St Hedda's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

13.11.26

STARS of the Week





Class 1: Rosie
Class 2: Louie

In Class 1 - Class 1 have been enjoying learning about Remembrance Day and exploring why we wear a poppy. The children have been learning about the importance of remembering those who have helped to keep us safe and why the poppy is such a special symbol of remembrance. We have also been enjoying lots of independent reading, exploring a wonderful range of books and bringing stories to life through interactive storytelling and role play. On Thursday, we had lots of fun at Forest School making our very own Gruffalo Granny Stew! We all thoroughly enjoyed getting hands-on with the ingredients and learning some new food preparation skills. We explored different techniques, including cutting, peeling and ribboning, developing our confidence and independence along the way. Year 1 and 2 have been enjoying creating and writing their own narrative using a familiar nursery rhyme in writing and learning how to use number lines in maths. Another great week!

In Class 2 - This week, we have thoroughly enjoyed editing our letters of application, focusing on using a formal tone and choosing appropriate vocabulary to make our writing sound professional. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of comparing fractions, as well as practising adding and subtracting numbers. In PE, we have started our exciting new topic of gymnastics, where we have been exploring and practising a range of different balances. In Geography, we have been learning about compass directions and identifying the key points of a compass. It has been another busy and productive week, with lots of fantastic learning taking place!

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 16th November
NSPCC Odd Socks day/Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 17th November

Wednesday 18th November

Thursday 19th November
Whole School Visit to Flamingo Land

Friday 20th November
11 a.m. Governors Meeting
2 p.m. Swimming

Anti-Bullying Alliance Odd Socks Day

Monday 16th November - children are invited to wear odd socks for school (as visibly as possible). We will take part in activities that celebrate our differences and promote messages of anti-bullying.

Whitby Anchor Spotlight

The Whitby Anchor will be in school on Wednesday to write a feature about St Hedda's. This will include taking photographs of some children. Please consent for your child to be photographed via Arbor.

Flamingo Land Visit

All children (Nursery to Year 6) will be visiting Flamingo Land on Thursday 19th November to support the children's understanding of recent science units. Children will need to wear their school uniform and have a packed lunch, unless your child is in receipt of Universal Free School Meals (Class 1) or Free School meals and they will be provided with a school packed lunch. Please remember to consent via Arbor for this visit.

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.

Cold Weather

Our children spend lots of time outdoors, and our lovely old building can take a little while to warm up on cooler days. With this in mind, please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day as well as a hat and gloves if possible. Children who feel the cold might benefit from a vest/ base layer/ additional top under their uniform.

Christmas Raffle

Please contact the office if you require more raffle tickets and how many.

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

Christmas Market

Our Christmas Market is taking shape - we have a number of stall holders confirmed, Father Christmas and hot food from One Hungry Steed. The market will take place in front of school on Thursday 17th December 2:30-5
We need volunteers to take a turn manning stalls, setting up and for everyone to invite family and friends and spread the word!

Christmas Wreath Making

This event is starting to book up - book your slot asap.

This year there is the option to make either a door wreath or a table/advent wreath across 3 slots on Wednesday 2nd December. Young children/ babies/ toddlers are welcome during the daytime slots and activities will be available for them while adults make their wreats. More information on our facebook page and at bookwhen.com/stheddas

Caterlink (School Meal Supplier) Survey

As part of Caterlink's commitment to continually improving their catering service, they would be grateful for your support in completing a survey regarding school meals. If you would like to take part, please use the following link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCYZD5L

FORTHCOMING DATES/EVENTS

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

NOVEMBER 2026

Mon 23rd - School Photos
Wed 25th - 2 p.m.PTA Meeting
Wed 25th - Open Evening
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 - p.m. Christmas Party
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