

HAYFIELD LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026

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Welcome to our NEWSLETTER ! As ever, there have been so many things happening recently in school.

Last week, our English Governors completed their Governing Monitoring Visit to examine how school has adapted leading educational research to drive further improvements in READING SESSIONS. As ever, our children amazed them with their ability to discuss how they are driving their personal improvement.

Hayfield Lane Primary was also showcased for reading provision in the national education publication English 4-11, with Mr Carroll, one of our Year 6 teachers, writing an article about how our children contribute to the national Picture Book Awards Shadowing Project. This initiative is yet another way that we contribute to shape education and also to instill an absolute love of reading.

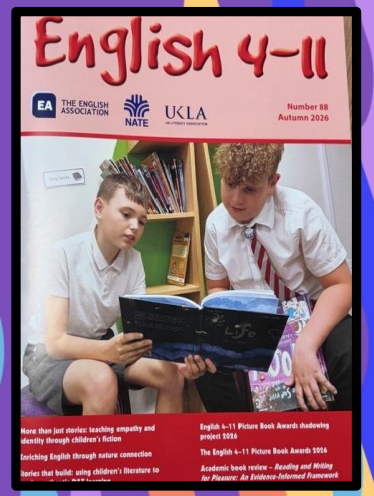
This week we held our Parents Evenings and it was so wonderful to celebrate your child's success with you. On Thursday we were also joined by YOUR PLACE. The Your Place Central Team is there to support people and families living in Doncaster. We understand that life can sometimes be challenging, and finding the right help isn't always easy. That's why they work alongside school to listen, offer guidance, and connect you with the support and services available in your local community. Whether you're worried about your family's wellbeing, struggling financially, looking for activities in your area, or need help accessing services, their team can work with you to find the right support. See our website for further information or contact our pastoral lead Mrs Harris for further support and advice: office@hayfieldlane.co.uk.

Today we held one of my favourite family dates in the calendar….THE HALLOWEEN CREEPY CRYPT POTTERY PAINTING CAFE. Take a look at the photos. A great time was had by all.

As we head into half term, I wish you all a lovely, autumnal break. If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holiday, please use the emergency email contact: head@hayfieldlane.co.uk and also contact the police.

Kind regards Mrs Tempest

Headteacher





SCHOOL OUTCOMES 2026

School continues to perform well against national standards. Take a look at our outcomes:

GOOD LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT
EYFS School 75%
National 68.3%

YEAR 1 PHONICS
School 97%
National 80%

YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK
FULL MARKS
School 76%
National 37%

YEAR 6 SATS TESTS
Reading, Writing Maths combined
School 66%
National 63%

YEAR 6 SATS TESTS
Maths 86%
National 75%

Our KS2 reading scores 2026 were within 2 pupils of the national target, with one child being on holiday during the test week. READING therefore continues to be a school priority even though outcomes across school are strong. School exceeded outcomes in every other area.

YEAR 6 SATS TESTS
Writing 82%
National 73%

YEAR 6 SATS TESTS
Grammar 77%
National 74%

YEAR 6 SATS TESTS
Reading 71%
National 75%



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2026-27

1- Improve KS2 Reading outcomes for vulnerable groups so that they meet or exceed the national average
2- standardise in-class diagnostic interactions and School Ordinarily Available Provision (SOAP) to ensure highly effective gap filling
3- ensure an exemplary standard of expectation is consistently evident in all pupil books, with pupils actively driving their own academic improvement







IN SCHOOL UPDATES

This half term our children have really been focusing on using ‘real life’ experience for writing. We find that they are just bursting with creativity when this happens. Year 3 became ROBIN HOOD’S MERRY MEN as they prepared for their letter writing to the mayor, to save the local environment from destruction. It is important that our children learn to be active citizens of the future. Their learning journeys are just one way that we achieve this.

Year 5 pupils had a wonderful visit to HARRY POTTER STUDIO TOURS, including a behind the scenes workshop, and are now excitedly putting pen to paper to create magical outcomes.

This term we also opened our NEST, which is an extension of Early Years. In the NEST (bungalow provision), children are able to work in small groups to help them to focus on their next small steps required. We have also created LEARNING ZONES in the lower and upper sites so that children can access adapted provision if they need this-linking to need, cognitive load or emotional wellbeing.

CREATING ACTIVE SCHOOLS



Recently, the staff team took part in their first session of the Creating Active Schools Programme (CAS). We linked with our Doncaster Ambassador as we begin the process of formally prioritising active learning throughout every aspect of the school day. Engaging and active sessions are already at the heart of what we deliver at Hayfield Lane so when we heard about the initiative, we couldn't wait to get started. Mr Henfield and Mrs Ryland are our school leaders in this area and we look forward to updating you on our developments.

Mr Pell-Culshaw is also about to be a guest speaker at a Doncaster conference, discussing the school's use of REMAKE LEARNING, where we combine active learning with business/careers learning partnership and family projects. Personal development of children is at the root of everything that we do at Hayfield Lane so that they are well prepared for their next steps and beyond. Take a look at some of the REMAKE LEARNING EVENTS we have held for our children and families.









Happy Halloween!

A great time was had by all as families enjoyed the pottery painting event. This session is always FREE OF CHARGE and lucky ticket winners get the chance to paint spooky pottery with their family and enjoy a trip to the CREEPY CRYPT CAFÉ for some sweet treats and refreshments. It is always a pleasure to have our families in school.

















DIARY DATES AUTUMN 2026

OCTOBER 2026		
Crazy Crypt Cafe	Friday 23rd	Invite only – During the morning
F2 Autumn Parent Workshop	Friday 23rd	2-3pm Lower School Hall
Autumn Half Term	Monday 26th – Friday 30th	
NOVEMBER 2026		
F2 – Y6 Halloween Movie Night	Monday 2nd	3.30pm – 5.30pm (approx)
SEND Parent's Evening	Tuesday 3rd	Lower School Hall - Times to follow
F1 Autumn Stay & Play	Wednesday 4th	During the school day
Y2 Gunpower Plot Exhibition	Thursday 5th	2pm
F1 – Y6 Skills Hub Challenge Day	Friday 6th	During the school day
Y1 History Workshop	Thursday 12th	Y1 classrooms
FOHL Glow Disco	Thursday 12th	The Zone F2 – Y2 4.15pm – 5.30pm Y3 – Y6 6pm – 7.30pm
Children In Need	Friday 13th	Non Uniform £1.00 donation
Boggledy Book Fair	Wednesday 18th	During the school day to 4.30pm
Sept 27 Reception Parents Meeting	Thursday 19th	5pm The Zone
Flu Vaccinations F2 – Y6	Friday 20th	During the school day
Y4 – YWP Visit to School	Wednesday 25th	9am- 12pm
F2 & Y6 Height & Weight Screening	Monday 30th	During the morning
Rocksteady Concert	Monday 30th	2.30pm Upper Hall – Invited parents
DECEMBER 2026		
FOHL Christmas Fayre	Thursday 3rd	2.30pm – 5pm The Zone/Upper Hall
Flu Catch Up Session	Friday 4th	During the school day
Christmas Show	Monday 7th	6pm – Upper School Hall
F2 Sundown Adventureland	Wednesday 9th	During the school day
KS1 Nativity	Wednesday 9th	Times to be confirmed
Christmas Show	Wednesday 9th	6pm – Upper School Hall
KS1 Nativity	Thursday 10th	Times to be confirmed
Disney on Ice	Thursday 10th	1pm – 6pm (approx)
FOHL Christmas Disco	Thursday 10th	The Zone F2 – Y2 4.15pm – 5.30pm Y3 – Y6 6pm- 7.30pm
Party Food Day F2 – Y6 12pm – 1pm	Friday 11th	Children who have packed lunch will be asked if they would like to stay for a lunch today
F2 Nativity	Tuesday 15th	Times to be confirmed
Rocksteady Concert	Tuesday 15th	2.30pm Upper Hall – Invited parents
Christmas Dinner Day F2 – Y6 and Christmas Jumper Day –all school 12pm – 1pm	Wednesday 16th	Children who have packed lunch will be asked if they would like to stay for a lunch today
Nursery Christmas Disco	Wednesday 16th	Nursery 3.30pm – 5pm
Christmas Parties and Movies - All	Thursday 17th	During the school day
Christmas Holidays	School closed - Friday 18th	School reopens Monday 4th Jan