Hipswell Church of England Primary School

Autumn Newsletter

22nd October 2026

Dear parents,
It has been a busy but happy half term at Hipswell. It was fortunate that we broke up today as there were lots of tired children in school who may not have managed another day! We have lots of new faces, including our new Reception children, who have settled in very well. Many classes have been trying out our new orienteering course across our school grounds, developing their navigational skills.
We hope that you have a lovely, restful half term and look forward to seeing you all when school reopens to the children on ***Monday 2nd November.***
Best wishes,
Miss Ewbank

Forest School



Year 4 have enjoyed Forest School sessions this half term with Rachel Muir. As always, I have enjoyed seeing the children emerging with wonderful creations each week!

Outdoor Play and Learning)



OPAL lunchtimes have resumed despite some very cold weather! As winter approaches, please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat and wellies daily. We also recommend waterproof trousers.

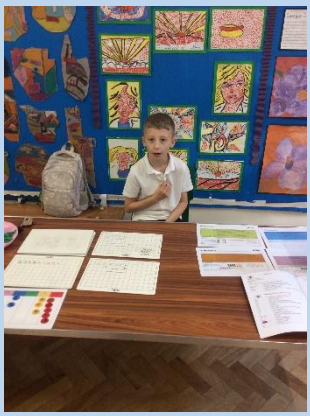
Key Stage 2 maths event

On the last day of term, we hosted a Key Stage 2 maths event for families. It was lovely to see so many there. Well done to our Maths Ambassadors for doing a fantastic job in leading their stations and teaching family members how we do maths!









Harvest



We enjoyed two wonderful Harvest Services at St. John's Church, Hipswell, on 13th October. A huge thank you to Reverend Charlotte and Reverend Lorna for an inspiring service. Thank you to our families for their generous donations which will be given to Colburn Food Bank.

Remembrance

You may have seen the beautiful Remembrance display at Camp Centre Roundabout which every primary school in Catterick has contributed towards. If you haven't, it is well worth a visit.







Reminders

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Miss Ewbank, Mr. Wells and Mrs. Matheson. If you ever have any concerns about a child in school, please contact us.

Please ensure that your child wears their smart school uniform and their PE kit on their PE day. **School shoes and trainers must be completely black.**

If you drop your child off and need to park in the village, please do so responsibly, without blocking residents' driveways or parking on double yellow lines.

Dates for your diary

Term dates are available on our website: http://hipswell.n-yorks.sch.uk/term-dates/

New Reception starters (September 2027) open days	23.11.26 at 10:30 08.01.27 at 13:30
Christmas Fair	16.12.26 after school
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production	09.12.26 14:00 and 17:00
Spring term parents' evenings	09.03.27 and 11.03.27 15:30 – 18:00
Year 3 and 4 Easter Production	17.03.27 14:00 and 17:00
Month of the Military Child – sausage sandwich breakfast	09.04.27 at 08:15
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports' Day	30.06.27 at 13:30
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports' Day	01.07.27 at 13:30
Years 5 and 6 End of Year Production	21.07.27 at 14:00 and 17:00