

St Hedda's Catholic Primary School



Class 1: Hazel

Class 2: Jasper

In Class 1 - What a Wonderful Week in Year 1!

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 1! We have been learning a new poem, 'Five Little Pumpkins', and the children were so proud to perform it to Class 2. They did a fantastic job! Miss Dale was also amazed by their brilliant blending practice — we are becoming such confident readers! We have had lots of fun using playdough to develop our fine motor skills, strengthening those little fingers while creating and exploring. Thursday was a lovely day as we headed out to explore our local area and Forest School with St Bede's. The children thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors and discovering more about the world around them. Back in school, Year 1 have continued learning all about habitats, thinking carefully about the different plants and animals we can find around our school grounds. We have enjoyed being little explorers and spotting the wonderful nature on our doorstep. Friday brought another fantastic horse-riding session, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. What a brilliant way to finish the week! Finally, we cannot wait to see all of your autumn treasures! Have a lovely weekend!

In Class 2 - This week, we have started our new topic on instructional writing, learning how to write in a formal tone and use imperative verbs to give clear instructions. In Maths, we have been exploring Roman numerals and developing our skills in adding numbers. In History, we have been learning about bronze as a material, exploring its properties and why it was useful. In P.E., we have enjoyed playing basketball and developing our movement skills. During horse riding, we have continued to develop our confidence and have been working hard on our trotting skills. It has been a busy and enjoyable week of learning!

NEWSLETTER

02.10.26

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 5th October

Tuesday 6th October

p.m. Y3-6 Cross Country, Whitby School

Wednesday 7th October

9.15 a.m. Harvest Mass and Coffee Morning
p.m. Y4/5/6 Scarborough STEM Fair

Thursday 8th October

11.30 a.m. Forest School Playgroup
p.m. Forest School for all pupils

Friday 9th October

P.D. Day - School Closed

A Great Week of Learning

Children across school have had an enthusiastic week of learning and have been keen to share what they know whenever I have seen them. From new sounds to proper nouns to filtration I have been blown away by how eager they are to pass on their wonderful retained knowledge - great work everyone!

Harvest Mass and Coffee Morning - 7th October

9:15am - Families and friends are invited to join us for a Harvest Mass at St Hedda's Church

10am - Families and friends are welcome to join us for a Harvest Coffee Morning and produce sale in the school hall.

The children will share some Autumn poetry and songs during the morning.

Donations of cakes and local/ homegrown produce (fruit, vegetables, cut flowers, eggs, honey) would be gratefully received. Please bring friends and family along.

Teacher Induction

A big congratulations to Miss Dale who has successfully completed her induction period. Teachers are required to prove their ability to fulfil a number of standards during their first 2 years of teaching and Miss Dale has now completed this period after a very successful two years at St Hedda's. Mrs Smith completed her induction at St Hedda's in 2024 and has since built on her success taking on subject leadership and supporting other teachers through modelling high quality practice. Well done teachers!

Forest School Playgroup

Our first forest school playgroup this academic year will take place at school next Thursday 11:30-12:30. This is perfect for pre-school aged children. Please share details with anyone who may be interested. There are just a couple of spaces left and places can be booked at bookwhen.com/stheddas

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the development of our forest school area in any way. An especially huge thank you to Mrs and Mr Kemp who go above and beyond to develop and maintain the wonderful provision we have - we are so grateful for all of your hard work.

Arbor Information and Consents

Please remember to keep all information up to date via Arbor eg: contact numbers etc. Please also check for any outstanding consents, these could be annual consents or for forthcoming events. Thank you.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is our most important job at St Hedda's and something we take extremely seriously. Our annual safeguarding audit took place this week and we received glowing feedback about how effectively children are kept safe, and are taught about keeping safe. A reminder that if you do have a safeguarding concern to contact Mrs Bartoli.

Christmas Wreath Making

We know it is a little early but booking for our popular wreath making sessions are now open. This year there is the option to make either a door wreath or a table/advent wreath across 3 slots on Wednesday 2nd December. More information on our facebook page and at bookwhen.com/stheddas

Donations

We are seeking donations of the following items:

- Clean jars and lids
- Clean empty milk bottles (plastic)
- Battery powered fairy lights
- Bamboo/ canes
- Scraps of timber
- Logs and stumps
- Pinecones
- Buttons
- Egg boxes

Severe Weather Policy

You will receive a copy of our severe weather policy today. Please keep this to refer to in the event of severe weather.

PD Day

Please be reminded that school is closed to pupils on Friday 9th October to allow for staff training. School will reopen as usual on Monday 12th October.

FORTHCOMING DATES/EVENTS

Thursdays - Forest School Sessions

Fridays - from 25th September - Horseriding

Fridays - from 6th November - Swimming

OCTOBER 2026

Tues 6th - Y3-6 Cross Country, Whitby School

Wed 7th - Harvest Mass and Coffee Morning

Wed 7th - Y4/5/6 Scarborough STEM Fair

Thur 8th - Forest School Playgroup

Fri 9th - PD Day - School Closed

Tues 13th - 1.30pm Reception Open Afternoon/Stay and Play

Thur 15th - Forest School Playgroup

Mon 19th - 10am Reception Open Afternoon/Stay and Play

Wed 21st - 5 pm Autumn Disco

Thur 22nd - Forest School Playgroup

Mon 26th - Fri 30th October - Half Term

NOVEMBER 2026

Tues 3rd - Parents Consultations

Thur 5th - Forest School Playgroup

Mon 9th - Diwali afternoon

Tues 10th - 2 p.m. PTA Meeting

Wed 11th - Remembrance Day

Thur 12th - Forest School Playgroup

Mon 16th - NSPCC Odd Socks Day/Anti Bullying week

Fri 20th - 11am LGB Meeting

Mon 23rd - School Photos

Fri 27th - PD Day - School Closed

DECEMBER 2026

Wed 2nd - Advent Wreath Making Sessions

Thur 3rd - School Advent Wreath making

Thur 10th - 2pm Christmas Performance

Tues 15th - Class 1 Panto Trip

Wed 16th - Class 2 Panto Trip

Thur 17th - Christmas Lunch

Thur 17th - 3.15 - 4.30pm Lumiere and Christmas Fair

Fri 18th - Break up for Christmas

JANUARY 2027

Mon 4th - PD Day - school closed.

Tues 5th - Children return to School