



Hipswell Church of England

Primary School

Autumn Newsletter

24th October 2025

Dear parents,

What a wonderful start to the academic year we have had at Hipswell! There are lots of tired faces in school following a very busy half term. Our new Reception children have settled in very well. They enjoyed welcoming their families into class to join in with their phonics learning.

We hope that you have a lovely, restful half term and look forward to seeing you all when school reopens to the children on **Tuesday 4th November**.

Best wishes,

Miss Ewbank



Road Safety Campaign

We continue to work closely with Risedale School to improve road safety within the school grounds. Please respect the **5mph** speed limit and park responsibly in marked bays only. Please remember that you are welcome to drop off and collect your children from your car at the front entrance. We have a new group of responsible Year 6 children who support younger children in and out of school daily.



Forest School

Year 2 have enjoyed Forest School sessions this half term with Rachel Muir. I have enjoyed seeing the children emerging with wonderful creations each week! Next half term, Year 5 will participate in Forest School each Tuesday, therefore will need a change of warm, waterproof clothing from Tuesday 4th November.



OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

Lunchtimes have been enhanced by new zones this term such as our very popular 'rough and tumble' zone! It was lovely to welcome parents to our Playday on 8th October. As winter approaches, please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat and wellies daily. We also recommend waterproof trousers.





Cricket

This term, Owen Batchelor from Cricket Yorkshire, has visited Hipswell every Tuesday to work with children across Key Stage 2 to develop their cricket skills. Owen said that he has absolutely loved his visits to Hipswell due to the enthusiasm of our children and staff!



Uniform and PE Kit

Please ensure that your child's PE kit follows our uniform policy and that school shoes and trainers for PE are completely black.



Soundscapes Project

Earlier this term, Year 6 visited Foxglove Covert as part of their 'Soundscapes' project with Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust. The aim was to discover underwater



sounds of plants and animals to inspire poetry writing. Recordings of the poems will hopefully be used in the Rivers4Life exhibition at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes over the summer of 2026!

Dates for your diary

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

New Reception starters (September 2026) open days	24.11.25 at 10:30 09.01.26 at 13:30
Harvest at St. John's Church, Hipswell (whole school)	06.11.25
Coffee mornings - all from 08:50 in the hall	28.11.25 28.01.26 18.03.26 08.05.26 17.06.26
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	25.03.26
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