

# St Hedda's Catholic Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

20.03.26

**Stars of the week**  
**Class 1 - Nevaeh**  
**Class 2 - Theo**

**In Class 1** - This week in class 1, the children loved exploring slime, describing how it felt as they stretched and squished it. We also enjoyed mark making in shaving foam, giving everyone a fun and sensory way to practise early writing skills. Outdoors, the children drew on log slices, using nature as their canvas. Bike lessons continue to build confidence and coordination, with great progress from everyone. In our "making and measuring up" activity, the children explored measuring and helped create baby clothes using the sewing machine, developing early maths and teamwork skills. A fantastic week all round!

**In Class 2** - This week, Class 2 have had a fantastic time learning both inside and outside the classroom. The children particularly enjoyed playing netball, gardening on the field, and working together to create a habitat for Hei Hei, our new tortoise friend.

In Maths, Year 3/4 have been focusing on fractions, while Year 5/6 have been developing their understanding of decimals and fractions. The children have been working incredibly hard and continue to impress us with their enthusiasm and positive attitudes. They are truly letting their lights shine in all areas of their learning!

### THE WEEK AHEAD:

#### Monday 23rd March

a.m. Aspire Judo Session

#### Tuesday 24th March

11 a.m. Palm Crosses with Fr Guiver  
1 p.m. Y5/6 Stingers Netball, Whitby  
1.30 p.m. Nursery Open Afternoon

#### Wednesday 25th March

9 a.m. Mass at St. Hedda's Church  
3.30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt/Picnic/Bingo

#### Thursday 26th March

3.15 - 4.15pm SATs Club for Y6

#### Friday 27th March

1 p.m. Cross Country, Whitby - Class 2  
3.15 p.m. Break up for Easter Holidays

## Sharing Expertise

We are delighted to have been approached to share our good practice with other small schools outside our trust. Over the coming months we will be sharing our curriculum, examples of children's work, teaching strategies and more, and are delighted that this will help to support other groups of pupils.

## Hei Hei

Our new school pet Hei Hei the Horsefield tortoise is settling well into school and loves to hear the children's voices and have them stroke his shell. Class 2 have been doing a great job making sure he has plenty of water and a nice clean home. Hei Hei enjoys being hand fed and children are welcome to bring him an occasional treat of: dandelion leaves and flowers, clover, curly kale, spring greens, rocket, watercress, daisies, lawn grass, mint, rose petals, oregano, pak choi, common marigold, pea shoots or pansies. Please no fruit or vegetables as many of these are not good for horsefield tortoises.

## Easter Events

As we look ahead to Easter we have a number of dates for your diary:

### **Easter Egg Decorating Competition**

As part of our Easter activities, we'd love the children to decorate an egg at home with their family. Please hard-boil an egg and let your child decorate it however they like (paint, stickers, pens, etc.) If you require any additional resources please let us know. **Kindly send the decorated egg into school by Monday 23rd March** so we can display them in the hall. Please could designs be no bigger than a shoe box. We are 'eggcited' to see your designs.

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 9:15a.m. Mass at St. Hedda's Church**

Families are invited to join us for mass.

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Egg Hunt, Picnic and Bingo**

Please book online to join the egg hunt. Other activities do not require booking.  
<https://bookwhen.com/stheddas>

3:30 Easter Egg Hunt

4:00 Picnic - Bring your own blanket and picnic, purchase cakes and sweets from Friends of St Hedda's

5:00 Easter Bingo

## Nursery Open Afternoon

Do you know anyone who is looking for a nursery for their child? Are they 3, or will they turn 3 in the next year? We are hosting an open afternoon for prospective parents on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Book here: <https://bookwhen.com/stheddas>

## Wraparound Care

Please remember to book clubs in advance by the Thursday for the following week and indicate approx. time of collection if you have booked for After School club. Thank you.

### **Paris Residential Year 6 children - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Total cost per child is £302.

Payment options as follows:

- £50 deposit to be paid by the end of October followed by
- 6 x £42 monthly instalments - £252 in total (November to April) - **February payments due**

Alternatively you may wish to pay the balance in full - £252 by 27<sup>th</sup> April.

All payments to be made via Parent Pay please.

### **Bewerley Park for all children in Class 2 - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Please see separate letter regarding change of venue.**

The cost per child is £244. The trip will be subsidised by both the school and the FOSH therefore we are asking parents to make a contribution of one third of the total costs at £72.

Payment options as follows:

- One off payment of £72
- Two instalments of £36 to be paid by the end of February and April
- Monthly instalments of £20 from February to April and a final payment of £12 to be paid in May

## **FORTHCOMING DATES/EVENTS**

SATs Club - weekly on Thursday 3.15 - 4.15pm up to and including Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays**

### **APRIL 2026**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Field Project

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Cross Country, Whitby - Race 3

Fri 17<sup>th</sup>, Fri 24<sup>th</sup> - Golf

Tues 21<sup>st</sup>, Tues 28<sup>th</sup> - Cricket

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> - Mass at St. Hilda's/Beach Clean/Earth Day

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> - NCMP health checks for Y6 and Reception pupils

### **MAY 2026**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - May Day Bank Holiday - school closed

Fri 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> - Golf

Tues 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> - Cricket

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> - 3.30 - 4.30pm New Starter Tea Party

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Thur 14<sup>th</sup> - KS2 SATs for Y6 pupils

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost Picnic

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Class 2 Residential Visit to Beverley Park

### **JUNE 2026**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> - Whole School Photo

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mon 29<sup>th</sup> - Surfing for Class 2

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Residential Visit to Paris

Thur 25<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day and Summer Fair

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> - New Reception Transition Session

### **JULY 2026**

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> - New Reception Transition Session

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> - Surfing for Class 2

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Crucial Crew, Scarborough

Thur 16<sup>th</sup> - End of Year Assembly

Thur 16<sup>th</sup> - Break up for Summer holidays