

St Hedda's Catholic Primary School



STARS of the Week



Class 1: Nevaeh

Class 2: Theo

NEWSLETTER

16.10.26

In Class 1 - Our Class 1 children have been exploring how we can look after our common home and protect our environment. They were particularly keen to learn about flood defences, asking questions and discovering ways we can help keep our surroundings safe. We have also enjoyed some fantastic maths learning this week, focusing on number formation and counting. Alongside this, the children's imaginations have been running wild during role play, with lots of exciting sleepovers and parties taking place! On Thursday, we headed out to Forest School, where the children had a wonderful time working together to create a bug hotel. Using bricks, wood and a variety of other natural materials we collected, the children built a welcoming home for our minibeast friends. It was a lovely opportunity to explore nature, get creative and think about how we can care for the little creatures that share our environment.

Our Year 1 children have also been working hard this week. In maths, they have been exploring fact families and developing their understanding of the relationships between numbers. In writing, they have been learning how to write character descriptions, thinking carefully about the words and details they can use to bring their characters to life. To round off our week, we enjoyed a fantastic horse-riding session on Friday, giving the children another wonderful opportunity to try something new, build confidence and have fun.

In Class 2 - Class 2 have had a fantastic week of learning! We really enjoyed a visit from the North York Moors National Park team, who taught us all about their beaver project and how beaver numbers are increasing. We even got to see a piece of wood that had been chewed by a beaver – how exciting! In maths, we have been exploring common factors, adding across 100 and doubling. In writing, we are putting the finishing touches to our final instruction-writing pieces. We had great fun instructing each other on how to butter a cracker and quickly discovered just how important it is to make our instructions clear, specific and accurate! Well done, Class 2, for another brilliant week of learning!

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 19th October

10am Reception/Open Morning - Stay and Play

Tuesday 20th October

Wednesday 21st October

5 pm Autumn Disco

Thursday 22nd October

11.30 a.m. Forest School Playgroup

Friday 23rd October

1pm Horse Riding - final session

New Books for School

Are you thinking of buying a new book? Are you putting away books for Christmas? If so, please consider using www.lovereading4kids.co.uk where you can purchase books for yourself whilst also supporting our school library. 25% of the cover price of the books you buy using this site, will be put into our school pot to allow us to buy the books we need to enhance our reading offer in school, at no additional cost to you. Simply, search for 'St Hedda's' as you checkout (step 5) and the funds will be applied to our account.

We also have a book wish list which allows anyone to buy a book for our school:

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/wishlists/a8c9bbce826a610feb7ab4aff9869b18>

We would be so grateful if you can share this information with your wider families - especially any avid readers out there!

Stay and Play/ Information Sessions

Do you know a family who would love our school?

We are hosting stay and play/ information sessions for new nursery and reception starters. These sessions are an ideal opportunity for anyone whose child starts school in September 2027 or who has a 2 or 3 year old who may be interested in joining our nursery. Parents/carers can book via bookwhen.com/stheddas There is one further opportunity this month: Monday 19th October 10-11:30

Parents Consultations

These give parents an opportunity to discuss with their child's teacher how their child is getting on at school. They take place in the Autumn and Spring and this term will take place on Tuesday 3rd November from 3.30pm. Appointments will be available to book, via Arbor, **from Monday 19th October.**

Harvest Appeal

Thank you for the donations already sent into school to take to Whitby foodbank to support those who need it. Please send in your donations by Monday 19th October.

Items needed: tinned food, jars of sauces, biscuits, jam, cereal, pasta, sugar, tea, coffee, instant noodles, rice.

Christmas Fair

The PTA are in the early stages of planning a Christmas Fair on the 17th December, 2:30-5. This will be held outdoors (weather permitting) and we hope that alongside some very high quality child made products that some local craftspeople, brewers, bakers, food stalls will join us for the event. This will begin to be advertised next week but please do let me know if you know anyone who may be interested. Please also note this date in your diary and invite everyone and anyone who may be interested in coming. This will be a key fundraising opportunity for activities in the new year.

Christmas Raffle

Your child will soon be bringing home two books of raffle tickets which we would appreciate if you could sell to family and friends. Tickets are £1 each and the raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Performance on Thursday 10th December. All monies raised will go to our 'Friends of St. Hedda's' PTA fund. Raffle prizes include: £50 Saltmoore voucher, £15 meal voucher for the Aidensfield Arms, £15 gift voucher for the Little Fox Bookshop.

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

Autumn Disco

The Friends of St Hedda's are hosting an Autumn Disco 5-6:30 on Wednesday 21st October. Children are invited to come in a spooky costume if they wish and are welcome to bring along cousins/friends etc. Entry £5 per child including a hot dog (or alternative), drinks and games.

Parents Welcome at Horse Riding

Parents are welcome to come and watch their child ride on 23rd October. This is the final session in this block, although, we hope to continue to build on our skills in the Spring term.

Years 1-6 ride from 12:45 to 1:45 and Reception follow from 1:45 to 2:45. Reception children can go home with parents from Borrowby if they so wish.

Allergen Information

Caterlink (our meals provider) has requested anyone whose child has an allergy to complete the following form using this link: **CTL - Food Allergy & Intolerance Form V2** to ensure they hold up to date information.

Our school code is 8641

FORTHCOMING DATES/EVENTS

Thursdays - Forest School Sessions

Fridays - from 25th September - Horseriding

Fridays - from 6th November - Swimming

OCTOBER 2026

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

Wed 21st - 5pm 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

Thur 19th - Flamingo Land Visit

Fri 20th - 11am LGB Meeting

Mon 23rd - School Photos

Fri 27th - PD Day - School Closed

DECEMBER 2026

Wed 2nd - Advent Mass

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 - 2.30 pm Lumiere and Christmas Fair

Fri 18th - Break up for Christmas

JANUARY 2027

Mon 4th - PD Day - school closed.

Tues 5th - Children return to School