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TO: ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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Dear Parents/Guardians

SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER

As we end the summer term, we bring to an end a very busy but successful year. We have completed two very successful inspections. Both the OFSTED and the Catholic School Inspections went very well ending with Good and Outstanding outcomes. Congratulations are shared by everyone involved with St Hugh's from children, parents, teachers, staff and governors alike. Thank you all!

Staff and Personnel

We say goodbye to our Chair of Governors, John O'Connor. John has served the school for 13 years and has seen us successfully through two inspections this year as well as several previous inspections.

I would like to thank John sincerely for all he has done for the school. He has been a critical friend and always supportive to me. His wisdom, calmness and friendship will be remembered, and I'd like to wish him a very happy post Governor retirement! He has balanced his role alongside a full-time job that has afforded very little free time. It is much appreciated by everyone involved with St Hugh's.

Mrs Garcia and her family move to Spain. We would like to wish her family and her daughters, and current pupils Anna Maria, Lydia and Clara a very happy future. We also say goodbye to Mrs Anne Nelson who has work as an administrator at St Hugh's and SSPP for 27 years. We wish her a happy retirement. Miss Hewerdine leaves us to continue her studies at university. We wish her every success in her future career. Finally, we wish Miss Webster a very happy wedding in the summer holidays with her husband Perry. When she returns, she will be Mrs Fox. We wish her a long and prosperous marriage together.

First Holy Communion

In the last term, the children in Year 3 received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th June at St Peter and St Paul's and Saturday 21st June at St Hugh's. Thanks go to our catechists, Mrs Cook, Mrs Kendall-Piperissa and Miss Webster. Congratulations to all the children and their families.

In school we took time for the service of Adoration with Deacon Kevin. The children were prayerful and reverent throughout this time of prayer.

We finished the term with an end of term mass celebrated by Canon Geoffrey. He blessed a beautiful set of new Lectionaries donated by Mrs Francis O'Donnell. They were dedicated to former pupil Brendan O'Donnell and will be used for many years by the school during masses in the future.

SAT's Results 2024/25

I would like to thank all staff and pupils for another year of excellent end of year results, with all pupils making very good progress. All the children can be very proud of their hard work and effort.

Key Stage 1 Results

EYFS Good level of development: 67%

Year 1 Phonics Screening The percentage meeting the required standard 86%

Key Stage 2 Results

The National expectation is to be working at the expected level at the end of Key Stage 2.

The Year 6 results for expected level and above are as follows.

Reading	70%
English Grammar	65%
Writing	62%
Mathematics	70%

Well done to all children for their excellent and deserved high achievement. We are proud of the progress of all the children in their studies.

Enrichment

Well done to the children for their participation and endeavour during Sports day. Once again it was a great success and the children enjoyed the track and field events. Thank you for supporting this day in such large numbers.

End of year awards

There was an end of term awards ceremony for all those who have played for and represented the school in Netball and football. The netball team finished a busy league schedule in fourth place. Well done to the team and Miss Blood, Mrs Heathershaw, Mrs Moore and Mrs Sadler for their expert coaching.

In Netball, the Player of the Year was Filip and the Most Improved Player award went to Keira.

In Football, the Players Player for the A team went to Ronnie and Lukas was the Manager's player of the season. For the Girls A team, Dolly was Players player and Enya received the Manager's player of the season. Congratulations to them all.

Music and Drama Achievements

As part of the Music package the school has paid into, Mrs Cook's/Mrs Kendall-Piperissa's class have had a term's whole class tuition on the ukulele finishing with a performance to the school. The children entertained the watching parents with an enjoyable concert under the expert guidance of Mrs Ellis from the Lincolnshire Music Service. The choir, together with the drummers, finished the year with an end of term concert showcasing a wide repertoire of songs and musical pieces. Well done to Mr Ballard for his dedication and preparation leading to such a high standard of quality and performance.

Years 5 and 6 entertained packed audiences on two consecutive nights with a variety Talent show. Well done to Mr Andrew for coordinating the festivities. It was certainly a memorable couple of hours.

Year 6 Prom

Prior to the performance we celebrated Year 6's time at St Hugh's with Mass, followed by a certificate presentation and disco. Amongst the individual awards Willow was writer of the year.

Congratulations to Flemin who won the prestigious Christine Tovey Pupil of the Year Award.

Thank you to all those involved in organising the Leavers celebrations who enjoyed their celebration and pizzas!

Outings

All years have enjoyed summer outings to celebrate the end of the academic year. We visited The Deep, the Yorkshire Wildlife Zoo, Other class trips included Lincoln Zoo, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Bomber Command and Hartsholme Park. Year 5 attended Ampleforth on their annual residential outing. They enjoyed excellent weather and were once again joined by Fr Eddy. Year 6 had a trip out to the Nottingham Tennis tournament.

PTA

A special thank you must go to Mrs Elvers, Mrs Francis, Mrs Paterson, and the entire PTA who have once again raised the phenomenal sum of £8000 for the school this year. The Christmas Fair, Sports Day, Discos, and various charity days as well the end of year production have all contributed to this year's total.

Full 100% Attendance

Many congratulations to the children who achieved full attendance for this academic year. The children received their certificates at today's final celebration assembly.

Building Work

In the summer holidays we are looking to have work done to the skylight in the heart of the building. Scaffolding will be in place outside the Key stage 1 classrooms when we return in the autumn term while this important maintenance takes place.

Finally

On behalf of Mr John O'Connor, Chair of Governors (for one last time), the Governors and all the staff, I would like to wish you everyone a happy break with plenty of sunshine and happy memories.

We wish Year 6 pupils every success in their new schools. We hope you take away fond memories of the time spent at St Hugh's and we wish you well for the future. Thank you to everyone who has passed on good wishes, cards and presents to staff. They have all been gratefully received.

We all look forward to seeing the children ready for learning for the new academic year on **Thursday 4th September 2025 at 8.45am.**

Yours sincerely

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