St Hedda's Catholic Primary School

STARS of the Week





Class 1: Bobby
Class 2: George

NEWSLETTER

06.11.26

In Class 1 - Class 1 have had a wonderful week full of creativity and fun! Reception and Nursery have been busy making our very own autumn wands, exploring beautiful autumn colours. We have also been developing our fine motor skills by practising our cutting skills using spaghetti – lots of concentration and careful snipping! To celebrate Bonfire Night, we have been creating fabulous firework pictures by blowing paint through straws, watching the colours spread and making some amazing firework effects. Wednesday was a particularly exciting day as we enjoyed Break the Rules Day! Most of us certainly made the most of it and ended up very muddy! What fun we had! In Maths, Year 1 have been practising counting in 10s and using base ten equipment to help develop their understanding of number. On Thursday, we all enjoyed our final horse-riding session. It has been lovely to see the children's confidence grow throughout these sessions. A busy week full of creativity, learning, laughter and muddy adventures. A brilliant start to the new half term! Well done, Class 1!

I**n Class 2** - What a wonderful week we have had at School! We have enjoyed lots of exciting experiences, including celebrating 'Break the Rules Day' and having great fun jumping in muddy puddles! There have been plenty of smiles, splashes and muddy wellies! We also enjoyed our final horse riding session, where the children had the opportunity to show off their fantastic rising trot skills. We are so proud of the confidence and progress they have made throughout these sessions. In the classroom, Years 5 and 6 have started some new work on fractions, while Yars 3 and 4 have been busy adding and subtracting. Years 2 and 3 have been counting in tens using practical manipulatives and exploring how to partition two-digit numbers to develop their understanding of place value. We have also started our swimming sessions this week, with everyone enjoying their first opportunity to get into the water and develop their swimming skills. What a busy week full of fun, new experiences and fantastic learning.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 9th November

Tuesday 10th November
2 p.m. PTA Meeting

Wednesday 11th November
10:50 a.m. Remembrance Day Service

Thursday 12th November
11.30 a.m. Forest School Playgroup

Friday 13th November
p.m. Swimming

Welcome Back!
We are delighted to have welcomed everyone back into school this week. It has been another busy week full of learning, developing and rule breaking!

PTA
The PTA will meet at 2pm on Tuesday 10th November in school, all welcome. Please remember to share the information circulated before the half term break seeking new members to fill important roles within the PTA.

Remembrance Day
We will join as a school community outside St Hedda's Church at 10:50 to remember those who have lost their lives in service. All welcome.

Royal British Legion
We are pleased, once again, to have a Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal box in school. Children are welcome to make a small donation in exchange for a poppy or other items. Thank you for your support.

Swimming
Swimming sessions will continue for all children in Years 1 - 6 until Friday 11th December and then start again after Christmas. The sessions take place from 2pm at Whitby Leisure Centre, if you would like to collect your child from the Leisure Centre please let us know in advance. **Please note that Reception and Nursery do not access school swimming lessons.**

Christmas Raffle
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

New Books for School
Thank you so much to everyone who has purchased books for our school using the lovereading4kids initiative!

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

Thank you as well to Mrs Borrett for arranging the installation of a special Christmas Tree within the Little Fox Bookshop in Whitby where customers can choose a bauble and purchase a book for our school!

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. 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 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


St Hedda's
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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
EGTON BRIDGE
Christmas Fair
STALLHOLDERS WANTED
We are looking for local stallholders to join our Christmas Fair!
Showcase your crafts, produce, gifts and more.
THURSDAY
17TH DECEMBER
FROM 2:30PM
£5 PER TABLE
CRAFTS • PRODUCE • GIFTS
Support our school and local community
To book a table, please contact St Hedda's at:
enquiries@stheddas.npcat.org.uk
We look forward to hearing from you!

FORTHCOMING DATES/EVENTS

Thursdays - Forest School Sessions
Fridays - from 6th November - Swimming

NOVEMBER 2026

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
Wed 6th - Epiphany Mass
Fri 8th - Swimming
Fri 15th - Swimming
Fri 22nd - Swimming
Tues 26th - Art Workshop with Open Door Art
Fri 29th - Swimming