



Hipswell Church of England

Primary School

Spring 1 Newsletter

February 2026

Dear parents,

We have reached the end of another busy term! We are looking forward to sunnier days and hope that the school field will dry out so that OPAL lunchtimes can return.

Please see the back page for upcoming dates and some key reminders. We hope that you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you when school reopens to the children on Monday 23rd February.

Kind regards,

Miss Ewbank

Open Door Art

On 15th January, we welcomed Chris from Open Door Art who worked with the whole school. He returned today to complete the project.



Forest School

Year 3 have enjoyed Forest School sessions this half term despite the terrible weather! They have made some wonderful creations but the highlight is always toasting marshmallows over a fire!



Communication

You should have received an email inviting you to enrol on My Child at School (MCAS) which is our new whole school communication portal. This has replaced OurSchoolsApp and should be easier to navigate as it allows whole school communication to be emailed directly to you. If you have not set up MCAS, please do so as soon as possible or contact the school office if you have any questions.

Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are Miss Ewbank, Mrs. Regan and Mrs. Matheson. If you have concerns about the wellbeing of a child, please speak to a DSL by ringing the school office on 01748 832513. If you have concerns about a child outside of school hours, please contact the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership on 0300 131 2131 (open 24 hours a day) or by email at social.care@northyorks.gov.uk. If you have significant, immediate concerns about the safety of a child, you should contact the police on 999.

In school, we teach the children how to keep themselves safe online. Many of our children now have access to devices which enable them to connect to the internet. **It is essential that parents support their children in navigating the online world by:**

- Ensuring they maintain a healthy screentime limit.
- Setting up appropriate parental controls on their devices.
- Ensuring your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.
- Monitoring their online activity, including group chats (Whatsapp etc).

Allergies

We have a number of children in school with allergies/dietary requirements therefore we ask that children do not bring food items into school for their class/friends. Please note that we ask that children do not bring items containing nuts into school in their packed lunch. If children are bringing items such as grapes into school, please ensure that they are cut lengthways to reduce the risk of choking.

Uniform

Please ensure your child wears their smart school uniform daily and their correct PE kit (white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, red school jumper and plain black trainers) on PE days. Our uniform policy is available on our website. For their own safety, children are not allowed to wear jewellery. If ears are pierced, small studs may be worn. These must be removed during PE lessons. Please only pierce children's ears at the start of the summer holidays so that they do not miss PE lessons.

Dates for your diary

Coffee mornings/afternoons	18.03.26 - 14:50 08.05.26 - time TBC 17.06.26 - time TBC
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