consideration. What particularly impressed us was their ability to think beyond themselves. They spoke about their own personal qualities, the strong ethos and values of Hudson and, importantly, the wants, wishes and ideas of our children.

Being a pupil representative at Hudson is about much more than wearing a badge. It is about listening, representing, modelling our values and helping to make our school an even better place for everyone. We are delighted to announce our 2026 pupil representatives:

👑 Head Boy – Carter Mc, 👑 Head Girl – Phoebe S, ♣ Base Captain – Eric G, ♣ Base Captain – Isabel O

Huge congratulations to all four of you! We are incredibly proud of you and very excited to see the positive contribution you will make to our Hudson community this year. And to every child who applied and took part in the process – well done. Having the confidence to put yourself forward, think carefully about what you could offer and then sit an interview is an achievement in itself.

🧗 **Rock & River Adventures**, Our Rock & River programme has taken place this week, with children from across school taking on outdoor adventurous challenges. These experiences give our children opportunities to develop resilience, teamwork, communication, independence and problem-solving, often while doing something that takes them outside their comfort zone. We have been incredibly proud of the way our children have approached these challenges and supported one another.

There is plenty still going on next week too...



SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher (CONTINUED)

🎵 Tuesday – Music Tuition

Our extra-curricular music tuition continues on Tuesday, delivered through our Sefton music providers, with children in Years 2-6 enjoying lessons in ukulele and guitar. We are passionate about ensuring that our children experience a rich and varied curriculum, and music is an important part of that offer.

🗑️ Friday – Our First Non-Uniform Donation Day

Friday will be our first non-uniform donation day of the year! 🗑️ As families will know, these days are an important part of our fundraising programme and help us to raise money to provide those additional experiences and opportunities for our children. For this first donation day, we are asking families to donate a bottle of any type to help us stock our tombola. It can be absolutely anything – a bottle of something lovely for someone to win!

🏠 Friday – Pupil Leadership Opportunities

Friday will also be an exciting day for pupil voice and leadership. Our newly appointed **Class Councillors** will receive their badges, celebrating their commitment to representing the views of their classmates.

Children will also bring home **applications for our pupil volunteer roles** for this academic year.

There are lots of different ways for children to contribute to school life, and we would love to see as many children as possible considering putting themselves forward. The roles are about responsibility, service, teamwork and making a difference – not simply having a title. All successful pupil volunteer roles will be announced in assembly next Friday.

What I love most about the beginning of a new school year is watching children discover that they can do things they perhaps didn't think they could. Whether that is standing in front of two senior leaders for an interview, helping a nervous Reception child find their classroom, tackling a Rock & River challenge, performing music in front of their peers or putting themselves forward to represent their class – every one of these experiences helps our children grow.

Thank you, as always, to our families for the support you give us. Together, we are building a school where children are encouraged to be kind, confident, courageous and proud of who they are.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone. Here's to another fantastic week at Hudson!

Everyone, experiences excellence. ❤️

Niki Craddock
Headteacher

“September offers a second chance and a new beginning if only you'll let it.”

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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): Phoenix S

Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Harley-Mae R

Holly Class - R (Mrs Carney & Team): James D

Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Carter Joe N

Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Orla P

Silver birch Class - Y2 (Miss Hamm & Team): Rudy W

Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Elora O'

Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Whole Class

Chestnut Class - Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Dom L

Elder Class - Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Riley R

Oak Class - Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Ashton A

Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Jake W

Rowan Class - Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Whole Class

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

Little Acorns Nursery (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Boulton & Team): Joni R

Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Lyra J

Holly Class - R (Mrs Carney & Team): Eliana BB

Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Mason L

Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Oliver D

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

Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Elsie B

Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Vincent H

Chestnut Class - Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Lucas P

Elder Class - Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Maisie C

Oak Class - Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Sienna H

Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Jenson B

Rowan Class - Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Sebastian M

This week's **Kindness Cup** goes to two wonderful sisters, Connie from Year 3 Chestnut Class and Phoebe from Year 6 Rowan Class. ❤️

Both girls have shown such generosity, thoughtfulness and consideration for others this week.

Knowing that some children might forget or accidentally leave behind things they needed for our adventurous days out, Connie and Phoebe thought ahead and made sure they packed extras, just in case someone else needed something.

What makes this especially lovely is that they weren't asked to do this - they simply thought about others and anticipated what their friends might need.

That is kindness in action: looking beyond yourself, being prepared to help and making sure that others can enjoy their experiences too.

A huge well done to Connie and Phoebe! 🌟

You have shown us that some of the very best acts of kindness happen quietly, thoughtfully and without being asked.

We are very proud of you both! ❤️

ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION - Mrs. Cook; Attendance Manager



Whole School Attendance for this week is **94%**

Our leading class this week with fantastic 100% attendance is Elm,

Followed closely by 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

PGL school residential - for year 5+6 Any wobbles then please come and see me as final numbers need to be given in.

This instalment (£50) was due on 4th September. Next instalment due by 2nd Oct, thanks

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. QR codes will be placed around school and on school dojo to make it even easier.

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

Rec + Yr6 Height and weight - Letters have been given out with more information with regards to this programme.

Yr6 High school choices - Letters have been given out. The portal can be accessed via Sefton's website at www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool The closing date is 31st October. If you live outside of Sefton then please submit your application through your local authority.

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:

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 club's attendance/participation- this will be open on ParentPay until mid Sept when the order will be placed. **This will close today** to be ordered ready for clubs.

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

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
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.

