



Hipswell Church of England

Primary School

Summer Newsletter

17th July 2026

Dear parents,

Our summer term started with celebrations for the Month of the Military Child and ended with the Year 5 and 6 production, 'Troy Story'. There have been several visits out of school: Reception visited Harlow Carr in Harrogate, Year 1 and 2 visited Preston Park, Year 4 visited Carnagill Primary School to celebrate Armed Forces Day, Year 6 faced the challenges of the Carlton Lodge residential, Years 3 and 5 enjoyed 'Let's Learn Moor' on Grinton Moor. DT Day was a brilliant success 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 a very sad goodbye to Mrs. Regan who has been an incredible member of the team for 26 years, but we wish her a long and happy retirement. In September, we look forward to welcoming Mr. Wells as our deputy headteacher. We look forward to seeing you when school reopens to the children on Tuesday 8th September.

Have a lovely summer holiday.

Miss Ewbank

Colour Run!

What a fun day! The children and adults threw themselves into the assault course and spent the rest of the day rainbow coloured! As a result of very generous sponsorship, we raised £1040.45 which we are going to put towards OPAL lunchtimes and new books for each class.



Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

We were delighted to receive our OPAL Platinum Award earlier this term and celebrated by inviting families to join us for a special OPAL playtime. We currently have 15 zones including sports, creative, wheels, music, role play, den building, digging, the zen area, small world, water, swings, tree climbing and mud kitchen.

Safeguarding at Hipswell

From September 2026, our Designated Safeguarding Leads will be Miss Ewbank, Mr. Wells 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 at Hipswell this academic year is 96.1%.

Sports' Days

It was a shame to have to cancel our sports' days due to the heat wave, but we managed to reschedule for the morning of Monday 13th July. We were very proud of the children for demonstrating our vision and values by cheering everyone on and being good sports.



September 2026

Please remember that Risedale School are installing an electric barrier over the summer therefore parents will not be able to use their car park for drop off and collection. For full details, please refer to the letter dated 02.07.26.

Please ensure that your child is in their 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	Monday and Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday

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 'My Child at School'. Please ensure that you have access.

Dates for your diary 2026/2027

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

New Reception starters (September 2027) open days	25.09.26 at 13:30 01.10.26 at 16:30 15.10.26 at 10:30 23.11.26 at 10:30 08.01.27 at 13:30
Individual and sibling photographs	14.10.26
Autumn term parents' evenings	13.10.26 and 15.10.26 15:30 - 18:00
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