

Hudson Primary School

School News, Celebrations & Reminders



Friday 11th September 2026

Everyone, Experiences, Excellence



SCHOOL NEWS – Niki Craddock; Headteacher

It has been another really positive week at Hudson, and it has been lovely to see our children continuing to settle into their new classes, reconnect with friends and embrace all that a new school year brings.

The first full week back has brought lots of opportunities for children to demonstrate the qualities we value so highly at Hudson – **kindness, resilience, independence, curiosity and a willingness to have a go**. Our classrooms have been full of learning, conversation and excitement, and it has been wonderful to see children beginning to establish those important routines and relationships with their new teachers and classmates. A particular highlight this week has been seeing children looking out for one another. This is something we are incredibly proud of at Hudson, and it brings me to this week's Kindness Cup recipients, superb kindness towards our youngest children from our two year 1 super stars and gorgeous charity work from the Drury Brothers in Nursery and Year 1. This is exactly what our Kindness Cup celebrates – noticing others, showing compassion and helping everyone to feel that they belong.

Next week is another busy one, with children taking part in outdoor adventurous activities, important transition work, family events and opportunities to support some very worthwhile causes.

Monday – Rock & River: Oak, Rowan and Beech Class Outdoor Adventure Day

Our **Year 5 and Year 6 children**, alongside our **Beech Base class**, will be heading out for their Rock & River Outdoor Adventurous Day. This is always a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their **teamwork, resilience, communication and problem-solving skills** while taking on challenges outside of the classroom. We know our children will rise to the occasion, support one another and demonstrate the maturity and resilience that makes us so proud.

Monday – Reception Screening Begins

Our Reception Baseline Assessment screening for our new-to-school Reception children begins on Monday.

This is an important part of getting to know our youngest learners as they begin their Hudson journey. It helps our staff understand children's individual starting points and identify how we can best support their learning, development and wellbeing from the very beginning.

Monday – Whole-School Allergy Training

We will also be undertaking **whole-school allergy training** with staff. Keeping our children safe is always our absolute priority, and this training will ensure that staff across school have the knowledge and confidence they need to recognise and respond appropriately to allergy-related situations.



SCHOOL NEWS - Niki Craddock; Headteacher (CONTINUED)

Tuesday - Rock & River: Year 3, Year 4 and Elm Class

The outdoor adventure continues on Tuesday, with our **Year 3 and Year 4 children and Elm Class** taking part in their Rock & River experience. Another fantastic opportunity for children to challenge themselves, work together and build confidence through practical, active experiences.

Wednesday - Rowan High Open Evening

Wednesday sees the **Rowan High Open Evening** for families who are considering Rowan High as a possible secondary school for their child for **Year 7**. This is an important opportunity for families to visit the school, meet staff and find out more about the provision and opportunities available.

Our **Governors will also meet on Wednesday evening for their Annual General Meeting (AGM).**

Thursday - Maricourt Open Evening

On Thursday, there is an **open evening at Maricourt**, providing another opportunity for families who are beginning to consider secondary school choices to visit, explore the provision and gather information to help inform their decisions. We know that choosing the right secondary school is an important decision for families, and we encourage parents and carers to make the most of these opportunities to find out what each school has to offer.

Friday - Jeans for Genes Day

Friday is our whole-school **Jeans for Genes Day**.  Children and staff across Hudson will be invited to wear jeans in support of this fantastic national campaign, which raises awareness and funds to support children and families affected by genetic disorders. We look forward to seeing the whole school getting involved and showing our support for such an important cause. Parentpay will be open to donate.

Further information about any contribution and arrangements for the day will be shared with families through ClassDojo.

Friday - Rock & River: Year 1, Year 2

We will finish the week with our **Year 1 and Year 2 children heading off for their Rock & River experience**. It will be wonderful to see our youngest children taking on new challenges, developing their confidence and working together - and I'm sure they will come back with lots of stories to tell!

A Week Full of Learning, Kindness and Opportunity

As always, there is so much happening behind the scenes at Hudson to ensure that our children have opportunities to **learn, explore, challenge themselves and thrive**. Thank you to our families for the continued support you give us, particularly during these important first few weeks of the new school year. Those calm mornings, conversations about kindness and encouragement to have a go really do make a difference. Please continue to check **ClassDojo regularly** for reminders, updates and any additional information relating to your child's class.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone. Here's to another fantastic week at Hudson - full of learning, laughter, adventure and kindness!

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): Sonny G

Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Rory W

Holly Class - R (Mrs Carney & Team): Axel G

Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): James L

Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Avaiah-Adali C

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

Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Codi T

Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Jaiden M

Chestnut Class - Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Evelyn D

Elder Class - Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Phoebe K

Oak Class - Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Ayda T

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

Rowan Class - Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): George E

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

Little Acorns Nursery (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Boulton & Team): Nova M

Maple Class - R (Mrs Dillon & Team): Mila F

Holly Class - R (Mrs Carney & Team): Elsie F

Cherry Class (Mrs Chivers & Team): Harry D

Sycamore Class - Y1 (Mrs Thompson & Team): Deano K

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

Yew Class (Mrs Rose & Team): Logan D

Elm Class (Mrs Williams & Team): Whole Class

Chestnut Class - Y3 (Mrs Kilpatrick & Team): Harley R

Elder Class - Y4 (Miss Dower & Team): Harry B

Oak Class - Y5 (Mr Roberts & Team): Lina ET

Beech Class: (Mrs Smith & Team): Theodore K

Rowan Class - Y6 (Miss Cavanagh & Team): Charlie T

This week's **Kindness Cup** nominations are a wonderful reminder that kindness comes in many different forms - and that you don't have to be the biggest or the oldest to make a really big difference.

✿ **Nellie C and Hallie H - Year 1:** Nellie and Hallie have worked incredibly hard this week to support our youngest children in Reception as they find their feet in their new school. They have been helping our new starters to find the right spaces and places, showing them where to go, what to do and, most importantly, helping them to feel safe and welcome. They have been beautiful role models, showing patience, care and kindness beyond their years. It has been lovely to see them taking such responsibility for helping our youngest Hudson children settle into school life.

♥ **Oliver and Max D - Year 1 and Nursery:** Our second nomination goes to brothers **Oliver and Max**, who have been thinking about and supporting our wider community outside of school.

They have been working hard to make sure that our Hudson Food Bank is well topped up, thinking about families who may need a little extra support and taking action to help others.

What a wonderful example of our Hudson values - understanding that being kind isn't just about what we do for the people sitting beside us; it's also about looking beyond ourselves and thinking about the wider community.

Well done, Nellie, Hallie, Oliver and Max! 🙌 We are incredibly proud of you all. You have shown us that kindness is about noticing others, helping others and making a difference - wherever you can. That is truly "Everyone experiences excellence" in action. ♥



ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION - Mrs. Cook; Attendance Manager



Whole School Attendance for this week is **94.9%**

Our leading class this week with fantastic 99.2% attendance is Sycamore, 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

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 will close tonight. All paper consent forms must be completed for the children to attend.

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 , 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. QR codes will be placed around school to make it even easier.

<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. **This will close on Friday** 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

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
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.

