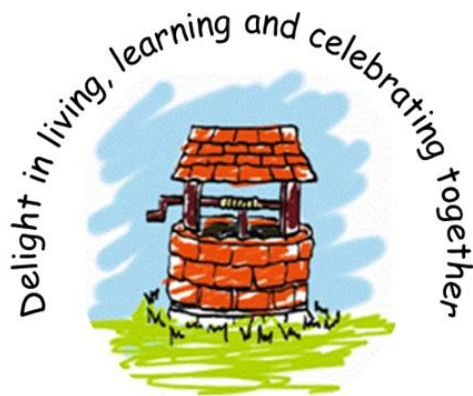




Hipswell Church of England

Primary School

Summer Newsletter

18th July 2025

Dear parents,

It has been a very happy, fun-filled summer term at Hipswell which started with celebrations for the Month of the Military Child and ended with the Year 6 Leavers' assembly. There have been several sporting and educational visits out of school: Reception visited the trains at Hopetown Museum, Year 1 and 2 visited the animals at Monk Park Farm, Year 6 faced the challenges of the Carlton Lodge residential, Years 3 and 4 became scientists at the Life Centre and Years 3 and 5 enjoyed 'Let's Learn Moor' on Grinton Moor. Art Day was a brilliant success and the children's work has created a fantastic display in the hall. We had a special visit from the Yorkshire Dales River Trust, and the whole school threw themselves wholeheartedly into 'Nerf Day'!



We wish all pupils who are leaving us the very best of luck at their new schools, including our Year 6 children who embark on their secondary school journey. We say goodbye temporarily to Miss Clark but look forward to regular visits and cuddles with new baby! In September, we look forward to welcoming Mrs. Stirling to Hipswell as part of our Year 3 team and to seeing you when school reopens to the children on Wednesday 3rd September.

Have a lovely summer holiday.

Miss Ewbank

Colour Run!

What a way to end the year! We all had a wonderful day and I'm not sure who enjoyed it more, the children or the adults! As a result of very generous sponsorship, we raised £1437.45 which we are going to put towards a sandpit on the field for OPAL lunchtimes.



Safeguarding at Hipswell

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Miss Ewbank, Mrs. Regan and Mrs. Matheson. If you have any safeguarding concerns during the summer holidays, please contact North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership on 0300 131 2131 (open 24 hours a day). If you have immediate concerns about the safety of a child, you should contact the police on 999.

Attendance

Attendance at Hipswell this academic year is 93.8%. The children below achieved a special award and certificate for 100% attendance all year!



Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

Our OPAL lunchtimes continue to be a great success. Our zones now include wheels, music, role play, den building, digging, the zen area, sports, small world, role play, water and mud kitchen. We have plans for further zones next year which will include a giant sandpit as a result of our sponsored Colour Run.



Sports' Days

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our sports days earlier this term and we were lucky that the weather held out. We were very proud of the children for demonstrating our vision and values by cheering everyone on and generally being good sports.



Armed Forces Day

Year 6 spent a wonderful morning at Armed Forces Day engaging in the various activities and exploring the world of first aid and competing in a timed obstacle course.



Hipswell Warrior Winners

The Gunners were this term's winners and enjoyed an afternoon of Forest School fun! They had a go at archery, problem solving games and, of course, toasted marshmallows!

September 2025

Please ensure that your child is in our smart school uniform in September. The children will continue to wear their PE kits on their PE days (plain white t-shirt, black shorts, black plimsolls/trainers). The children may wear school shoes or trainers daily, but these, and their PE shoes **must be completely black and logo free**.

Class	PE Days
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday and Friday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 4	Thursday and Friday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday

Please ensure that your child has wellies in school to enable them to use the field throughout the year as part of our OPAL lunchtimes. Waterproof trousers are also recommended. Please ensure all items are clearly named.

Communication

Whole school communication will continue to be sent out electronically on 'Our School App'. Please ensure that you have access.



Dates for your diary 2025/2026

These dates are provisional and therefore may change, but we thought they would be useful to pencil into your diary.

New Reception starters (September 2026) open days	19.09.25 at 13:30 25.09.25 at 16:30 16.10.25 at 10:30 24.11.25 at 10:30 09.01.26 at 13:30
Coffee mornings - all from 08:50 in the hall	01.10.25 28.11.25 28.01.26 18.03.26 08.05.26 17.06.26
Individual and sibling photographs	22.10.25
Autumn term parents' evenings	14.10.25 and 16.10.25 15:30 - 18:00
Christmas Fair	17.12.25 (after school, time to be confirmed)
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production	10.12.25 14:00 and 17:00
Spring term parents' evenings	17.03.26 and 19.03.26 15:30 - 18:00
Year 3 and 4 Easter Production	25.03.26 14:00 and 17:00
Class photographs	25.03.25
Month of the Military Child - sausage sandwich breakfast	17.04.26 at 08:15
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports' Day	24.06.26 at 13:30
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports' Day	25.06.26 at 13:30
Years 5 and 6 End of Year Production	15.07.26 at 13:45

